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ANNUAL REPORT

The year 1978-79 has been, if possible, an even busier year than it predecessor so that 'Time's winged chariot' at Headquarters has flown past at supersonic speed and we have arrived at this Bulletin scarcely having regained our breath after the last.

Membership. We are pleased to report an increase of 513 members over last year with a total membership of 23,290 consisting of 16,757 annual, 1,831 Long Term and 4,702 Life Members. In this last figure are 244 Life Members with whom we have lost contact; however, readers will note that this too shows an improvement being 70 less than last year. If anyone knows of Life Members who do not receive publications they should be asked to write to the Secretary. Invariably the cause is an omission to give Headquarters a new address.

Branches. We offer 50th Birthday greetings to Banffshire Branch and 25th Birthday greetings to Hamilton (Ontario) Branch this year. St. Andrews, Kirkcaldy and Dunfermline Branches also celebrate 50 years of dancing in those areas since they were established as centres of the then Fife Branch in 1929.

Approval was given for the formation of four new Branches during the year—Houston and District (USA), Milton Keynes (England), Delft (The Netherlands) and Doncaster and District (England). We are happy to welcome them and hope they will flourish. This gives us a total of 125 Branches (82 Home and 43 Overseas) and the Teachers' Association (Canada).

Most Branches are showing every sign of being alive and well, as evinced by the growing list of Branch Schools listed at the end of this Bulletin. It was remarkable how many UK Branches continued their season's activities despite the exceptionally dreadful winter and equally disruptive strikes of one kind or another.

Affiliated Groups. Thirty-four new groups were affiliated to the Society during the year under review and as at 30th June the total number of affiliated groups was 364. Again, this is an increase over the previous year.

Examinations. During the year examinations were held at Summer School and in Belfast, Bedfordshire, Duns, Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Kirkcudbright, Leeds, London, Newcastle upon Tyne, Perth, Richmond and in three Training Colleges in Scotland. Overseas, examinations were held at the Australian Winter School and in Queensland and at the Annual School in Canada and 24 different centres covering Canada and the United States.

In the Preliminary Tests 268 passed and 31 failed and in the Teacher's Certificate Examinations 144 passed and 6 failed.

The Examinations Committee under the Convenership of Miss Margaret Anderson met three times during the year, the chief business under consideration being the conditions and procedure for the Society's examinations. The Committee's final recommendations went before the Executive Council on 12th May when, with minor amendments, they were approved. On the recommendation from the Examinations Committee the Executive Council deleted paragraphs 3 and 4 of Rule V (Examinations and Certificates) of the Constitution. It should be noted that the new conditions in no way affect the syllabus of set dances which had been revised fairly recently. By the time this report reaches members an Examiners' Seminar will have been held on 8th September when further discussion will take place with a view to improving procedure still further and to clarifying examination administration for all concerned.

Summer School. The Executive Council approved a remit for the Summer School Committee and appointed Mr Duncan Macleod as Director of Summer School. The Committee met in November to discuss various matters includ-

ing priorities for acceptance at Summer School, staffing, accommodation, etc. and met again after Summer School to receive reports from the Director and the Secretary.

1979 has seen the largest ever Summer School. As the number of residential places remain more or less constant, the additional numbers were catered for by non resident places. We are fortunate that the David Russell Hall nearby is able to accept most of our overflow and that it is generally popular with our members.

The total number of students attending Summer School was 872 (448 for the whole course and 424 for one week) with an average of around 330 per week. Places were allotted to students from the following countries of residence:

Australia	10	Kenya	3
Austria	2	The Netherlands	25
Bahamas	1	New Zealand	1
Belgium	12	Rhodesia	1
Canada	24	South Africa	5
Denmark	13	Spain	5
France	46	Switzerland	1
Germany	30	Sweden	27
Hong Kong	1	U.K.	597
Japan	6	U.S.A.	61
		The Gambia	1

The Jean Milligan Scholarships this year were awarded to Miss Fay Rafferty (Ayr Branch) and Miss Susan Mayr (Vienna). In addition, Mr and Mrs Lapiner, as part of their Golden Wedding Celebrations, provided two scholarships worth £75 each for this year and these were awarded to Miss Fiona Boag (West Lothian) and Miss Fiona Douglas (York and North Humberside).

We sadly missed the familiar figure of Miss Lilian Ross in the 'chequered court' but were grateful to Mrs Sheena Macleod who kindly—and efficiently—took over the organisation of the morning and evening teas and to all those who helped.

Though classes were larger this year the enjoyment of them seemed in no way diminished. So far as University Hall was concerned everything went very smoothly and in this respect we must again thank Miss Walker, the Warden, and Miss Anna Ross for all the help and support they give us.

Publications. Under the convenership of Mr D. Macleod the Committee met five times. The dances for Book 29 having been already selected under Dr. Milligan's convenership in 1978, the Committee had only to approve the music. It was decided to invite Bobby Crowe to make the LP record to accompany the book and so far the reaction to the record has been very enthusiastic.

The Committee also decided on the publication of various leaflet dances for this year and next, on the publication of a 'Formation Index' compiled for the Society by Mrs E. C. Sharp (Northern Virginia) in time for the Summer School and the publication of an up to date index of R.S.C.D.S. dances. Revision of books for reprinting was also carried out.

The Committee's recommendation that an Honorary Archivist be appointed was approved by the Executive Council in November 1978 and Dr. Alasdair MacFadyen was selected as the first incumbent; an article on the tasks facing the Archivist appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

The Committee also had under consideration the production of an instructional film. It has now been decided to go ahead with the project with the help of Jordanhill College, Glasgow, who will place their facilities at our disposal and with the help of the Scottish Sports Council who have generously agreed to give a grant towards the costs.

As the 1980 Publication will be a pocket edition and there will be no new book, the Committee have arranged to have a LP record made for Book 1 with Bobby Crowe and his Scottish Band again supplying the music.

The recorded music library is increasing slowly and the film of "Mr Menhuin's Welcome to Blair Castle" has continued on its travels to Branches and this year also to Affiliated Groups.

The number of accessories being offered to members has again increased with Address Books, Ash Trays and Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs (with embroidered motif) being added this year.

General. The General Purposes Committee continued throughout the year to deal with the affairs of the Society among which was the Jean Milligan Memorial fund. The Committee's recommendations regarding the uses to which the interest of the Fund should be put are printed elsewhere in the Bulletin. By common consent the capital sum will be kept as a perpetual reminder of Dr. Milligan.

At the invitation of Vancouver Branch the Chairman visited Vancouver at Easter and included discussions with the Teachers' Association en route. In July he spent three weeks visiting Australian Branches arriving back only two days before Summer School.

Planning is well ahead so far as Annual General Meetings are concerned with locations and hosts decided for 1980 (Aberdeen), 1981 (Dumfries), 1982 (Elgin) and 1983 (Ayr).

HEADQUARTERS. The Staff at Headquarters remains the same but with the volume of work there is need for increase especially as the Cashier, Mrs Hall, has intimated her desire to reduce her hours of work. It is hoped, therefore, that by the time the Bulletin reaches members that we shall have found the additional staff required, bringing the strength at Headquarters back to what it was a few years ago. The total Staff of the Society at present comprises the Secretary, Treasurer, Cashier, Office Assistant and Office Cleaner, with the Secretary the only full-time member.

The staff have been very pleased to welcome the many visitors to Headquarters throughout the year—especially those from overseas whom we see only rarely. As usual we thank all Secretaries of Branches and Affiliated Groups for their cooperation. Readers may note that all Branches this year reported in time to be included in the Bulletin.

Annual General Meeting. The 1979 Annual General Meeting will take place in Edinburgh on 2 and 3 November, 1979, when Edinburgh Branch will act as hosts.

Examinations

PLEASE NOTE that copies of the revised procedure for RSCDS Examinations may be obtained from Headquarters, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 7AF, together with the new forms of application (please send a stamped addressed envelope or international postage coupon).

Sets of the leaflets of the test pieces (which remain unchanged) may also be obtained from Headquarters (30p).

Candidates should note that there is now to be a two year gap between taking the Preliminary Test and taking the Teachers' Certificate but candidates who have taken the Preliminary Test *before 30 June 1979* will be permitted to take the Teachers' Certificate under the old regulations, i.e. one year after passing the Preliminary Test.

Examination fees were increased on 1st July 1979:—

Preliminary Test	£2.00
Teachers' Certificate ...	£5.00

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BALANCE SHEET
as at 30th JUNE, 1979

AND

RELATIVE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON THAT DATE

4.070.00
2.494
1.470.50
75 EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th JUNE, 1979

	Liabilities			Assets
1978	CAPITAL ACCOUNT		1978	HEADQUARTERS
	Balance as at 1st July 1978	£24,957.00		At Cost
	Add: Surplus Revenue for the year	1,701.84	£ 1,918	Less: Depreciation to date
£24,957		£ 26,658.84		£ 6,138.92
	LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND			4,316.92
	Balance as at 1st July 1978	£ 3,177.62		£ 1,822.00
	Less: Transferred to Revenue	429.26		OFFICE FURNITURE and EQUIPMENT
3,178		2,748.36		As valued at 30th June, 1954 and additions to date (at cost)
	LONG TERM MEMBERSHIP FUND		1,969	4,462.20
	Balance as at 1st July 1978	£ 5,017.95		Less: Depreciation to date
	Received during the year	1,978.00		2,739.20
		£ 6,995.95		1,723.00
	Less: Transferred to Revenue	506.97		INVESTMENTS
5,018		6,488.98		Government Securities (M.V. £10,283)
	RESERVES			£10,021.32
	For Publication Films and Records less spent in year	£ 6,781.80		Corporation Stocks
	Overseas Travelling Expenses	2,500.00		8,500.00
	General	5,300.00		Industrial Loan Stock (M.V. £4,939)
12,476		14,581.80		7,643.35
	FEES PAID IN ADVANCE		30,291	Investment Trust (M.V. £2,945)
	Summer School (1979)	£56,834.77		3,605.47
	Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees	793.00		Edinburgh Savings Bank
46,699		57,627.77		550.53
5,138	SUNDRY CREDITORS & CREDIT BALANCES	4,370.54	12,005	Standard Property Investment Co. Ltd.
		£112,476.29		2,000.00
£97,466	JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND...	6,204.31		STOCK (as valued by Treasurer)
	STAFF FUND			Music Books and Records
	Balance as at 1st July 1978	£ 2,549.05	45,942	£11,684.00
	Interest for year	186.42	2,553	Ties, Scarves, etc.
2549		2,735.47		1,208.00
				12,892.00
				SUMMER SCHOOL (1979)
				Standard Property Investment Co. Ltd
				£54,000.00
				Bank of Scotland
				Deposit Account
				2,548.65
				Current Account
				286.12
				56,834.77
				SUNDRY DEBTORS and PREPAYMENTS
				CASH AT BANK and IN HAND
				Bank of Scotland
				Current Account
				£2,596.47
				St Andrews
				488.00
				In Hands of Secretary
				300.00
				3,384.47
				£112,476.29
				JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND
				6,204.31
				STAFF FUND
				Investments
				£2,570.67
				Current Account
				115.51
				Sundry Debtor
				49.29
				2,735.47
				£100,015
				£121,416.07
				£100,015
				£121,416.07

JAMES TAYLOR, Convener,
Finance Committee.

D. M. VAUGHAN, Treasurer.

JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND
STAFF FUND
Investments £2,570.67
Current Account 115.51
Sundry Debtor 49.29
2,735.47

3 HOWE STREET, EDINBURGH EH3. 14th August, 1979.

I have audited the books and accounts of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June, 1979, and have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit. The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account which are in accordance with the books of account give in my opinion and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th June, 1979.

MARJORIE A. MATHESON, Chartered Accountant.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1979

1978	To ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		1978	By SUBSCRIPTIONS
£ 9,245	Staff Salaries	£10,205.70		Received from Branches
2,648	Travelling and Meeting Expenses	3,097.65		£ 6,700.00
	Printing and Stationery	1,463.04		Paid Direct to Headquarters
1,602	Telephone and Postage	1,617.49		Life Members
110	Audit Fee	125.00		£ 429.26
1,583	Office Accommodation	2,023.26		Long Term Members
294	Insurance	367.70		506.97
787	Repairs and Renewals	289.20	£ 6,657	936.23
255	Miscellaneous Expenses	259.62	603	£ 9,455.83
			314	AFFILIATION FEES
£17,789		£19,448.66		£ 638.00
3,352	Less: Allocated to Summer School	3,706.22		DONATIONS
£14,437		£15,742.44		£ 129.91
3,591	BULLETIN	4,185.28		FEES FROM STUDENTS:
75	EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS	1,470.50	2,494	Summer School (1978)
1,726	SUBSCRIPTION COPIES	1,024.92	4,143	£48,170.56
	AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF:			Less: Expenses
	Furniture and Equipment	£ 246.00		44,018.44
440	Headquarters	96.00		4,152.12
		342.00		Examinations
1,841	BALANCE, being surplus revenue for the year	4,201.84		£ 441.63
				Less: Expenses
£22,110		£26,966.98		514.66
				(73.03)
				4,079.09
				INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS
				4,013.23
				ROYALTIES:
				Books and Music
				733.78
				SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS
				6,437.20
				SURPLUS ON SALES
				879.94
				RENT RECEIVABLE
				600.00
				£22,110
				£26,966.98

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1979

—	To PROVISION for Film Production	£2,000.00	£ 1,841	By BALANCE brought down	£4,201.84
500	for Overseas Travelling Expenses	500.00			
500	for Staff Fund	—			
841	BALANCE carried to Balance Sheet	1,701.84			
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<u>£ 1,841</u>		<u>£ 4,201.84</u>	<u>£ 1,841</u>		<u>£ 4,201.84</u>

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1979

£ 7,979	To STOCK in hand 1st July, 1978	£10,661.00	£10,832	By SALES of Books, Records and Tapes ...	£13,379.22
6,998	PURCHASES	8,550.53		SUBSCRIPTION COPIES	1,024.92
480	DISTRIBUTION and CARRIAGE CHARGES	439.41	10,661	STOCK in hand at 30th June, 1979 ...	11,684.00
6,036	SURPLUS transferred to REVENUE A/c ...	6,437.20			
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<u>£21,493</u>		<u>£26,088.14</u>	<u>£21,493</u>		<u>£26,088.14</u>

SALES ACCOUNT for the Year Ended 30th JUNE, 1979

£ 1,501	To STOCK in hand at 1st July, 1978	£ 1,344.00	£ 3,352	By SALES of Ties, Scarves, Cards and	
2,441	PURCHASES	3,201.94		Notelets	£ 4,217.88
754	SURPLUS transferred to Revenue Account	879.94	1,344	STOCK in hand at 30th June, 1979 ...	1,208.00
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<u>£ 4,696</u>		<u>£ 5,425.88</u>	<u>£ 4,696</u>		<u>£ 5,425.88</u>

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Branch Formations: The following amendments to the list of Branch formations published in last year's Bulletin should be amended as follows:

- (a) Delete under 1946: St. Andrews
- (b) Insert under 1937: St. Andrews
- (c) Insert under 1978: Houston and District
- (d) Add a new year: 1979
- (e) Insert under 1979: Milton Keynes
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Book 29

A few printer's errors have occurred in this year's publication, Book 29, and the following amendments should be noted:

- No. 1 LAND O' CAKES** Music: In Bar 13/29 delete '31' insert '13'.
- No. 2 LORD KILMORY'S DELIGHT** Music: (a) In Bar 1 the fourth note should be D and not E in the Treble Clef.
(b) In Bar 2, Bass Clef—Delete top note (G) of the three note chord.
- No. 5 THE SUTHERLAND REEL** Diagram: The figures 2 should be 1 and figures 1 should be 2.
- No. 6 THE CHARMER** Music: Bar 7-14 should be 7-15.
Music: Bar 3/11. Last chord in Bass Clef should be E and A (not D and A).
- No. 8 BRAW SIR JOHN** Music: Delete: Six Favourite Dances by Charles Boyne.
Insert: Six Favourite Scotch Dances by Charles Bayne.
- No. 9 THE HAPPY MEETING** Music: Bar 4/12, Bass Clef. First chord should be F, A and D (not F, A and C).
- No. 10 ROSS MEOR** Music: Bar 1/17—The fifth note in the Treble Clef should be A and not G.

The Jean Milligan Scholarships 1980

The Society offers annually two scholarships to members between the ages of 20 and 25 who wish to attend Summer School with a view to taking the Preliminary Test or Teachers' Certificate. The Scholarships will cover Summer School residential fees but not travelling expenses. The Summer School Committee will be responsible for selecting recipients from applications received.

Applications for 1980 Scholarships must be received at Headquarters not later than 21st December, 1979, and should be submitted through Branch Secretaries. No Branch may submit more than one recommendation.

Information required is as follows:—

- (a) Name Date of Birth
- Address
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- Date of joining Society Branch
- (b) Report from Class Teacher.
- (c) Recommendation from Branch (to be signed by both Chairman and Secretary) with reasons for nomination.


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Branch Reports—Home

Aberdeen. Membership: 195 Annual, 5 Long Term, 130 Life. Classes per week: 5 Adult, 5 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch had a successful year with a slight increase in membership and with the exception of the beginners' class numbers kept up well throughout the winter.

The Demonstration Team have been very busy indeed, a high proportion of these demonstrations being with Jack Sinclair's Show Band, and in the Aberdeen and North East of Scotland Music Festival the Demonstration Class entered three sections and won the three Trophies. The Summer Social Dances were once again popular and well attended with visitors joining in from England, the U.S.A., France, Holland and Spain. The year finished with the Annual Ball which was a great success.

Annan. Membership: Annual 26, Life 4. Classes per week: 1.

There was no increase in membership this year but the existing one was very enthusiastic, fourteen members regularly attending open nights and dances at Dumfries, Newcastle, etc. As the Chairman, Mrs Swanston, is still in Lochmaben Hospital after a year, it was decided to make her an Honorary member and to elect a new chairman, Miss P. Swan. Mrs Bennet, the Branch teacher, and the Secretary both demitted office so the Branch will start the new session with new office bearers.

Ayr. Membership: Annual 131, Long Term 20, Life 81. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 7 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

With three adult and seven children's classes all using various school premises and with all school lets being cancelled owing to no fuel, burst pipes, lorry drivers' strike and janitors' strike, early 1979 was a bit disrupted. However, despite severe weather conditions and thanks to many cooperative friends, a variety of alternative accommodation was found and we were able to continue dancing.

Ayrshire North West. Membership: Annual 187, Long Term 1, Life 15. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 7 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

In spite of difficulties due to adverse weather conditions, strikes and freezing conditions in classes, it has been another successful year for the Branch. Social events were all most enjoyable and well-attended especially the Ball in January celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Branch.

The Children's Ball was once again a highlight with over 200 children attending. Several children's teams gained awards at Ayr Festival.

Throughout the season the demonstration team was in great demand.

Banffshire. Membership: Annual 92, Long Term 2, Life 12. Classes per week: 5.

Membership has increased this year and classes were all well attended. The Annual Rally was held in Macduff in November and was a success. This year the Branch celebrate their 50th Jubilee on 5th and 6th October with a Week-End School when the guest teacher will be Mr Neil Grant and the Branch hope to welcome Mr Macleod, Society Chairman.

Bath. Membership: Annual 111, Life 14. Classes per week: 5 including 1 Junior.

Membership is still healthy though there has been a slight decrease this year. Classes were organised through the Adult Education Department with enrolments almost the same as the previous year. A dancing display was given by the juniors at Trinity Church Bazaar in November and a Christmas Party, with parents attending, was organised as the last class of the Autumn Term.

An Autumn Informal Dance was held in October but the Annual Ball (February) had to be cancelled due to industrial action. However, a successful Spring Dance more than made up for the disappointment regarding the Annual Ball.

Bedfordshire. Membership: Annual 48, Long Term 5, Life 11. Classes per week: 4 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch have had a most successful year with four socials; a certificate class has been sponsored and, a new venture for the Branch, a very successful children's class.

Belfast. Membership: Annual 221, Long Term 6, Life 17. Classes per week: 4.

All classes have been well supported this year and membership shows a considerable increase. Mrs Mary C. Gudger was guest teacher at the annual week-end school held at Stranmillis College, Belfast in October and all benefited from her expert tuition. Nine candidates took the Teacher Certificate in March and all gained the Full Certificate. In this respect the Branch were most grateful to Miss F. Galway (teacher) and Miss M. Brady (pianist) for all their hard work. The end of season dance had a change of venue this year, taking place in a hall as opposed to a hotel. With pleasant surroundings and an excellent meal supplied by outside caterers, the change was voted a great success.

Berks, Hants, Surrey Border. Membership: Annual 90, Long Term 20, Life 1. Classes per week: 1.

The first full year for the Branch included two well-attended informal evenings and a day school at which Duncan Macleod taught. A six-week introductory beginners course attracted 40 people, most of whom had not danced before. A children's class has been a success and a certificate class has also been organised. A quarterly newsletter continues to keep everyone up-to-date.



Berks/Hants/Surrey Border Branch Day School 1979

Berwick. Membership: Annual 30, Life 1. Classes per week: 1.

While nothing of great note happened during the past year, the Branch combined after Easter with the Duns and District Branch to hold a Preliminary Test Class which has been well supported.

Birmingham. Membership: Annual 256, Long Term 32, Life 86. Classes per week: 14 adult (in conjunction with LEA), 1 Children's. 2 mixed and up to 4 Ladies' demonstration teams available.

The Branch had another successful year with membership increasing slightly. All functions have been well attended. Four open air socials were held in Cannon Mill Park during June and several hundred dancers were welcomed for the afternoon social at the National Trust Garden at Hidcote Manor. The demonstration teams again won their sections at the Birmingham Highland Gathering in July. The new season began with a Day School and Social and the Autumn Ball in October and Joint Ball held in conjunction with the Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society, again proved very popular. Our Spring Festival has reached its 21st birthday and this year was celebrated with an emphasis on youth there being more children's teams taking part than ever before.

The children's group (there are 50 junior associates) has enjoyed socials and a half day school taught by Barry Priddey of Sutton and Flora Inglis of Hereford. Though the demonstration team has not travelled abroad this year it has been fully occupied at home.

The reprinted Birmingham Book of Dances has proved popular and the Newsletter is enjoying an even wider circulation.

Bournemouth. Membership: Annual 108, Long Term 6, Life 16. Classes per week: 2 Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has had a very successful season though numbers are slightly down this year. The Annual Ball held in February was particularly successful, as was the Day School in March under the expert guidance of Bill Ireland and John Linscott.

Bramhall. Membership: 62 Annual, Long Term 3. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

A good season was enjoyed by all members who worked hard for improvement and came to classes in often appalling weather over the winter. All social functions, including the Annual Ball, were most successful, and the demonstration team was kept busy.

One sad note was the retirement of our pianist, Mrs J. Bullough after 17 years' wholehearted participation in Branch activities. She was presented with a cut glass rosebowl as a token of gratitude at the Christmas Party.

Bristol. Membership: Annual 67, Long Term 1. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

Six social dances were held, one in connection with a weekend course. A second was designed for newcomers to dancing and from a third the proceeds were sent to charity. The three classes (beginners, general and demonstration) were well supported throughout the year. Plans are advanced for a teachers' course to be held in Autumn 1979.

Carlisle. Membership: Annual 44, Long Term 6, Life 9. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's and 1 Technique fortnightly. Demonstration Team available.

Class members increased this year with quite a number of beginners joining. A Dance, aimed specially at the beginners, was held at the end of the season and proved very popular. The Highland Ball in the Crown and Mitre Hotel was the highlight of the Season with the Danelaw Band keeping dancers on their toes. The Weekend School was also a success with many members

from far afield, as was the Day School in February which suited those unable to attend a residential School. The technique class, taught by Mrs Alice Murphy, is proving popular and the enthusiastic Children's Class held an enjoyable 'Highland Ball' of their own. The Demonstration Team, busy as ever, again participated in the Great Fair Celebrations.

Carnoustie. Membership: Annual 16, Long Term 4, Life 2. Classes per week: 1 Junior, 1 Adult Social Evening per month.

The Branch, though small is active. The monthly social evenings are well attended and are to be continued next session. The Annual Dance has been revived and will be held on 19th October in the new session.

Castle Douglas. Membership: Annual 35, Long Term 3, Life 12. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The Season was fraught with difficulties, with the very severe winter weather and the strike of school janitors; however, enthusiasm was not daunted and the classes carried on regardless. The Annual Dance in November was a great success and the End of Season Social, held in a local hotel, was enjoyed by a full attendance of members. The 50 strong junior link continues to flourish.

With the deaths early in the year of Miss E. Biggar, our Hon. President, and Mrs Alison Foss, we lost two friends long associated with the Branch.

Mrs Walker was elected as the new Hon. President. She has been associated with the Branch since its inauguration in 1950 and it was she who had arranged the first dances and in whose house the Committee Meetings were held for some years. The Branch is very fortunate with Mr and Mrs Little as teachers and four regular pianists.

Cheltenham. Membership: Annual 83, Long Term 4, Life 22. Classes per week 2/3 adult, 1 junior. Demonstration Team available.

This was a successful year with an increase in membership. There were only slight disturbances to the year's activities due to industrial unrest—altered venues for Enrolment evening and for the Weekend School, both at short notice and there was no noticeable loss of attendance. At the Week-End members greatly enjoyed and benefited from the teaching of Bill Little.

The other main event, the Ball (music by Frank Reid) was as usual a sell-out. A further noteworthy feature of the year was a highly successful Beginners' class which continued more than twice as long as planned—by popular demand.

Clackmannanshire. Membership: Annual 111, Long Term 4, Life 13. Classes per week: 2.

The Alloa and Dollar Classes had a very good season with membership well maintained. Unfortunately the Branch Annual Dance scheduled for February had to be cancelled owing to an Industrial dispute.

Croydon and District. Membership: Annual 95, Long Term 19, Life 38. Classes per week: 5.

The Branch celebrated its Silver Jubilee this year and in December held a Ball at which Mr Duncan MacLeod, Society Chairman, some founder members of the Branch, and friends from nearby groups were welcomed. Four other dances were held during the year all most successful, but the rising cost of hiring halls is becoming an increasing burden. A gastronomic weekend school was held in November and a Day School in March, both events appreciated by those attending. Again there will be open air dancing in the summer.

The Branch has been encouraged by the much increased number who joined the Beginners' Class this year—a vital ingredient for the survival of any Branch.

Doncaster and District. Membership: Annual 35.

This is the third of the three new Branches formed in May/June this year. Four members are intending to take the Society's Teaching Examinations as soon as they have gained the necessary experience and 16 members are taking demonstration training.

Dumfries. Membership: Annual 77, Long Term 1, Life 5. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

Adult classes have been very well attended and the Junior Link Class excelled with around 100 children. In the Festival both adults and juniors gained worthy mention. The Demonstration Team has been kept busy. Events during the year have included Socials, the Christmas Dance and the Highland Ball. In September 1978 the Branch accepted an invitation for a team to dance at a festival in Seilles, Belgium, and this proved a marvellous success.

In April two teams demonstrated at a recording for BBC Radio Scotland "Take the Floor" with Max Houliston and Alex McArthur and their Bands.

Dunbartonshire West. Membership: Annual 155, Long Term 3, Life 18. Classes per week: 3 (plus 1 bi-monthly). Two demonstration teams available.

The Branch has had a very busy and successful year. The Charity Dance raised £510 which was donated to Helensburgh Lions Association towards the purchase of a Mini-bus to take visitors to local hospitals. Two new classes were held this year—a beginners' Class and a Teenage Class. One of the Branch teachers took lunch time classes in two of the local schools.

Two members attained their Teachers' Certificate after attending classes in Glasgow. The first Branch Week-End was a great success with wonderful facilities in Hermitage Academy, excellent teachers and first class pianists. It is hoped to make this an annual event.

Weekly demonstrations took place in a hotel in Arrochar for summer visitors. As well as the Annual Ball a very successful extra dance was held in January and at the Junior Dance it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm from nearly 200 children aged from 5-15 which made the event the great success it always is.

Dundee. Membership: Annual 123, Long Term 20, Life 148. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 4 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

Classes have been held as usual for adults and children, with teams from the classes participating in the Branch Annual Festival in March. Other dancers from farther afield joined with the Branch for the occasion and the Festival Ball in the evening was enjoyed by all.

The demonstration team again danced for the old people enjoying Saga Holidays in the area, took part in Highland Nights at Pitlochry and performed on several other occasions. This year saw the Branch with a series of social dances in the Bonar Hall, a new hall owned by the University and Jimmy Lindsay's Band has ensured the popularity of the venture. The next dance will be on 22nd September.

Dunfermline. Membership: Annual 44, Long Term 4, Life 19. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Two dances were held—one for St. Andrews Night and a closing dance at the end of March. The children's teams competed in the Edinburgh Festival.

On 8th June the Branch celebrated the founding of the Dunfermline Centre on 25th June, 1929. This Golden Jubilee occasion was attended by the Dowager Countess of Elgin who has been the Hon. President for these fifty years, and by the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Society.

Duns and District. Membership: Annual 110, Long Term 16, Life 32. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 1 Children's.

Despite the bad winter the Branch has had another successful year with good attendances at classes and dances. The May Weekend with Mr Duncan McLeod and Mr Bill Hamilton as guest teachers was fully booked and an outstanding success. Indeed this event is becoming so popular that the limit of accommodation available has been reached with 100 residents.

East Angus. Membership: Annual 72, Long Term 3, Life 15. Classes per week: 4.

The Annual Dance, held in Letham Hall, was enjoyed by all. Another quiz was organised, this time on well-known proverbs and sayings. Congratulations go to the winners—Miss Grant of Montrose and Miss Barr of Dunfermline.

East Lothian. Membership: Annual 156, Long Term 5, Life 12.

The Branch held their New Year Dance in the Brunton Hall, Musselburgh this year. An "Instruction Dance" was held in February when Jackie Johnstone from Dumfries taught new dances in the first half of the evening, with the second half taking the form of the usual dance. As this has proved a success in previous years another "Instruction Dance" is planned for 1979/80.

Edinburgh. Membership: Annual 405, Long Term 69, Life 279. Classes per week: 6 Adult, 4 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch record their regret at the deaths of both their Vice-Chairman, Sir Herbert Brechin, and Mrs Lorna Brown.

While class numbers showed an increase at the beginning of the Session, the Branch, like many others, found classes disrupted by industrial disputes. However, the Summer Term went smoothly and a Teachers' Certificate Class achieved good results. The Weekend School, under the instruction of Wilma Miller and Bill Hamilton, aided by superb accompanists, was a great success.

The "Edinburgh Fancy" again enjoyed phenomenal success, with visitors from abroad joining the regular Scottish audience. A special one-night performance was produced for a large business Conference held in Edinburgh earlier this year. The forthcoming Silver Jubilee production (7th-11th August) is to be marked by the release of a souvenir record further details of which will be found elsewhere in the Bulletin.

While the Annual Ball was cancelled due to lack of support, four informal dances held during the year were all successful. Demonstration Teams are going to Munich for the Edinburgh/Munich town twinning, to Norway, and to the Isle of Man for the Millennium celebrations. In the Edinburgh Music Festival they were delighted to achieve the Cussons Golden Heather Trophy.

At the end of the year, Edinburgh hosts the Society Annual General Meeting and the Branch looks forward to welcoming many friends old and new, from near and far, to the fair capital of Scotland.

Elgin. Membership: Annual 55, Long Term 2, Life 11. Classes per week: 1 Adult.

The numbers attending classes this session have again been encouraging while the dances held in October and December were well supported by enthusiasts from all over the North East. The first Branch Weekend School, held at the end of March, proved a great success with dancers travelling not only from all over Scotland to attend but also from South of the Border. The interest shown has ensured that a similar venture is planned for next March.



Elgin Branch Weekend School 30/31 March, 1979

Exeter. Membership: Annual 106, Long Term 4, Life 18. Classes per week: 2.

The weather throughout the winter caused a few classes to be cancelled but members were very loyal arriving at classes despite bad conditions.

A dance at Reed Hall began the Season formally and a Christmas Dance at Fingle Bridge was a new venture much enjoyed. The highlight of the year was the Annual Ball at Exeter University with 188 dancing to the music of Robert Baird and his Band. Monthly Social Evenings continued throughout the Season as a popular way to bring members of all classes together.

The Branch has given several demonstrations throughout the year and members have attended dances given by other groups. 1979 is the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Branch and of course it is hoped that the Branch will go on from strength to strength to celebrate other anniversaries.

Forfar. Membership: Annual 32, Long Term 6, Life 18. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Children's.

To celebrate the Branch Silver Jubilee Year an Olde Tyme Ball was held in the Reid Hall, Forfar, in October. In December a presentation of a Gold Charm in the shape of two dancing shoes was made to Miss Ina Nairn to mark her 41 years' service as a member and instructor.

Once again the Junior Teams were very successful at the Arbroath and District Music Festival and achieved two Firsts and a Second.

Forres. Membership: Annual 49, Long Term 12, Life 10. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 2 Junior.

While membership has fallen slightly members attending classes were enthusiastic. The three annual dances were well attended by dancers from as far as 80 miles away. A presentation was made to Miss Banks who has been the pianist since the Branch began in 1950 until her retirement at the end of last session.



At the celebration of the Silver Jubilee, of Forfar Branch, the Grand March is led by (left) Miss Ina Nairn, member and instructor for 41 years and (right) Miss Flora MacCormick, Branch Chairman

Gatehouse of Fleet. Membership: Annual 36, Life 9. Classes per week: 1.

The increase in Branch membership resulted in good attendances at the weekly classes throughout the season, in spite of very bad weather. Two highly successful dances were held during the year with a capacity attendance on both occasions. Many Branch members travelled to dances organised by adjacent Branches and Groups. The Branch would like to record appreciation to Mr W. Little, instructor, and to Miss Maillie, pianist, who travel the 17 miles from Castle Douglas with unflinching regularity.

Glasgow. Membership: Annual 419, Long Term 56, Life 221. Classes per week: 5 in Winter, 3 in Summer. Demonstration Team available.

Hosting the AGM is always an important time for any Branch and we were very pleased to welcome members from all over the UK, Belgium, France, Germany and the United States. Naturally the AGM was tinged with sadness since this was the first meeting of the "Family" without Dr Milligan. A tribute to Dr Milligan was arranged for the morning of the AGM and these tributes were made by Baillie Crawford, representing the City of Glasgow, Sir Henry P. Wood, former Principal of Jordanhill College and Mr Duncan Macleod, Chairman of the Society. The tributes also included musical items known to be favourites of Dr Milligan. This occasion afforded an opportunity for members and colleagues of Dr Milligan to meet and give thanks.

The rest of the year passed with the usual events—Dances, Classes, Week-End School and the Third Festival—all of which were very successful.

Miss M. L. Ross had agreed to accept nomination as the Branch Honorary President but very sadly died before this could take effect. We shall miss her as a founder member, as a tower of strength and wisdom in Branch functions, but most especially as a friend. She loved the Branch and the Society and gave so much time and talent to them.

Hamilton and Clydesdale. Membership: Annual 168, Long Term 6, Life 34. Classes per week: 2.

The dances in the Lesser Town Hall in Hamilton were well attended, especially the Christmas dance. The last function of the year was a Ball in the Civic Centre in Motherwell which was a great success financially as well as socially, with a super buffet provided by Dalziel Cooperative Society and music provided by David Ross and his Band.

Herefordshire. Membership: Annual 46, Life 13. Classes per week: 4.

Branch classes were well attended and the Annual Ball on 5th May was a most enjoyable function. The Branch did not hold a Day School this year, but plan one for 1980.

Inverness and District. Membership: Annual 112, Long Term 20, Life 14. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 8 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

The Membership and Class numbers have remained high, the same as last year. Social Functions included 3 Dances, 1 Wine and Cheese Party, a well-attended Dinner-Dance and a record attendance of over 200 at the Annual Dance in the Eden Court Theatre.

The Demonstration Team has danced at many local functions, varying from the St. Boniface Fair at Fortrose, when the lights failed and they danced by candlelight, to an appearance on the stage of Eden Court Theatre with the Highland Accordion and Fiddle Club.

Several children's teams again entered for the Inverness Music Festival and acquitted themselves well, winning the Inver Shield.

Kilmarnock. Membership: Annual 46, Long Term 1, Life 25. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch was eventually able to finish the Class sessions in spite of strikes of various people. The usual two Dances were held, one in December and one in April both having an attendance of around 150. George Fleming's Band took over on these two special evenings with excellent results.

Kirkcaldy. Membership: Annual 66, Long Term 1, Life 37. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Junior.

Adult and junior classes were very well attended and a successful and enjoyable season included a social night in December, the Annual Dinner and Dance in February, at which members from neighbouring branches and groups attended, and a Parents' Night for the Juniors in March.

Kirkcudbright. Membership: Annual 47, Long Term 7. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Junior.

Members gave good support throughout the season despite several changes of venue in the middle of the winter when adverse weather conditions caused water from a burst pipe to damage the floor of the usual hall. Icy roads prevented a number of people from attending the Annual dance at the end of January. However, those who did manage to attend enjoyed a varied programme of dances to the music of the Lyne Valley Band. For a period of ten weeks in the early summer the Branch continued to hold Social Dancing sessions and visitors to the town were invited.

A Demonstration Team gave support to the Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities Programme by dancing in the Harbour Square and in the Town Hall.

Lanark. Membership: Annual 35, Life 37. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

Another happy, successful class was held this winter. The Christmas Dance in the Y.M.C.A. Hall and the Annual Ball in the Memorial Hall in February were both successes although the numbers in February were down slightly due to the weather.

Leamington Spa. Membership: Annual 61, Long Term 4, Life 15. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Teams available.

Classes this year have been exceptionally well attended with all reserve teachers having taken at least one class during the year. Hector McKinnon, having gained his Full Certificate, is now added to this list of Branch Reserve Teachers. Seven demonstrations were given between September, 1978 and June, 1979.

Social events included the Autumn Dance in October 1978 with George Fleming and his Band, the Christmas Dinner and the Spring Dance in May.

Leeds. Membership: Annual 181, Long Term 22, Life 62. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Teenage, 1 Junior. Demonstration Team available.

Most things are flourishing. A dance was held each month from September to June with good bands and people coming from miles around. The Ceilidh went well, as did the September Day School and the Scarborough Weekend, the latter, as usual, being heavily overbooked and triumphantly successful. There are plans next year to revive the Highland Ball.

We had another good Children's Festival and sent a children's team to the Birmingham Festival. All the candidates in Mrs Burnell's certificate class got through the examination. Classes were happy though smaller than we would like and our few demonstrations went well. A team is practising for a trip to Dortmund, Leeds' twin town, this summer.

The money from the April dance went to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

Leicester. Membership: Annual 40, Long Term 5, Life 5. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

In its second year of existence the Branch is making steady progress. The Thursday attendance averaged 24 but the atrocious winter and the Caretakers' withdrawal of labour did not help matters. The Junior Team had an energetic and rewarding long week-end at Rouen, France. Our first dance with a REAL Band will be on Friday 5th October and we hope it will become an annual event.

Liverpool. Membership: Annual 59, Long Term 13, Life 9. Classes per week: 1 Beginners', 1 General. Demonstration Team available.

Classes have been well attended throughout the year. The Branch was joined this year by a blind member who started as a complete beginner. He has done very well and is a most enthusiastic member.

Social events have included a Christmas Dance, Saturday 'Hops', and the Annual Dance at which George Fleming and his Band provided the music. At a Day Course in March, Derek Haynes and Dorothy Paterson were the instructors.

Lochaber. Membership: Annual 8, Long Term 2, Life 1.

Unfortunately, due to a big drop in membership numbers, the Branch suspended classes during the past season but hope to start up again in October, 1979.

Lockerbie. Membership: Annual 19, Classes per week: 1.

London. Membership: Annual 415, Long Term 152, Life 530. Classes per week: 8. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has had a successful year with well attended classes, including a class for the Teachers' Certificate. During the year a Preliminary Test was held which sadly proved to be Dr Milligan's last official engagement.

Two week-end schools, a day school and several dances, including a 'sell-out' with Jim MacLeod's Band, were very popular. Open air dancing in Holland Park attracted many visitors from the UK and overseas. A new event,

intended to re-establish contact with non-active members, was an afternoon entertainment on 14th July.

The approach of the Branch's Golden Jubilee year, 1979/80, has involved much planning for Jubilee events which will include two weekend Schools, a day school, an open air dance and the Jubilee Ball on 28th June, 1980. Decca records are issuing an album by Jim MacLeod to celebrate the Jubilee (available from 1st September). In addition, the Branch is publishing a book of Four New Dances to be available in the autumn.

As ever, the Branch has been delighted to welcome many visitors to London and they will be particularly welcome to any of the Jubilee Functions.

Lorn. Membership: Annual 54, Long Term 9, Life 47. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 2 Children's.

The Branch held all the regular events during the year beginning with the fortnightly summer classes run for the benefit of visitors to Oban.

At one of these evenings we were 'invaded' by 41 dancers in full Swedish national dress, a Folk Dance Team who were visiting the town. They taught the Branch one of their dances as well as taking part in the Scottish Country dances. The Charity dance raised £111 which was given to the Cancer Campaign.

The Weekend School in March was well attended and the Branch thanks Mr Bill Hamilton and Mr Robert Mackay for helping to make it such a success.

Manchester. Membership: Annual 168, Long Term 34, Life 114. Classes per week: 4. Demonstration Teams available.

All classes were well attended with the mixed ability summer classes becoming more and more popular. The dancing Season now spans ten months in Manchester and this must surely be a healthy sign. The social functions too, have been most enjoyable and successful and the Demonstration teams turned out in all weathers to dance at all sorts of functions, the main event being the Manchester Scots Night Concert, which saw an audience of over 3,000 in the Free Trade Hall, entertained by choir, dancers and pipe band. The Annual Day School was the biggest ever with well over 200 attending under the instruction of Duncan Macleod, Jackie Johnstone, Wilma Miller and Mary Stoker.

Milton Keynes. Membership: Annual 24, Long Term 2.

The Branch was formed on 11th June, 1979, to promote Scottish Country Dancing in the new city of Milton Keynes. Several demonstrations have been given and outdoor social evenings held. The new Branch are involved with planning a mixed day of Dance in November, sponsored by the Sports Council; they are also busily planning dances for the winter months and a Day School in April.

Moffat. Membership: Annual 30, Long Term 2. Classes per week 1. Demonstration Team available.

The session got off to a fine start in September when a dancing party was held at which were shown the two films "Mr Menuhin's Welcome to Blair Castle" and "Scotland Dances" with the dancers being entertained to supper by the Branch Committee. During the whole year attendances at the weekly class were very good and the Branch enjoyed a happy session. Members brought their friends to both the Christmas and Easter Parties which were held in Moffat House Hotel.

Once again, the season was extended to hold summer dancing evenings in April, May and June, when the programmes were made up of dances specially requested by the members. A demonstration team danced on the manse lawn at St. Andrew's Church Garden Fete in June.

Monklands. Membership: Annual 158, Long Term 23, Life 2. Classes per week: 3 Children's.

A successful year was experienced including two Supper Dances with excellent music provided by both David Ross and His Band and Ronnie Easton's Band.

An encouraging factor of the session is that the Branch had three new male members.

Newcastle Upon Tyne and District. Membership: Annual 335, Long Term 159, Life 169. Classes per week: 5.

Membership continues to grow, 104 new members being enrolled this year. The year has been difficult owing to classes and dances being affected by Industrial action. A short Highland Technique class was held this session and was so successful that it is hoped to hold another next season this time incorporating Scottish Country Dance Technique.

The Candidates who attended the Certificate class were all successful—6 passed the Preliminary Test and 5 obtained the Teachers' Certificate. The Branch congratulate Mr J. C. Douglas on the success of his first Certificate class, as well as the candidates.

The Branch's third record is selling well as are the previous two and 'The Newcastle Collection' (2nd Edition) and 'Hogmanay Jig' are still available.

Miss Edith Spencer, a founder member of the Branch, retired from the Management Committee after 21 years.

Northwest Craven. Membership: Annual 68, Long Term 7, Life 1. Classes per week: 3.

The Branch has continued to maintain interest in Scottish Country Dancing in the area. Classes are held in Kirby Lonsdale, Ingletton and Lancaster and three dances (to records) and the Annual Ball (to the Lyne Valley Scottish Country Dance Band) were organised.

Norwich. Membership: Annual 61, Long Term 10, Life 18. Classes per week: 2.

In August members entertained a party of dancers from Winingen, near Koblenz, where Branch members had danced two years ago. In January the second joint social evening with the English Country Dance and Song Society proved a great success as did the Christmas Dance and the Annual Dance on 5th May.

The strike of school caretakers early in the year not only disrupted classes but caused last minute postponement of the February Day School.

Nottingham. Membership: Annual 101, Long Term 1, Life 26. Classes per week: 5.

Although the total membership fell, the average weekly attendance was maintained. In addition to the weekly classes Miss Margaret Donaldson and Mr Roy Clowes each conducted a Saturday half-day course. The Annual Dance was held at the Lakeside Pavilion in the University park to music by the Danelaw Band and this event will be repeated on 16th May, 1980.

Oxfordshire. Membership: Annual 19, Life 8.

Perth and Perthshire. Membership: Annual 118, Long Term 12, Life 96. Classes per week: 5 Children's, 1 Adult for new publication. Demonstration Team available.

All those who sat their Teachers' Certificate examination passed and the Branch is now well equipped with fully certificated teachers in the younger age group. The Demonstration Class had a busy season and took part in the Perth Festival as did teams from all the children's classes which continue to thrive.

The high-light of the season was a weekend residential school held at Crieff Hydro from 4th-6th May attended by 126 dancing enthusiasts from all over. The Branch were pleased to have Mr Duncan MacLeod as guest teacher and to welcome Mrs MacLeod who was able to accompany him. The Branch teacher was Miss McLaughlan and the pianist Miss Todd, well known to those attending Summer School.

Peterhead Branch. Membership: Annual 30, Long Term 2, Life 39. Classes per week: 1.

Numbers were well maintained throughout the session and a very successful end-of-season party was held in March, with friends from Fraserburgh and Strichen attending. The highlight of the year was, of course, the Branch "Scottish Week Dance" in July.

Juniors had a very successful season with two teams entered in the Scottish Country Dance Festival at Aberdeen. They also had an end-of-season display and a sponsored dance which made over £300 for charity. With the present strength of the juniors standing at 95 it is not surprising that interest and enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing in Peterhead continues to increase and the Branch will no doubt benefit in the future from all their work with the children now.

Portrush. Membership: Annual 26, Life 1. Classes per week: 1.

The class had an enjoyable season's dancing. A few social evenings were arranged with the highlight being the Annual Dinner in April. The evening was a great success and the Branch welcomed a number of visitors to the event.

Renfrewshire West. Membership: Annual 168, Long Term 2, Life 21. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 2 Children's.

The adult classes were well attended. Children's classes were healthy and show lots of promise. The monthly dances held in the Gantock Hotel, Gourrock, from August 1978 to February, 1979 inclusive again proved to be popular. The Annual Ball was held in the Town hall, Greenock, on 30th March, 1979, with a very encouraging response. A total of 232 dancers danced the night away to the music of David Ross and his Band.

Richmond. Membership: Annual 36, Long Term 19, Life 18. Classes per week: 1.

Support for Branch functions continued to be excellent and it was pleasing to note the number of young people attending Socials which were held on the first Friday of each month except August.

An extra social evening when the film "Mr Menuhin's Welcome to Blair Castle" was shown, was much appreciated by members and visitors alike.

Rochdale. Membership: Annual 47, Life 1. Classes per week: 2.

The usual two classes were held during the year but, in common with many other Branches, no classes were held from the end of the Christmas term until the last week in February due to weather and strikes.

The Branch Ball was held on 10th March and in spite of the uncertain situation proved to be a very successful social occasion though numbers were down on the usual attendance. By decision of the members the profit on this Ball was donated to the Dr Milligan Memorial Fund.

Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles. Membership: Annual 201, Long Term 16, Life 19. Classes per week: 10 Adult, 3 Children's.

In November the Branch celebrated its 21st anniversary and marked the occasion by a Dinner-Dance held in Kelso. This was a very happy evening enjoyed by both Founder Members of the Branch and many younger members.

Usual classes have been held in various locations throughout the Branch area and the Weekend School took place in Kelso. For the first time an advanced class was organised in Selkirk and proved popular, as did the Summer Classes held in Hawick during May.

The highlight for the children was their own Ball held in Galashiels in November with more than 200 children attending.



Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles Branch 21st Anniversary Dinner-Dance. Members and guests at the top table included left to right (standing) Miss Miller (Duns), Mrs Gordon, Miss Adams (Glasgow), Mrs Blackwood (Branch Treasurer), Miss Rae (Duns), Miss Gibson (HQ), Mrs Glendinning, Mrs Edwards (seated) Miss Hargreave, Mr Baxter (first Branch Chairman), Mrs Hewitt (present Chairman), Miss Grieve (Vice-President), Mr Mitchell (Band Leader) and Mrs McKinven (Branch Secretary)

Royal Tunbridge Wells. Membership: Annual 70, Long Term 21, Life 10. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

The branch continues to grow. When Sue and Tony Staples moved to Scotland, the Branch was fortunate in replacing them with Vera and Sandy Sim who moved to Kent.

A Day School was held in March with 140 people in three classes taught by Mr Duncan MacLeod, Mrs Mary Stoker and Mrs Vera Sim. The Annual Ball in the Assembly Hall was attended by 170 with music supplied by Bobbie Crowe. Several demonstrations were given during the year.

St. Andrews. Membership: Annual 70, Long Term 14, Life 29. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Junior.

Classes have been well attended during the Winter and membership remains the same as previous years with most members attending the classes. The Junior class retains its enthusiasm and how much they enjoyed dancing in the Dundee Festival! The Branch Social dances are now so popular that tickets have had to be restricted.

Sheffield. Membership: Annual 57, Long Term 10, Life 12. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

Mrs Beth Easson has taken over from Mrs Bagguley as teacher of the Beginners' Class while Mr Paul Bond continues to take the intermediate class.

Three socials and an Annual dance were held during the year and the Demonstration Team took part in David Webster's "This is Scotland" as well as fulfilling many other engagements in the area.

Southport. Membership: Annual 85, Long Term 11, Life 58. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Team available.

Classes on the whole were well supported. Monthly Saturday Socials have proved popular together with the Children's Christmas Party, the Christmas Dance and Annual Twelfth Night Ceilidh.

Mrs M. C. Gudger and Mr D. A. Haynes were responsible for the excellent tuition at the Annual Day Course held in February with Dr and Mrs I. M. Hall providing the music. The 21st Annual Festival of Scottish Dancing held at the Floral Hall was a great success with teams travelling from as far south as Reading and High Wycombe in addition to those from the north west. Manchester RSCDS, Crosby Evening Institute and Southport RSCDS opened the proceedings with a joint solo, Bonnie Brux, this being Southport's first solo at the 1st Annual Festival and these three teams dancing continuously in all 21 festivals. The Demonstration Team have once again been in demand throughout the season and work very hard to provide entertainment but admit it is all worthwhile because they gain as much themselves.

Forthcoming Event: 22nd Annual Festival—10th November, 1979, Floral Hall, Southport.

South Wales. Membership: Annual 91, Long Term 12, Life 26. Classes per week: 2.

It was with regret that, at the Annual General Meeting, the Branch accepted the resignation of Tom Leggat, an office bearer since the inception of the Branch and a founding member. At the South Wales Ball later in the year his services were recognised by the presentation of an inscribed quach and an illuminated scroll making him the first Honorary Vice-President of the South Wales Branch. Otherwise Branch activities continued much as usual—a successful Day School with Vera Sim instructing; social dances and another Festival of Movement and Dance where several societies in the area joined forces to provide a spectacular mass demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing.



Mr Tom Leggat accepts the quach and scroll presented to him by South Wales Branch

Stirlingshire. Membership: Annual 87, Long Term 8, Life 25. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 2 Junior.

It was gratifying that once again the beginners' class was very well attended. The children's classes for the first session were so good that a third class had to be held, though the Branch reverted to the customary two classes in the second session. In all some 120 children attended the classes.

In October the members were entertained with the two films "Mr Menuhin's Welcome to Blair Castle" and "Scotland Dances" and on the same evening Society 'accessories' such as records, ties, scarves, diaries, etc. were on show and a number of orders received.

At the end of March a very successful dance was held when the Chairman of the Society, Mr Duncan Macleod, and his wife were the guests of the evening. After a lapse of a few years the Branch was once again asked to organise a Scottish Country Dance during the Stirling District Festival on 26th May, and a group from the Children's classes gave a demonstration at a function held by the Girls' Brigade.

The Branch learned with regret of the death of Mr Gibbon, the Branch Auditor for a great many years.

Stirlingshire East. Membership: Annual 190, Long Term 8, Life 22. Classes per week: 6 Adult, 5 Children's. Demonstration Teams available.

After the disruption of attendances at classes by inclement weather and strikes, a very successful Summer Term class was held. The December Dance in Woodlands School was a happy function. As ever the Falkirk Festival Ball attracted dancers from all over Central Scotland when Jack Delaney's Band supplied the music. The young folk (12-14 years) took the Trophy for their section at the Edinburgh Festival while the younger team gained second place in their group. A young member of the Branch successfully passed the Preliminary Test for the Teacher's Certificate. A stimulating and enthusiastic class was held at Callendar Park College in November when Dr Alasdair MacFadyen was the guest teacher. A number of demonstrations were given over a wide area.

Stonehaven. Membership: Annual 26, Life 2. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

Despite a slight decrease in numbers the Branch had a most enjoyable year. The Annual May Ball was held and the Demonstration Team took part in the Festival in Dundee in March.

Stranraer. Membership: Annual 49. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch had a successful season of dancing with attendances being exceptionally high throughout the winter. The Christmas and end-of-season parties were highlights in the calendar and on these occasions friends from neighbouring classes joined in. The Demonstration Team was again active.

Teesside. Membership: Annual 174, Long Term 5, Life 92. Classes per week: 2.

The Branch weekend at Dryburgh Abbey Hotel proved so popular that it has had to be restricted to Branch Members only, and the non-competitive Festival was, if anything, larger than ever. The Branch Barbecue attracted dancers from a wide area. Any dancers finding themselves in the Branch vicinity will be made most welcome at any functions.

West Lothian. Membership: Annual 64, Long Term 12, Life 38.

The Annual Dance in Bathgate in October was a success though with a smaller attendance than usual. The Branch Day School was well attended with 80 in the classes and over 100 at the Dance in the evening. The guest teacher this year was Dr Ian Hall.

Whitehead. Membership: Annual 20, Life 1. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch had another enjoyable season and some of the members enjoyed the hospitality of the Helen's Bay class at their mid-summer Ball and St Andrew's night. The Branch Supper Dance was well supported despite the inclement weather and was another enjoyable evening in the year's events.

The Branch announce with the greatest regret, the death of their very valued treasurer, Mrs Mavis Hunter, who died on 20th June after a long illness.

Winchester. Membership: Annual 18. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

During this past year the Branch once more had a change of venue with classes held on Tuesdays again, which appears to be the more popular night. Though numbers are not high, classes are attended regularly by enthusiastic members. The season as usual was rounded off with a dance party.

Wolverhampton. Membership: Annual 40, Long Term 1, Life 3. Classes per week: 2.

Membership has slightly increased and the Branch continued with the Thursday class and Monday Advanced Group. The October Social, Christmas Party and Burns Evening were very successful and support was given to many other functions. Members attended the Autumn and Spring Day Schools at Birmingham.

Demonstrations have been given to several local organisations and team members spend much time in practising.

The Branch will repeat the Summer Outing and also dance at the Murrays again.

Worthing. Membership: Annual 86, Long Term 6, Life 11. Classes per week: 1 (and another per month)

The success of the first Day School encouraged the Branch to arrange for another one this year and it is hoped to make this an annual event.

During the year the Branch had the pleasure of having at their classes for several weeks, a teacher from the newly affiliated group in Fiji who hopes to join them again when she is next in the UK.

There has been a slight increase in membership which it is hoped will continue.

York and North Humberside. Membership: Annual 87, Long Term 60, Life 11. Classes per week: 1 Adult, 1 Children's.

While two of the monthly dances had to be cancelled due to weather, the other five were well attended and were very happy social gatherings. Two dances with bands have also been held one in November to the Danelaw Band and another in May to the Border Reivers Band. Many of our members were guests of the Richmond Branch in June 1978 when a pleasant afternoon was spent in Swaledale with the day ending with an evening of dancing. Hospitality was returned at a Charity Dance in June this year. Last year's Charity Dance raised £75 for a local charity.

The Branch held another Day Course in October and this, like the Ceilidh and Charity Dance, looks like becoming a yearly event. A Dinner was held this year for the first time as it was felt that even keen dancers like to sit and chat sometimes. Teams were entered in three Festivals—Stockport, Teesside and Leeds. A young member, to the delight of the Branch, has been awarded one of the Lapiner Scholarships. Teaching practice, technique and beginners' Highland classes have been organised and well attended.

The Archives

Since my appointment as Honorary Archivist, a number of enquiries regarding the proposed Archives have been received, and it was thought appropriate that I should have the opportunity in this Bulletin to give some indication of my plans for an archival collection in Headquarters.

It is inevitable after fifty-six years that there should have accumulated in Headquarters a great range of material relating to all aspects of the Society's work. My aim as Archivist, stated in general terms, will be to organise that material in a systematic manner and to seek to extend it in any way that I can.

To be more specific, however, I envisage one section of the Archives being devoted to the history of the Society, and I would be very glad to receive items of interest (letters, photographs, personal reminiscences, newspaper cuttings, taped recordings etc.) relating, for example, to the Society's co-founders, to other personalities and to significant events in the history of the Society and its Branches. The items just mentioned would be of great assistance to Miss Adams and I who, as co-authors, have now embarked on the preparation of Dr. Milligan's biography. I am also hoping that Branches, especially the older ones, might be willing to deposit their early minute books in the Archives.

Another very important section of the Archives will include the sources of traditional Scottish country dances, and here again I am seeking the assistance of interested members. One of the Society's primary aims is to revive and publish such dances, and already the Publications Committee is turning its attention to the contents of Book 30. It would be very pleasing if we were able to add to the one or two printed and manuscript sources we have already, but I realise that this may now prove very difficult. However, details regarding the location and contents of any such sources would be much appreciated, and the provision of photographed copies of traditional dances would be very helpful both to me and the Publications Committee. I am particularly anxious to trace sources which may have been lent to Dr. Milligan, used by her and subsequently returned to their owners.

The Archives will be fortunate in having a fine collection of traditional Scottish dance music and song. The Society has benefited greatly from this collection in the past, and I am hoping that further additions will be made.

So far I have emphasised the historic and traditional character of the Archives. It is also my intention to include newly devised dances, and it is from this section that the Publications Committee will obtain material for its publications of modern dances. So I would take this opportunity to encourage the continued submission of new dances and also to urge devisers of dances to submit music whenever possible.

From these few remarks, it will be apparent that there is a great deal of work to be done. But with the help of interested members I am sure that we can create an Archives which we can all enjoy and in which we can all take great pride.

ALASTAIR MacFADYEN
Honorary Archivist

The Society Log

A valuable addition has been made to the Archives of the Society in the form of a logbook (in the main pictorial) recently completed by Miss Florence Adams. Miss Adams has devoted a great deal of time and effort in the gathering, collating and imaginative presentation of a varied collection of material. We are very indebted to Miss Adams for all her hard work and for this fascinating and absorbing record of the Society's activities during the years 1923 to 1978. The task will, of course, be an on-going one.



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Branch Reports—Overseas

Adelaide. Membership: Annual 41, Life 10. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

This year's membership has increased with a change in class night to Tuesday, and a better hall in which to hold classes—the Baptist Church Hall, Tynte Street, North Adelaide.

The dancing season is from the first week in March until the last week in November. A warm welcome will be extended to anyone visiting Adelaide from Interstate or Overseas. The Branch President, Mrs Sinclair, can be contacted by telephone on 2981070 (Home) or 2125976 (Office).

Atlanta. Membership: Annual 110, Life 2. Classes per week: 3.

This year saw the start of a Beginners' Class; two series lasting 13 weeks each were held culminating in a dance party. The first session was scheduled two weeks after the local Highland Games which gave excellent exposure to newcomers and there were more spectators at the Branch platform than ever before. Simple dances were also taught in which spectators participated and many signed up as members.

The second workshop in April with Paul Sarvis as Instructor was a real inspiration to the Branch and attracted many out-of-state participants with Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Alabama, and even Seattle—being represented. The demonstration team was busy and the Branch had two candidates for the Preliminary Test both of whom passed. Plans are underway for the coming year including a workshop in November when Bill Hamilton will be Guest Instructor.

The Branch much enjoyed the visit of Miss Nancy Arnott, Examiner, and looks forward to visits from several Newcastle upon Tyne Branch members including the Chairman and his wife in July.

Boston. Membership: Annual 192, Life 3. Classes per week: 8 and 1 fortnightly. Demonstration Teams available.

Enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing in the Boston area continues to grow with the number of classes increasing as attendance has done also. This was due in part to a strenuous publicity drive and also to increased visibility of the Branch through major activities.

The Branch has sponsored a successful Burns' Night concert and has participated in several multiethnic folk festivals which included demonstrations of Scottish Country and Highland dancing and displays of Scottish crafts and foods. They were also invited to dance as featured performers at several important events including a Scottish Holiday Weekend held just before Christmas in Boston's busiest shopping area. The 26th annual weekend at Pinewoods Camp was held in July followed by a week of intensive Scottish Country Dance teaching, parties and ceilidhs, with swimming and boating for relaxation. A Gala Ball in May attracted record attendance and was dedicated to the memory of Miss Jean Milligan with a section of special dances in her honour. Music was supplied by Bobby Brown and 'The Scottish Accent' from Toronto.

Visitors are very welcome to the Boston Branch classes which run from the second week in September to the end of June.

Burlington. Membership: Annual 54. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 5 Children's.

With the objects of the R.S.C.D.S. in mind a well balanced programme of classes and social events provided many happy and memorable evenings. Response to regular and special classes has been encouraging with an increase again in adult membership. In addition to her children's and adult classes Mrs Jean MacDougall conducted a candidate class. Both Pat

Hotchkies and Margaret Morrison were successful in passing their preliminary test.

Teams from the children's classes entered the Hamilton and Toronto Children's Festivals, winning two trophies and silver medals, the latter being a combined Ancaster/Burlington team in the 13-15 year class.

Highlights of the year were the Annual dance in October, with Stan Hamilton and the Flying Scotsmen, the Wine and Cheese Party in January, Guest Teacher Night with Bob Millar in March, and the end of season social on 1st May.

Calgary. Membership: Annual 147, Life 4. Classes per week: 6 Adult, 1 Children's.

The Branch continues to grow in membership and activities. Three monthly-type dances were held during the season each proving more successful than the previous. The Teachers Training Class was concluded with the examinations taken by 9 candidates on 10th May. All candidates passed one with the Teachers Certificate and 8 Preliminary Tests. A Children's class was started and proved very rewarding to all those involved.

The Branch looks forward to again participating in the Heritage and Canada Day celebrations in Calgary together with "Dancing in the Parks." The Dance Workshop in the Palliser Hotel, Calgary, was a great success, and will take place this year back in the Banff Springs Hotel. The Branch held its first Spring Ball in April with music provided by Stan Hamilton and The Flying Scotsmen on their first appearance in Calgary. The Ball proved to be a most enjoyable evening and could well become a yearly event for the Branch.

Forthcoming event: Spring Ball, May 1980.

Canberra. Membership: Annual 20, Long Term 61, Life 35.

A series of Advanced Classes was held from June till November conducted by Jean Conway to improve the standard of dancing by emphasis on technique. The 4th Australian Winter School, 12-20 May, was hosted by the Branch with 170 dancers representing every Australian Branch plus New Zealand Branch. Teachers were Glenys Mills (N.Z.), Catherine McKenna, Les Cumming and Jean Conway. As well as daily morning classes 4 afternoon sessions were conducted by Jean Garvin, Anne Andean, Ros McKie and Kevin Connolly with 2 sessions of highland dancing conducted by Joy Reihlen. The School was taken on several outings—a sightseeing coach tour of Canberra, a cruise on Lake Burley Griffin and an evening at an old 'bush' Inn where we had a traditional 'Aussie' meal of kangaroo tail soup, steaks and damper. Evening functions included a fancy dress night, film show, ceilidh and a formal dinner and ball. A highland games afternoon, with demonstrations by champion Colin Mathieson was organised by Jock Andean and a Swimming Carnival in the School's Indoor heated pool, by Ros McKie. The weather was perfect with blue skies and sunshine every day and clear cold nights ideal for dancing.

Cape Town. Membership: Annual 43, Life 7. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Teams available.

Attendance for 1978 was good in both the Beginners' Class and General Class and all were keen and enthusiastic. The Beginners' Class was again able to welcome several new members especially students from the Cape Town University. In fact the class was so big that it was decided to have a second class at the University itself to which many of the General Class went along as well to assist the Beginners' Class teacher, Mrs Jander, who did a wonderful job. Unfortunately when exams arrive many students drop out but the Branch hope they will keep up their dancing either in Cape Town or wherever they happen to settle.

The demonstration team under the guidance of Mrs Nancy Smith had a busy year of displays including the Community Chest Carnival which aids several worthwhile charities, Grootte Schuur Hospital Benevolent Fund, and many

senior clubs and school fetes. A technique Class was also started by Mrs Smith for the more advanced dancers; this was a great success but went into recess when Mrs Smith went overseas on holiday.

There were the usual three big dances—Birthday Ball in July with the Lochiel Scottish Country Dance Band in the lovely Ballroom of the Kelvin Grove Country Club (with the team demonstrating the dance Kelvin Grove), Halloween and Hogmanay and a weekend to a seaside resort Hermanus. All were well attended.

Delaware Valley. Membership: Annual 138, Long Term 10, Life 15. Classes per week: 1, per fortnight 3 with occasional Demonstration and Highland classes. Demonstration Teams available.

The Delaware Branch has had an active year. The Hogmanay Ball was once again a delightful way to bring in the New Year. The Spring ball (March 17) with Stan Hamilton was the largest in Branch history and enjoyed by all. We had a small, friendly ceilidh on April 14. On April 13, three more members of the teachers class passed their Preliminary Tests. At the Annual General Meeting Alfred Little was elected the new Branch President.

Delft. Membership: Annual 18, Long Term 7, Life 2.

This is one of the three newest Branches of the Society and was formed in June, 1979, giving us now two Branches in The Netherlands.

Gothenburg. Membership: Annual 58. Classes per week: 2 Adult, 1 Junior.

The Branch were very proud that one of their members, Miss Ivy Bruning, had the honour to be one of the first candidates to receive the Jean Milligan Scholarship and passed the Preliminary Test at St. Andrews.

For the sixth year in succession adult and junior dancers presented a demonstration of S.C.D. at Gunnebo Castle and delighted a capacity audience. 1978 saw the second year of the Gothenburg Tattoo and once again the Branch was invited to take part, giving a combined display with three adult and one junior team. Thanks go equally to Pipe Major Mats Hermansson and the "Corbies" who provided the not only live by lively music for the display.

In February the Branch launched for the first time in Scandinavia a teachers' weekend refresher course which proved most successful and brought together teachers from Sweden, Denmark and West Germany. A further weekend course in April for Scottish Country and Highland Dancing proved so popular that the classes had to be limited in numbers. The teachers responsible for the many aching limbs, the laughter, but above all some first class tuition, were Mr Derek Haynes and Mr Bobby Munro and Miss Jennifer Wilson really gave a lift to the dancing classes with her piano accompaniment.

Hague District. Membership: Annual 90, Life 8. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

In December last the Branch celebrated its 20th Anniversary at Hook of Holland where many old friends met. The demonstration team has been extremely busy this year with 17 demonstrations most of which were given for Old Peoples' homes and handicapped people, where they met with much enthusiasm. The Scottish songs which were occasionally fitted into the programme were well received also and so encourages the Branch to continue this additional Scottish cultural pastime.

Membership stayed almost constant and the Branch thus retained the large input of new members of last year.

Hamilton (Ontario). Membership: Annual 247, Long Term 1, Life 6. Classes per week: 9 Adult, 11 Children's. Demonstration Teams available.

Annual membership increased to a total of 254 adult and 143 junior associates. 7 monthly dances were held, 5 with bands and 2 with recorded

music. The Annual Ball in April was an elegant affair with the Honourable Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario as the special guest; Mrs McGibbon is now the Patron of the Hamilton Branch during her term in office.

Two workshops were held, one taken by Valerie Harris (who taught the dances from the new book) and a special music workshop taken by Prof. George Emmerson and Stanley J. Hamilton. Branch teachers were busy all year with teaching engagements all across the country and in the U.S.A. Numerous demonstrations were given and June Shore's Candidate Class of six all passed their examinations.

The Branch Weekend was again sold out ahead of time. The Hamilton Children's Festival in March had 40 teams entered with the Hamilton Teams winning the Muriel F. Hadden Trophy and the Margaret Connell Memorial Trophy while the Strathcona Teams won the June Shore Trophy and the Hamilton Founder's Trophy. Members of the Branch had a very enjoyable day dancing at Dundurn Castle.

Hawaii. Membership: Annual 39. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Teams available.

During the past year the Branch continued to meet once per week on Wednesday nights for classroom instruction. The summertime heat was a good excuse to dance weekly at a large shopping centre "under the stars" and spread the word that dancing is fun. Demonstration dances were performed at various community functions as well as entertainment for local Scottish groups. Social dances were irregularly scheduled but well attended. A workshop is being planned for the Easter weekend of 1980.

Houston and District. Membership: 36 Annual, Life 5. Classes per week: 2.

With interest in Scottish Country Dancing growing in Houston the Branch has had two classes a week since September 1978. In January one of the classes was opened to beginners and the response was very enthusiastic with 22 people coming to try the dance for the first time.

During the year there have been party dances at Christmas, Valentine's Day, 30th March and 8th June. Quite a few members have danced at several functions sponsored by the Heather and Thistle Society in Houston and also at the Houston Highland Games in April.

The Branch was officially formed on 7th November, 1978, which was certainly one of the highlights of the year for all concerned.

C. Stewart Smith conducted a teacher training class consisting of five—two preliminary test candidates from Houston and two from Dallas, and a Full Certificate candidate from Austin. The Branch will welcome Bill Hamilton to teach a class on 30th October while he is on tour here in the States. With interest already being shown for a beginners' class in the fall even more growth in the Branch is anticipated.

Hunter Valley. Membership Annual 103, Long Term 18, Life 25. Classes per week: 11.

This year, in addition to the usual classes, the Branch began a Demonstration Class where the most competent dancers met to learn and perfect dances for future demonstrations under the tuition of several teachers. Another "first" was a Hogmanay Social. Clubs were asked to put forward ideas for the evening and this resulted in a most enjoyable and varied programme which included Club items, games, old-time, folk and Bavarian dancing as well as Scottish Country. It is hoped that this will become a regular feature of the dancing year.

Johannesburg. Membership: Annual 107, Long Term 1, Life 10. Classes per week: 4.

Numbers have been well maintained with a small but steady influx of new members. One of the Demonstration class, certificated some years ago, has joined the teaching staff and is most welcome. Demonstration teams have fulfilled many invitations this year ranging from the simple outdoor "Morning Market" to quite elaborate evening dress affairs. (Since their TV appearance a few years ago our team ladies wear very attractive cream evening dresses for formal occasions). The Annual Highland Ball was held in August and in addition to the competitive events at the annual Royal Scottish Gathering in September, the Branch organised a display of S.C.D. involving as many members as were available and also dancers from Pretoria. This was popular with the public and stimulating for the dancers. During the year the Branch was delighted to welcome visitors, in particular Jeanne Willey from Liberia and Les and Elaine James from Toronto.

The 25th Weekend School was held at a Drakensberg mountain resort, which Jubilee occasion was magnificently supported by 68 dancers from Johannesburg, Pretoria, Durban, Pietermaritzburg, Bloemfontein, Welkom, Witbank, Kokstad and Grahamstown, together with assorted non-dancing husbands, wives, mothers and children to make 85 in all! To celebrate the occasion some ceilidh items were included in the Saturday evening programme and a demonstration of one of the dances taught in the morning classes—this by special request of the hotel guests, who declared that, although they much enjoyed the general dancing, when the floor was covered with wall-to-wall dancers, they could not really see the dances. The weekend brought several new "country" members of the Branch which now goes ahead into the new Society year with increased numbers and into the rest of the Southern Hemisphere season with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

Kitchener-Waterloo. Membership: Annual 89, Long Term 1, Life 1. Classes per week: 3.

In June, 1978, a picnic was held for members and their families at a private home and dancing was enjoyed in their garden. In August a family weekend was held at Lynx Lake when many availed themselves of this opportunity. The Annual Ball on 4th November was a big success followed by two enjoyable Christmas parties one of which included a Pot Luck supper. Monthly mini-socials were held and several dances where members came from out of town and in January the Branch joined with the Ballroom Dancing Group in Kitchener to celebrate Burns' birthday.

In February the Branch held a "Ski and do" at a very nice location and were overwhelmed at the response to this activity which included cross-country skiing, a meal and dancing afterwards. Due to the response from Branch members the event could not be offered to out-of-town friends. "Oktoberfest" is celebrated in the Branch area and members danced in an Ethnic Dance Festival last October and are planning to do the same this year and they are also looking forward to having visitors from new Zealand.

London (Ontario). Membership: Annual 96, Life 5. Classes per week: 3 Adult, 1 Children's, 1 Demonstration.

In June, the Branch held their Annual Bandshell Show in Victoria Park. Members of the Branch performed on the grounds of Dundurn Castle in Hamilton in July and at the Highlands Games in Windsor in September. The Annual Workshop was held on 10th March and the Annual ball in April both being very successful. Six monthly dances were held during the year.

The demonstration team performed at various functions throughout the city and surrounding area. Five candidates from the Branch went forward for examination by Miss Nancy Arnott from Scotland.

Forthcoming event: The Annual ball will be held on 3 May, 1980, in London.

Los Angeles. Membership: Annual 221, Long Term 5, Life 17. Classes per week: 9. Demonstration Team available.

Saturday evening informal dancing parties were held in Santa Monica during July and August. Classes began in mid-September and continued through June, with monthly dancing parties and three Balls. A Mini-Institute was held in October with Wilma Fee, Margaret Morrison, Mary Murray and Jean Patrick as instructors. The St. Andrews Ball in December was followed by the January Burns' Supper at the Riviera Country Club. Beginner dance parties in December, January and February encouraged new dancers to participate in dance programmes.

The Branch was honoured by a visit from Chairman Duncan Macleod and his wife, Sheena, on April 11 and 12. They were guests of the Branch at dinner after which Mr Macleod taught a general class in the evening. Miss Nancy Arnott arrived on May 19 and a dance was held in her honour. She examined the teacher candidates on 20th May and now the Branch has the support of six new preliminary test teachers and four fully certificated teachers. A well-attended three-day institute was held in Santa Maria over Memorial Day Weekend with Sandy Bain, Mary Brandon, Mary Murray, Ena McNaught and George Will as instructors. In June Branch members presented a mass demonstration of Scottish Country Dancing at the Highlands Games in Long Beach; the Demonstration Team has performed throughout the Los Angeles Basin at various functions during the year.

Melbourne & District. Membership: Annual 461, Long Term 26, Life 50. Classes per week: 26 Adult, 1 Children's. Demonstration Teams available.

During the year successful "workshop" weekends were held at Marysville, Donald, and Ballarat. It is pleasing to note that our membership of Victorian country groups is increasing and more country dancers are attending Melbourne functions. The usual Somers barbecue and dance week-end was again successful. Local Melbourne Groups continue to hold Saturday social dances very regularly and there is usually a choice of two or three each week.

One of the highlights of the year was our participation in the very successful First Melbourne Military Tattoo—held on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, the Branch providing a panel of about 90 dancers. Each night five sets danced for twelve consecutive performances. It was quite an undertaking but all who danced thoroughly enjoyed the experience. With only one wet night in 12 performances we say "good old Melbourne weather".

The Branch is greatly looking forward to the visit of the Society Chairman for the 10th Anniversary Ball in July, 1979.

Montreal. Membership: Annual 207, Long Term 1, Life 16. Classes per week: 9.

The Branch has suffered from a lack of teachers but it is hoped, after the examinations this year, to have enough teachers to add an Intermediate II and a Demonstration class to the already existing Basic, Intermediate and Teacher Candidate classes. The annual Workshop Weekend at Ste. Agathe started the 1978-79 Season off on the right foot. The Garden Party in July had a new format with members being asked to bring box lunches (to ease the burden on the Social Convener) and the Branch arranged to have desserts, tea and coffee available. This new arrangement seemed to go down well with everyone. A wonderful Hogmanay Party was held in the officer's Mess of The Grenadier Guards Armoury and a similar booking for next December is warranted. With the Harvest Social, the Burns' Night and the Annual Ball there has been no lull in the Social programme.

Members provided a demonstration for a Scottish Festival at Fort Ticonderoga and the Glengarry Highland Games. A first this year was receipt of 100 dollars from the MacDonald Lassie Bonspiel organisers for NOT doing a demonstration! Lest you jump to the wrong conclusion, the Branch were invited then the organisers had to cancel the demonstration but still gave a donation.



Teachers and Examiners at 3rd Australian Winter School 1978 organised by Mornington Peninsula and Melbourne & District Branches, left to right—Chris Coull (Melbourne), Margaret Gray (Hunter Valley), Ros McKie (Hunter Valley), Les Cumming and Kevin Connolly (Examiners), Jean Conway (Canberra) and Gary Morris (New Zealand)

The Branch were honoured in April to have the Chairman of the Society, Mr Duncan Macleod and his charming wife, Sheena, pay them a visit and a Social was held in their honour with Duncan teaching a class the next day, which everyone appreciated.

Mornington Peninsula. Membership: Annual 100, Life 5. Classes per week: 1.

Approximately 140 attended the Branch "Dancing Round Scotland" social which completed the 1978 season, and enjoyed seeing the film "Mr Menuhin's Visit to Blair Castle". Approximately a quarter of those attending classes are new dancers which poses some problems in teaching as a separate hall for an elementary class was not available as anticipated. However, the Branch has compromised by making the class elementary from 7.30-8.15, general 8.15-9.15 and experienced dancers only after supper from 9.30-10.15 p.m.

The Branch has enjoyed having as their guests dancers from Interstate and other parts of the world at classes or socials. A social dancing week-end was once again held in conjunction with Melbourne and District Branch at Somers (beach resort) and also a teaching week-end at Marysville (country resort). Some Branch members also attended the recent Fourth Australian Winter School at Canberra, A.C.T.

Nairobi. Membership: Annual 85, Long Term 9, Life 3. Classes per week: 2.

Last year was a busy one for the Branch starting with the annual up-country outing in May, held this year at Molo. This outing gives an opportunity for dancers from many parts of Kenya to get together and enjoy themselves.

During December the Branch welcomed Group Captain and Mrs Huxley from the United Kingdom with Group Captain Huxley kindly adjudicating at a Festival of Scottish Dancing and taking classes which greatly improved the standard of dancing. Group Captain and Mrs Huxley were the guests of honour at the Annual Ball at the Milimani Hotel in December.

The Demonstration team has had a busy year all of which helps to popularise Scottish Dancing and keeps up the numbers in the Society—always a problem in Nairobi.

New Haven. Membership: Annual 137, Life 11. Classes per week: 7. Demonstration Teams available.

The second year of Branch operation saw many founding members move, replaced, fortunately, by new dancers. Ten members took the Teachers Candidate Class and all passed their examinations before Miss Nancy Arnott whose visit the Branch greatly enjoyed in April. The regular class season featured workshops with Tony Moretti in December and Colin Garrett in April. Several members of the Berkeley Players who are visiting the East Coast this year played for the after-workshop-parties. The 5th Highland Ball in March highlighted the social dancing of the year. Dancers passing through Connecticut would be welcome to visit with the Branch any evening where a group is dancing.

A Special Committee on the Constitution and Rules worked throughout the year better to define and design the Branch offices. Their proposals and other news of note were published in the issues of "Reeltime", the Branch newsletter. With our organisation streamlined another active year is anticipated.

New York. Membership: Annual 156, Life 4. Classes per week: 5. Demonstration Team available.

A Pre-Season Dance started the year off successfully. The Jeannie Carmichael Ball, sponsored by all the groups in the greater New York area was a most elegant and delightful affair.

The New York Teachers' Committee organized two successful workshops. At the first one 50 teachers came from all over the Eastern states to improve their teaching techniques under the guidance of Bob Blackie of Toronto. The second, a Music Workshop, led by the talented musicians, Barbara Bouwsma and Robert McOwen, explained the relationship of the music to the different types of dances.

Five candidates were presented for their full certificates—all successfully. The new teachers will be conducting a dance to which all dancers will be invited.

The Annual Weekend at Holiday Hills was as always most successful and exciting with teachers Betty Thompson, Jean Yeats, Charles Robertson. There's always something exciting going on at the New York Branch so—visitors to the city, do come and dance with us!

Each class of the Branch has been holding parties and dances to raise funds for the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund.

Forthcoming event: Jeannie Carmichael Ball—Saturday 27th October, 1979.

New Zealand. Membership: Annual 700, Long Term 25, Life 120.

The loss of Dr Jean Milligan will always be remembered in this year and it brought to an end an era in the life of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. As she would wish, the aims and work of the Society must go from strength to strength.

The year's dancing in New Zealand culminated with the annual summer school at Lincoln College, near Christchurch, and an invitation was extended to Miss Kitty McLauchlan of Arbroath to come to our summer school to play for classes. Miss McLauchlan is well known to all those who have been fortunate enough to attend St. Andrews. Kitty charmed everyone at our summer

school and on her quick trip afterwards to the main centres in New Zealand, with her piano playing at classes and at the social evenings. We will always be grateful to Kitty for making the long trip to New Zealand, and we hope it will be the beginning of a new era in Scottish Country Dance circles.

Northern Virginia. Membership: Annual 123, Life 5. Classes per week: 3 plus 1 fortnightly. Demonstration Teams available.

Even in this area where the population tends to be transitory, Branch membership has remained high and class attendance excellent. In addition to the regularly scheduled classes and social dancing there have been several dance parties and a ball that featured a live band made up of local musicians. In October, Mr William Clement paid the Branch a visit and taught a special class. In April Northern Virginia was host to the Society's official examiner, Miss Nancy Arnott. The Branch were delighted that their candidates—two for the Teachers' Certificate and one for the Preliminary Test, passed with flying colours, as did the guest candidates from the Washington, D.C. Branch and the Delaware Valley Branch.

Branch Demonstration teams made numerous appearances during the year and all money earned in this way has been added to the Branch scholarship fund. Last Summer one Branch member was sent to the Summer School at St. Andrews where she passed her Preliminary Test and this year another candidate is being sent.



At the Tartan Ball, Washington, 1978. Left to Right: Miss Valerie Harris (Hamilton, Ontario), Mr Bob Millar (Toronto), Mrs Rolande Ozefovich, Lt. Alex Sharp and Mrs Genie Sharp (Northern Virginia)

Ottawa. Membership: Annual 219, Life 5. Classes per week: 10 adult, 1 teenage, 3 children's.

The Branch had a busy and successful year and dancing was, as usual, held in the local park during the Summer months. Members of the children's classes attended the Children's Festival in Kingston. Ottawa held its first

Branch Workshop Weekend at Jones' Falls with guest teachers, and it was a great success.

Most classes have been well attended and enjoyed, as well as the monthly dances and Annual Ball. A successful Workshop was held in February with a guest teacher from Montreal. The season drew to a close with a visit from Miss Arnott to examine the teacher candidates from the Branch all eight of whom are to be congratulated on passing. The Branch enjoyed meeting Miss Arnott.

Regina. Membership: 36 Annual, Long Term 12. Classes per week: 1. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch programme has included a Beginners Night in the Dr Parry School, a Social Evening in Saskatoon and a Branch Workshop in Medicine Hat. Members participated in interclub socials throughout the year and a Workshop was held with 35 attending followed by a Ball.

The Branch provided a demonstration team on three evenings at the 1979 Multicultural Mosaic in the British Pavilion.

St. Catharines. Membership: Annual 58. Classes per week: 3.

The Branch enjoyed a successful year, with good attendance at all classes. Demonstration teams performed at various events in the city and throughout the Niagara Falls, N.Y. The social calendar included the 'Tennis Court' and 'Beach Ball' dances in June, several record dances and the Christmas and Valentine's Day Dances at which members and their guests enjoyed the live music of Don Bartlett and the Scotians. As usual, the highlight of the year was the annual May Ball.

In January the Branch was fortunate in having Mr Wes Clindinning of Mississauga as guest teacher of a general class and in May members of the Burlington Branch and the Buffalo Scottish Country Dance Group joined us in welcoming Miss Nancy Arnott of Scotland when she visited the Branch to examine candidate teachers. All six candidates for the Preliminary Test and Teachers' Certificate were successful.

San Diego. Membership: Annual 76, Life 6. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

San Diego Branch had another busy year of dancing and growth under the leadership of Chairman Malcolm Ferrier. Three classes were held each week one of which was a family social class. The Demonstration Team practised at least twice a month and performed on many occasions throughout the year. The news-letter, "The Reel Thing" was published and circulated on a regular basis. The Program chairman inaugurated a fun weekend of camping in the mountains at the beginning of December, which the Branch hope will continue as an annual event. Dancing, eating, hiking, dancing, game playing, singing, dancing, talking and the warmth of the fireplace and friendships were enjoyed by all. The third annual Mini Institute was a huge success with Paul Stavris from Washington, D.C. and Jennifer Kelly and Bruce Hamilton from the San Francisco area being most inspiring teachers. Highlights of the year included the May Ball (with the Thistle Band), the annual summer swim, dance and barbecue party, Memorial scholarships dance, pre-Highland Games Ball and holiday dances and festivities. Miss Nancy Arnott visited the Branch in May and passed four Preliminary Test and one Teachers, Certificate candidates. Plans are already under way by some of the new teachers to begin new classes in the northern and southern areas of the County to acquaint others with the fun and intricacies of Scottish Country Dancing.

San Francisco. Membership: Annual 215, Life 29. Classes per week: 15. Demonstration Team available.

The Branch has had another successful year with membership sustained at well over 200. In addition, at the teachers examination in May, 1979, six preliminary and four Full Certificate candidates were put forward for examination.

In February the ever popular annual Valentines Ball was held featuring Jack Rennie and the Thistle Band. Monthly parties continue to be well attended and another weekend workshop at Asilomar is planned for the Autumn. The Berkeley Scottish Players have recorded a third album entitled "None So Pretty" which will be released later this year.

All in all Scottish dancing in the San Francisco Bay Area continues to be an enthusiastically supported activity and one which is continuing to grow. The branch is looking forward to another great year 1979-80.

Seattle. Membership: Annual 111, Long Term 16, Life 2. Number of classes per week: 8. Demonstration Teams available.

The Seattle Branch has enjoyed a full and lively round of events in its first full year of existence, made possible by a doubling of size over the last year. A weekend workshop was held at Ft. Worden on the scenic Straits of Juan de Fuca which attracted many Victoria and Vancouver friends. George Will and Simon Scott conducted workshops during the year and the Branch turned out seven sets to dance for the President's Council on Physical Fitness at Pacific Lutheran University in February, sent two sets to the International Dance Festival on Holland Happening on Whidby Island in April, and is now preparing for the Seattle Highland Games in June. The best event of the year by far was the May Dinner Dance attended by 95.

South East Queensland. Membership: Annual 114, Long Term 8, Life 5. Classes per week: 9. Demonstration Team available.

The year has been one of consolidation and hard work for the Branch Committee. The most important event of the year was the Teachers Examinations held in October, 1978, for both parts of the Teaching Certificate and there are now six fully qualified teachers in the Branch which has stabilised the standard of dancing greatly. It was a great pleasure for the Branch to welcome Mr Kevin Connolly and Mr Les Cumming, the Australian Examiners, who were pleased to prove they were human by participating in the Ceilidh given in their honour.

At the Annual Weekend School in July, 110 dancers attended, and Mrs Sheila Bourne of Hunter Valley Branch was the Guest Teacher. Beginners' classes were held in three locations last year and this has resulted in real growth in the Brisbane based clubs. Beginners' classes are under way again this year. The country classes are also doing well. Social dances conducted by various clubs have continued to be well attended and all Branch functions are extremely popular. A number of Branch dancers attended the 4th Australian Winter School in Canberra.

A Branch badge has been designed and is now in production.

Stockholm. Membership: 71 Annual, Life 2. Classes per week: 3. Demonstration Team available.

The total number of members attending classes regularly has doubled over the past year, and many more requests for demonstrations have been received both within Stockholm and also in several smaller towns. This in turn has led to additional applications for the beginners' class.

Once again, the Spring Ball was a great success mainly thanks to the Guest of Honour, Miss Jennifer Wilson, whose music certainly provides the stimulus of the dance.

Sydney. Membership: Annual 106, Long Term 2, Life 25. Classes per week: 2 plus 1 fortnightly. Demonstration Teams available.

1978 was a happy well attended year and included the usual October Weekend of Scottish Country Dancing which was booked to capacity. Many of our members have also attended the Australian Winter Schools held during May in a different State each year. The Teachers Liaison Group have held three one-day schools followed by social evenings—most informative to those attending.

Demonstrations have also been conducted including the Sydney Festival which is the big event in Sydney during the month of January each year.

Toronto. Membership: Annual 1,166, Life 30. Classes per week: 6. Demonstration Teams available.

The 1978/79 year again started with dancing in one of Toronto's parks, an event which has become very popular with dancers and general public alike and is held from late May, once a week through June. Many members also took part in the activities at the Perth Pavilion of Toronto Caravan, and again we were proud to congratulate the Association of Scottish Traditions and Arts, formed by members of the Branch, on receiving the award for Theatre Arts.

1978 was the 100th Anniversary of the Canadian National Exhibition held in Toronto and 24 teams danced in the Scottish World Festival, which was the opening event of the celebrations. Months of rehearsal culminated in four nights of excitement and our first lady Chairman, Frances Gray, was an honoured guest on one evening.

The Annual workshop at Geneva Park was the usual great success and opened the season of winter activities. Monthly dances were held from September through to April with special events in addition, such as Family Night and Young People's Night. Branch classes at all levels proved popular and have been increased in number. The Tartan Ball was this year attended by the Lt. Governor of Ontario, Mrs Pauline McGibbon and the Branch was host to over 600 dancers on this occasion. An excellent Children's Festival was held in April and teams have been invited to demonstrate in increasing numbers all over the area.

The Branch was particularly pleased to welcome Miss Claire Goodman in the Fall and Mr and Mrs Duncan Macleod and Miss Nancy Arnott in the Spring. The Branch record their thanks to their musicians led by Stan Hamilton, Don Bartlett, Angus McKinnon and Bobby Brown.

Twin Cities. Membership: Annual 34, Life 2. Classes per week: 2. Demonstration Team available.

The Teachers Training Class completed its session in May 1979 with 2 Preliminary and 1 Teachers' Certificate. Demonstrations of Scottish Dances were given at the Minnesota Renaissance Festival.

Vancouver. Membership: Annual 421, Life 31. Classes per week: 4 and a Demonstration Class. Demonstration Team available.

The Vancouver Workshop week-end and Ball were again held in Hotel Vancouver and if possible were even more successful and enjoyable than last year. Classes were taught by Paul Sarvis, Bob Blackie, Duncan Macleod, Sandy Bain and eight local teachers. Music was provided by the Schiehallion Band.

With great support from the adult dancing classes we were again able to hold a successful children's weekend, highlighted by the Saturday evening party for all.

Other Social events included monthly parties and a Burns Supper. The Demonstration Team have had a busy season. The open air dancing at Ceperley Playground in Stanley Park will be held from 18th June until August 20th when the Branch will again have the opportunity to welcome all visitors from far and wide.

Victoria. Membership: Annual 164, Life 1. Classes per week: 6. Demonstration Teams available.

Open house started in the right direction with a large class that had more men than ladies! Membership has increased and all classes were well attended. All events were sold out much in advance of the dates and a new format was introduced to the Burns Night Dinner, Concert and Dance and proved highly successful. The favourite seems to be our Fathers' Day Week-

end where our dancers and their children travel to a nice holiday location and dance on lawns on Saturday afternoon; after time to enjoy the sunshine there is a dance in the evening. Sunday morning starts with a leisurely breakfast then a fun concert is put on for the fathers. The rest of the day is for fun and socializing. A children's class has been showing great promise for the future.

The two teacher candidates passed their Preliminary Test as did the candidate from the Vancouver Island Group. The Branch and Vancouver Island Group are co-sponsoring two events for the coming year.

Victoria Branch hope that any Scottish Country Dancer travelling in the area will contact Isabel Buxcey (477-8612) or Bobbie Huebner (384-1015) for information on activities.



At a Victoria Branch Workshop Weekend—Vancouver Island Representatives: Left to right: Fran Clermont (Vancouver Island S.C.D. Group), Keith Sinclair (President, Comox S.C.D. Group), Mary Murray (Vancouver Branch), Simon Scott (Vancouver Branch), Isabel Buxcey (Chairman, Victoria Branch), Janice Flavell (Chairman Victoria Scottish Dancers), Bert Mitchell (Teacher, Duncan B.C.), Lucy Whitehouse (Teacher of Sidney Class)

Washington, D.C. Membership: Annual 250, Life 15. Classes per week: 6. Demonstration Teams available.

The Branch has had another very active and fruitful year. The second teacher-training class was successfully concluded with all candidates passing the examination and attaining full certificates. Both demonstration teams continued to be very active participating in many local activities, including the Northern Virginia Folk Festival. The Branch also participated in the Virginia Scottish Games massed demonstration of Scottish Dancing, supplying five of the ten sets participating on the field. As always, the annual Cherry Blossom Ball was a most enjoyable event and the Iona Weekend gave local dancers the opportunity to enjoy two fine guest teachers.

Western Australia. Membership: Annual 44, Long Term 16, Life 10. Classes per week: 1.

The Branch has experienced an increase in membership and is financially sound, thanks in the main to a successful raffle. Several social functions were held and it was particularly pleasant to be able to show the film "Mr Menuhin's Welcome to Blair Castle" to members of the Branch and an affiliate club. The Branch were honoured to be asked to provide a judge for the dancing competitions in the Jakonna Highland Games in 1978 and have been invited to do so again in 1979.

This is the State's 150th Anniversary Year and Scottish Country Dancing is being featured at many of the celebration functions. It is a happy coincidence at this time that Mr Duncan Macleod, Chairman of the Society, visited the Branch in June.

Winnipeg. Membership: Annual 187, Life 7. Classes per week: 7. including Children's. Demonstration Team available.

1979 is the 20th anniversary of the formation of the dance group which became the Winnipeg Branch of RSCDS in 1963. Our membership has grown steadily and this year we have added a children's class to the six classes held last year. A teacher training class was also organised.

A busy schedule of activities during the year included Dancing in the Park each Monday in June, dancing on the float in several parades, numerous demonstrations and operating the 'Mug Pub' during Folklorama, Winnipeg's annual multicultural celebration in August.

Two Mini-Weekends were held, one in September taught by Claire Goodman and one in March taught by Marge Krip, one of the founding members of the Winnipeg Branch. A teachers' workshop in October under Margaret Zadworny was also most successful. Excellent attendance continued at the monthly socials hosted in turn by Branch classes and at the New Year's Party and Burns Night Social. To round off the year's activities we had a most enjoyable Annual Ball with music by the Thistle Band from Los Angeles.

A bus load of Branch members travelled to the U.S. to attend the Twin Cities Branch Annual Ball in November, 1978, and in turn the Branch had the pleasure of welcoming 15 dancers from the Twin Cities to the Ball in April.

The Branch sustained a severe loss in the death of Mrs Mary Nixon who made a great contribution to Scottish Country Dancing, as a founding member of the Teachers' Association of Canada, as a teacher responsible for training and inspiring teachers now teaching all over the North American continent.

Teachers' Association (Canada). Membership: 350.

Regular contact with members (residing from coast to coast in continental North America as well as in the U.K., Hawaii, Jamaica, Australia, Germany and Japan) is maintained through TACTALK, the quarterly Bulletin which contains topical articles, reviews, etc., through correspondence with the Secretary on problems or points of interest, the loan of films, and by means of a well-stocked library of dances and records maintained by the TAC Librarian in Boston.

Continued generous support of the Scholarship and Education Fund has enabled the Association to pursue its aims and objectives more easily. The sixth annual TAC Summer School held at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, in August, 1978, was again an outstanding success. Plans for the 1979 Summer School include a change from Kingston to Brock University at St. Catharines, Ontario, near Niagara Falls. The new location is expected to provide improved facilities.

Considerable success has been achieved in arranging workshops related to teaching, dancing and the music associated with our dances. These workshops have been arranged by the various Area Representatives (members who have been named locally to represent all members in the geographical area served by a branch). The provision for Area Representatives was made in recognition of the wide geographical distribution of the TAC membership.

Many branches across North America have been preparing candidates for the Preliminary Test or Full Certificate examination and at the time of writing Miss Nancy Arnott is here from Scotland conducting the examinations in about 22 centres during a six-week tour arranged by the TAC.

The afternoon and evening of April 9 were very pleasantly and profitably spent by the Executive Committee in meetings with the Society's Chairman, Duncan Macleod. That Mr Macleod could take time out of a very tight schedule to meet with us was very much appreciated.

The release in 1978 of the first record by Don Bartlett and the Scotians met with such success that a second record of full-length dances sponsored by the TAC is pretty well completed and should be available for the start of the new season in September, 1979.



Dr A. R. (Bob) Rowe, Chairman T.A.C.

Dr Rowe early developed an interest in music and dancing. While serving as Medical Officer with the 1st Bn. the H.L.I. 1943-46 he was introduced to Scottish Dancing unnaturally early (if we know the Army) on Saturday mornings under the eagle eye of the Pipe president when the whole thing was less the RSCDS standard and more like "The General Danced at Dawn"!

In 1957 he went to Canada and some five years later discovered the Kitchener S.C.D. Group, joined the Society and has danced regularly ever since.

Dr Rowe became a Fully Certificated RSCDS teacher in 1973. He was Vice-Chairman and Director of the TAC Summer School in 1977 and 1978.

LEARNING TO DANCE

We thought that we should learn to do
A simple Scottish Dance or two,
An eightsome reel, a Highland fling,
Something easy to begin.

We did not know what we had done,
What agony precedes the fun,
Or how confused that we should get
Before we learned to Half-Poussette

How we should have to twist our knees
And stretch our thighs to dance with ease
How difficult it is to learn
Threequarters, half, or Tulloch turn.

Miss Milligan, John Drury, Foss,
Meant nothing to the likes of us,
A language too we had to grasp
To promenade, and Pad-de-Basque.

Complexities like right-hand wheels,
Six hands around, left shoulder reels,
Were Whigmaleeries all devised
To test our wits . . . contrarilywise,

It was so easy to deter
The Bees of Maggieknockater,
Or casting up instead of down,
To crash and make Miss Nancy Frown.

When they called out to turn and pass,
We came the bottom of the class,
And when the others skipped and stepped,
We found that we were most inept.

Even though we'd started late,
We had to learn to count . . . to eight
Oh, Dancing was quite challenging
For ancient people to begin.

I think we should have given up
But for the smile of Sheila Jupp
And for our teacher's calm refrain
Repeated o'er and o'er again . . .

Two to cross, and two to cast,
Hear the music, not too fast,
Anticipation! Don't look back . . .
He's all right, but I'm not, Jack!

By constant counting, one, two, three,
And three, two, three, turn out that knee
Our teacher never will forget
When he taught us how to set.

He's struggled hard, we've learned the knack,
Of dos-a-dos, or back-to-back,
And with the most amazing vigour,
Have a shot at every figure.

Now finally we've learned to do
A simple Scottish dance or two,
The Dashing Sergeant, Duke of Perth,
Not Ships of Grace, but full of mirth,
In thanks we raise our Sil'er Tassies . . .
To Bill Forbes and his High Close Lassies.

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The North American Examination Tour 1979

It was with some fear and trepidation that I found myself following in the footsteps of Dr. Milligan, who, two years ago, had undertaken just such a tour. Horrendous in scope though the tour may have been—nearly 15,000 miles in all—it was never lacking in interest and fun.

The tremendous enthusiasm shown everywhere carried one along and, from the beginning, with Delaware Valley, Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. examinations, to the end of the circuit at Houston and Atlanta, the standard was high. Teacher-trainers had obviously worked so hard, and candidates were most appreciative of all they had done for them. The stated aim of the examinations—to protect the standards set up by the Society and by Dr. Milligan in particular—was appreciated by the candidates, as were any helpful hints or methods passed on to them, not least being the impression made that if they were going to be *teachers*, the class would copy *them*, so that "this" and "that" should not be done, or "this should be improved."

Records and record-players are synonymous with Scottish Country Dancing in North America, and one could appreciate the hard work involved, but great was the pleasure when a helpful pianist, or flautist and accordionist, appeared, on the few occasions where this was possible! Time, too, seemed to pass more quickly.

Many are the impressions on such an extensive tour! There was the case of the young teacher who, when facing his class, threw out his left arm to the left, and said "I want you to start with the foot in *that* direction!" He was in complete control.

At New Haven it seemed that engineers, architects and mathematicians, were the order of the day, with even a psychiatrist! In the evening there was dancing to a Band composed of four fiddlers and one pianist, two of the fiddlers being Barbara Bouwsma and Robert McOwen who are to wed in July.

In Boston, a quick tour round, a sail in a swan-boat, and a visit to the aquarium was much enjoyed.

Due to a late start at one examination permission had to be sought to extend the time to 12.30 a.m. Yet papers still had to be read and a plane caught in the morning. Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, St. Catharines, London—all showed the same eagerness, enthusiasm and friendly spirit. Many were the parties at homes, clubs and dances and I recall the trip to the top of C.N. Tower in Toronto with pleasure.

Many memories will long remain—the 30 minute flight from London to Windsor, coming off the plane, being driven through the tunnel to Detroit, then being taken up to the revolving restaurant at the top of Renaissance Tower—seeing beautiful Minneapolis with its green parks and trees just coming into leaf and, near a waterfall, the little statue of Hiawatha and Minnehaha.

How cold and wintry-looking Winnipeg still was, with many trees standing in flood waters but it was thrilling to be flying into Calgary in the cockpit of the plane at the invitation of the Captain. How quickly, however, I was brought down to earth (in more ways than one) when asked to do part of the examination almost immediately on landing.

How lush was Vancouver, with green and flowering trees, and beautiful spring flowers, as was also Victoria with special mention of the beautiful Butchart Gardens.

In crossing Canada, it became obvious that time, travel, places and people, would catch up with me and names and places might be too easily forgotten due to the pressure of the tour. Detroit was Monday, Minneapolis Tuesday, Winnipeg Wednesday, Calgary Thursday and Vancouver, Friday with an examination that night and Saturday afternoon, then off I went to Victoria by ferry on the Sunday. Someone at Vancouver *did* say "If it's Thursday, it must be Calgary!"

However, a truly beautiful sail, down Puget Sound, from Victoria to Seattle, did wonders for my spirits. It was possible to relax even to the extent of

feeling 'transported', for the first port of call was Friday Harbor, San Juan Island.

From beautiful Seattle to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego—all wonderful cities with enthusiastic members of the Society. A short spell in Sun City, Arizona, revived the soul again, though the temperature was in the 90s. Then to Houston and Atlanta, the last two exam locations, before I returned to Washington.

Changes of climate, of hours, of places, of trains, cars and ferries, of clothes, of beds and of food, all add up to what must be a rather churned-up "inside" by the end of six weeks, not to mention the concentration required for examinations. Nevertheless the tour proved to be challenging and exciting and interesting and everyone most welcoming, hospitable and enthusiastic.

My thanks are due to the co-ordinator of the arrangements, to the many hosts and hostesses who were so kind, and last—but not least—to the Society which made it all possible.

NANCY J. ARNOTT
June, 1979

IN MEMORIUM

The year's full written moving page,
Imagination held, we sought
Her banner, coloured thro' an age
Of Scottish dance, St. Andrews Taught.

The golden pageant of our past,
Stone castles stand, with swords and shields,
Memorable scenes, those followed cast
as Kitty holds the keys, Neil yields
notes lilting with the dance, clan songs,
Inspired music of the sages;
Strong bound by traditions thongs,
Of manuscripts quill lettered pages.

The reels, the jigs, this all belongs
with strathspeys grace, to gentle ages.

The drifting chords, recall a view
of mem'rys clear, but thinking, say
Her heart beat for the dancing you!
So hear in twilight pipers play
the pibroch; partner this romance,
For what has been, for all that's seen,
In the elegance of the dance,
Remember . . . Jean.

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A Trip to Nairobi

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In response to a request by the Nairobi branch for a teacher to visit, the Huxleys offered themselves as ambassadors of the Society, I to teach and Netta to give moral support. We left London Airport on the evening of 23 November by Kenya Airways and arrived at the new Nairobi Airport terminal to be met by Freddie Hutton, the Branch chairman. As we were both wearing the kilt, instant recognition was mutual. As my first duty was not until the following Saturday we set off that evening by train to spend five days near Mombasa with Jim and Rosemary Wood. The train journey was for me nostalgic as I had made the trip during the war. Dinner was reminiscent of things long past, spotless linen and well polished silver, excellent food expertly served and one waiter to eight diners. Rosemary Wood met us and took us to their house on the beach overlooking the ocean where we did absolutely nothing except eat fresh fish, fresh pineapple, paw paw and mango, but the climate! was it hot and sticky! We had caught the tail end of the short rains, and as it turned out, a fairly long tail; a lasting memory of the trip will be of overcast skies, torrential rain, sticky red mud, interspersed with period of hot sunshine and brilliant colours. I cannot say how much we enjoyed those first five days with Jim and Rosemary which could not have been bettered as an introduction to Kenya.

We returned to Nairobi by road on 30 November, and for the rest of our visit we stayed with Bernard and Brenda Kampf on the outskirts of Nairobi. Their kindness and hospitality were without equal and we really felt part of the family from the very beginning.

And so to the dancing. My first duty was to assist at a festival held in the Milimani Hotel on the afternoon of 1 December. We met many members and saw them dance and were most impressed by the enthusiasm shown by all participants and their obvious enjoyment of dancing. The adult teams were mostly Europeans but the teams entered from the schools had a good mix of African, Asian and European. One wholly African team from the Medical Training Centre at Nakuru acquitted themselves well but while the men danced in shoes the women danced in bare feet which kept a proper differential between the sexes. Africa is still a man's world!

The same enthusiasm was shown by the classes I took during the next few weeks, the response was most rewarding and by the end of the visit both Netta and I felt that the whole trip had been very well worth while. I found that demonstrating steps at Nairobi's 6000 feet is not quite the same thing as demonstrations at the near sea-level of Leamington Spa—I kept running out of puff!

During our visit the Branch had its annual dinner and Ball, very well attended by Branch members and their guests, a good dinner and good dancing. The Branch reflects the true feeling that dancing is for fun, not only to do but also to watch and their demonstration team gave a very creditable performance.

We were taken to Nakuru, about 100 miles north of Nairobi by John and Liz Guthrie where Dr. Meg Gray runs the enthusiastic class of Africans from the Medical Training Centre. Unfortunately as it was a national holiday, they were all away but we spent an evening of informal dancing at the home of Ian and Hazel Marshall with whom we spent the night. Next day Ian took us round the estate. We visited the Nakuru National Park and we saw much of the Rift Valley on our journey to and from. At one stage we stopped the car to watch two giraffes crossing the main road; they knew their kerb drill looking both ways and crossing at leisure when the road was clear.

On another day Faline Taylor took us around the Nairobi game park where we saw quite a lot of wild life but no lions; the weather was too wet and they had all gone south.

As guests of the Branch we visited the "Ark", a lodge in the game reserve in the Aberdare hills near Mt. Kenya. The scenery was marvellous and at day break we could see the twin peaks of Mt. Kenya sticking out through the clouds.

It is impossible to do justice to all we saw and all the hospitality we received. Winsome Clarke took us to a Masai village to see tribal dancing, we had a day at the races, "Oklahoma" at the theatre, a formal dinner with the wine and food society at the Muthaiga Club. I visited the railway museum and the railway workshops (around which Nairobi grew) and of course we saw Nairobi and Mombasa. But above all we shall remember the kindness and hospitality of the Branch and we have made many lasting friendships which is after all what the Society is all about.

DAVID HUXLEY

From Scotia's Shore

It is not often that one receives a call at midnight to go to the other end of the earth but this is just what happened to Miss Kitty McLauchlan, seen here with Bill Ireland, at Summer School last year. In October she was roused from slumber by a telephone call from New Zealand Branch with an invitation to play for their Summer School (December/January) at Christchurch. As might be expected she received wonderful hospitality from our family 'down under' and was able to celebrate Hogmanay in style with over 350 dancing till midnight and beyond. Kitty tells us that she was most impressed by the standard of the teaching and the dancing.



Apart from playing for the School, Kitty also played for the Church Service on Hogmanay and found the spectacle most impressive as the ladies all wore white dresses and tartan sashes. After the Summer School, she travelled to Timuca, Invercargill, Dunedin, Wellington, Rotorna and Auckland and spent a wee while at Te Puke with Mrs Florence Lesslie. One young man even took a day off work to motor her round Auckland to see the sights. All in all it seems to have been a great experience both for the New Zealand Branch and for Kitty.

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The International Clan Gathering was held in Nova Scotia this year. Included in the programme was a 'Workshop' for Scottish Country Dancing. Mrs Mina Corson (Edinburgh) was invited to join the teaching staff with Mary Murray (Vancouver) and Joe Wallin (Halifax).

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Bill Hamilton (Edinburgh) goes off in October to the States teaching in Boston, Philadelphia—Washington—Cincinnati—New Orleans—Dallas—Memphis and Atlanta, returning on 4th November, while Wilma Miller will be off to join Hamilton (Ontario) Branch to teach at their October Weekend.

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Nor has the Society Chairman been allowed to sit back. Easter saw him in Canada, teaching in Vancouver and having discussions with the Teachers' Association and on 23rd June he set off for Australia, visiting Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide and Canberra on a teaching tour, returning just in time for the start of the largest Summer School ever at St. Andrews.

Report from London—25th July, 1801

The Duchess of Gordon gave a splendid ball on Monday evening, in honour of Lady Georgina's birthday. Near 300 visitors were present. The ball was opened a quarter before eleven with *Athol House*, by Lord Amherst and Lady Georgina; at a quarter before two the company sat down to an elegant supper, and in an hour afterwards the dances recommenced, with an old Scotch Dance called *The Barn*, introduced by her Grace for the first time in London; it afforded much amusement from the spirited manner in which it was kept up; instead of forming the circle with hands, it was done by laying hold of coats and tails: many scenes, highly comic, took place, which threw the company into such universal good humour, that they kept it up till six in the morning. Reels and Strathspeys concluded the scene.

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The Jean Milligan Memorial Fund

It was unthinkable that the Society should not set up a Memorial Fund to the memory of Dr. Jean Milligan and in December, 1978, the Appeal was launched to Branches and in April, 1979, the appeal was extended to Affiliated Groups and individual members, April being an opportunity to send out the letters with other correspondence. Suggestions were invited regarding the purpose to which the Fund should be put, and these were considered by the General Purposes Committee.

Right from the start all were agreed on two points. First, that, if possible, the Fund should be kept intact as a permanent memorial to Dr. Milligan with only the interest being used annually and secondly, it should be used to extend and expand the work of the Society. This has been agreed as the fundamental principle underlying the use of the finances of the Fund.

In view of the contributions being received from Branches, Groups and individual members and in view of the various suggestions being put forward, the Committee agreed on two further principles—that the Fund should benefit all categories and that it should not be directed to any one sole aim but should remain flexible.



Mrs June Hunter presents the Montreal Branch cheque for £418 for the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund. Seen at Headquarters Mrs June Hunter, Mrs Hall (cashier) and Miss Gibson (Secretary)

It was therefore decided in April this year that the General Purposes Committee would consider annually on what the interest for the year should be expended and that they would take into consideration suggestions to extend scholarships to include affiliated groups, to extend scholarships offered to young members and to offer scholarships to mature members overseas especially where less regular visits were made by teachers from the UK; to give help to overseas branches less regularly visited by sending out

teachers and examiners to the areas concerned; to give assistance for overseas would-be teachers to attend St. Adrews Summer Schools; at the same time Branches and Groups in the UK would not be forgotten. This flexible approach of the General Purpose Committee will, of course, permit new suggestions at any time and prevent good ideas being excluded which were not perhaps thought of at the start. The first interest to accrue will probably be available for use in 1980.

Obviously the larger the Fund the greater the interest and the use to which it can be put. With this in mind, the Fund will never be closed and we shall hope to see it increase with the passing years although there will not be another general appeal. We hope that some members may consider legacies for the Fund when drawing up their Wills and that Branches will remember the Fund from time to time when allotting profits at a year end.

In the meantime the Society thanks all the Branches, the Affiliated Groups and the individual members who contributed so generously to the Memorial Fund. I am sure that everyone will agree that the result is encouraging.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE JEAN MILLIGAN MEMORIAL FUND RECEIVED UP TO 30th JUNE, 1979 (in chronological order).

Branches			
Hague District	10.00	Los Angeles	50.00
Stirling	50.00	Stockholm	22.27
Bournemouth	5.00	Kirkcaldy	55.00
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Forres	15.00	Sydney	250.00
Banffshire	5.00	S. E. Queensland	129.83
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Dunfermline	5.00	New York	2.04
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Gothenburg	60.00	Berwick	12.00
Edinburgh	50.00	Roxburgh, Selkirk and Peebles	75.00
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Burlington	41.16	Winnipeg	16.81
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Carnoustie	11.50	Montreal	418.00
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Liverpool	5.00	Bristol	25.00
Lockerbie	21.00	Berks, Hants, Surrey Border	32.72
Kirkcudbright	10.00	Herefordshire	
Nottingham	10.00	(Abergavenny Section)	62.66
Bath	25.00	Southport	25.00
Victoria	41.43		
Affiliated Groups			
Northwich & District Scots Society	10.00	Shrewsbury Scottish Dance Society	10.00
Tokyo & Yokohama S.C. Dancers	75.00	Bergvliet S.C.D. Club, South Africa	10.00
Oswestry Caledonian Society	5.00	Portsmouth S.C. Dancing Club	4.00
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Orpington & District Cal. Society	10.00	Society	5.00

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Obituaries

SIR HERBERT BRECHIN

On 25th January, 1979, Sir Herbert Brechin, Honorary Vice President of the Society, died at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. Formerly a Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Sir Herbert was for many years associated with the Edinburgh Branch and was appointed Vice President of the Society in 1970. He had not been well for some time and was in hospital when the last A.G.M. was held. Our sympathy goes to Lady Brechin and his sons.

MAURICE COOPER

Maurice Cooper, died suddenly on 20th April. He had been Chairman of Newcastle upon Tyne and District Branch from 1960 until he resigned in 1977 and had been on the Committee of Management for several years before that.

Those who served on the Committee with him will remember him for his firm yet kindly handling of all situations. He was never one to be ruffled by opposing views nor was he precipitate in decision-making. After demitting office, he continued to be there in the background, in an advisory capacity where he was most willing to help. His friendly counsel and forethought were of great value and his absence is very saddening. His ever cheerful presence will be missed at Branch functions which he continued to attend faithfully even after illness severely curtailed his dancing and our deep and sincere sympathy goes to his wife Mary who is also a prop and a pillar of the Branch, and to their three daughters and grandchildren.

The best memorial which can be given for Maurice is for all to ensure that the Branch goes on from strength to strength, building on the firm foundations laid during his long, wise Chairmanship.

J.D.

MRS ALISON FOSS

Alison Foss started her dancing career early in life when she performed a solo at the King's Theatre, Edinburgh, in the 1920s when she was 12. She eventually married Hugh Foss, well known in Scottish Country Dance circles and helped him in his work, especially in the early days of the Chelsea Reel Club. After her husband's death eight years ago she continued to take an interest in Scottish Country Dancing but latterly she suffered from a long and painful illness and died in January, 1978.

MISS M. LILIAN ROSS, M.A.

Within little more than three years, the Glasgow Branch has mourned the loss of three Founder Members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Dr. Milligan, Honorary President of the Branch, Miss Marguerite Kenyon, Honorary Vice-President, and now Miss Ross, our second Honorary Vice-President.

A woman of high intelligence and answering loyalty to the Branch, Miss Ross's last contributions to its work were the simple and sincere tributes to her two friends, Dr. Milligan and Miss Kenyon, which she wrote for the Glasgow Newsletter.

Like these friends, Miss Ross is well-known outwith her own Branch. To many who met her only at Summer School, she was affectionately named "The Tea Lady," whose quiet guidance and pawky humour kept her daily batch of volunteer helpers efficiently at work. The "Stone Court," we fear, may not be the same without her. Unforgettable, too, are her appearances at the weekly Ceilidhs, whether as a spectator placidly knitting socks, sometimes acting a masterly part in some hilarious item or acknowledging a well-earned gift with the drawled Glasgow reply: "Och, ye shouldnae hiv bothered."

But Miss Ross, throughout her fifty-five years membership of the Society, was a pioneer in many of its activities; one of the earliest teachers at Summer School, a competitor at Musical Festivals, later an adjudicator, and a very level-headed examiner. When H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, later the Duke of

Windsor, toured areas of acute unemployment in the early nineteen thirties, it was unemployed girls trained by Miss Ross who danced for him in a settlement in Glasgow.

Through her friend, Miss Jeannie Carmichael, the pioneer of Scottish Country Dancing in U.S.A., Miss Ross was the first from Scotland to teach there. Between June 1955 and March 1956, she taught classes (including a Certificate Class, though, being alone, she wasn't allowed to examine) in and around Boston, at Pinewoods and in Washington, Kansas City and Dayton, Ohio.

Like many others, I stood in considerable awe of Miss Ross till I penetrated the crust of her stern appearance and brusque manner to the sense of fair play and genuine kindness beneath. During the years of my service on the Glasgow Committee with Miss Milligan as Chairman and Miss Ross as Treasurer, I never once heard her react to opposition other than with dignity. A quiet, sometimes caustic remark of hers has grounded many a high-flown fancy and cooled many heated arguments.

Lilian, as she was known to her friends, continued to dance at the Tuesday Advanced Class till well into her eighties. It was fitting that such an enthusiastic and active member should, as Chairman of the Glasgow Branch in 1973, be a gracious hostess at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

I last heard from her in February of this year, when, in answer to a request for certain information for the Logbook of the Society, she characteristically replied at once by letter giving full details. She added: "I hope to be able to come to St. Andrews and see you all again."

It was not to be, but members all over the world will remember with gratitude not only Lilian's steady, loyal support, but also the fun of her gift for repartee.

"There's nothing worth the wear of winning
But laughter and the love of friends."

And she gave us both.

F.H.A.

JEAN SMITH MacDOUGALL

With deep sorrow, we report the untimely death of Jean Smith MacDougall, principal teacher and Past Chairman of Burlington Branch. Jean came from England to teach kindergarten at St. Catharines. She and her sister Isabel started the classes that were the foundation of St. Catharines Branch. Marriage to Ian MacDougall brought Jean to Hamilton and then to Burlington. She was a perceptive and dedicated teacher of S.C.D., who quietly but staunchly devoted her talents to the cause of S.C.D., to the limit of her strength.

Her "last full measure of devotion" gave Burlington Branch two motivated and thoroughly prepared new teachers who will carry on her work and ideals.

We mourn with Ian and their daughter Ann, and with them rejoice that we shared part of her life.

Burlington Branch, June 25, 1979.

MARY BRANIGAN NIXON

With the death of Mary Nixon in Winnipeg on January 5, 1979 the Teachers' Association has lost one of its charter members, known widely throughout North America as one of our most accomplished and popular teachers.

Born in Edinburgh, she trained in nursing and midwifery. In the early 1950's she came to Canada, settling in Hamilton, Ontario and for several years served as head nurse and clinical instructor in the Heanderson General Hospital. At the same time she became active in country dancing in the newly formed Hamilton Branch, RSCDS, and was one of the group of teachers in the Hamilton and Toronto area who founded the TAC in 1958.

In 1964 she married Archie Nixon and moved to Winnipeg where she continued to teach country dancing. Over the years she prepared a large number of candidates for teaching certificates of the RSCDS, and widely dispersed throughout North America are active teachers whom Mary trained. She was, for the first two years of the TAC Summer School at Kingston, in charge of the teacher candidate class. She was an inspiring teacher at many weekends and workshops.

Country dancing in North America is the poorer for the loss of this gracious, enthusiastic lady. Our sincere sympathy goes to her husband, Archie.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

4th NOVEMBER, 1978

MINUTES of the Forty-ninth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 4th November, 1978, at 2.30 p.m. in Jordanhill College of Education, Glasgow.

Present—The Earl of Mansfield (President), Mr D. Macleod (Chairman), Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) and an approximate attendance of 500 of whom 136 were delegates.

In the Chair—The Earl of Mansfield.

Apologies—Apologies were received from the Duke of Atholl, Sir Herbert Brechin, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton, Lt. Col. Colin Mitchell, Mr and Mrs R. J. Hunn, Mr D. Gillam, Mr T. G. Leggat, Miss M. McLaren, Miss M. L. Ross.

Chairman's Remarks—Lord Mansfield prefaced his remarks by saying how conscious he was of the honour the Society had done him in electing him as its President and how gratified he was to have achieved this position. In our modern Scottish Society, he said, Country Dancing had an essential part to play both in regard to the formation and to the preservation of what we were proud of as our essential Scottish character; that character had been for those past few hundred years transmitted to the whole world and it was gratifying to know in what high esteem we who hailed from this small country were held in many parts of the globe by the interest exhibited in all things Scottish. Scottish Country Dancing was among the most important of the Scottish exports. It was therefore, Lord Mansfield said, a matter of pride to him that the Society had honoured him by inviting him to be President.

As his first and pleasant duty the President read a message from Her Majesty the Queen who thanked the Executive Council and Members for their loyal greetings and sent her warmest good wishes to all concerned for a successful and enjoyable Meeting.

He then welcomed delegates to the meeting and said that a greater number of Overseas Branches were represented this year most of whom had selected delegates in the United Kingdom to represent them and he gave a particular welcome to those who had come directly from overseas to represent their Branches.

Minutes—Miss M. H. Anderson (representing Teachers Association, Canada) moved the adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on 5th November, 1977. The motion was seconded by Mr J. D. L. Gregor (Dunbartonshire West Branch) and the Minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr D. Macleod took the Chair.

Appointment of President—Miss B. A. Nairn (Perth and Perthshire Branch), seconded by Mr W. Clement (representing Northern Virginia Branch) proposed that the Earl of Mansfield be confirmed in the appointment of President. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Earl of Mansfield resumed the Chair.

Appointment of Honorary Vice-Presidents—Mr J. Murphy (Carlisle and District Branch) seconded by Miss M. Clark (Dunfermline Branch) moved confirmation of the appointments as Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society of The Duke of Atholl, Sir Herbert A. Brechin, Sir Donald Cameron of Lochiel, Lord Hugh M. Douglas-Hamilton, Lieut. Colonel Colin C. Mitchell, Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that ilk, and the Hon. Colin Tennant. Confirmation of these appointments was approved unanimously.

Election of Office-Bearers and Six Members of Executive Council for 1978-79—

- (a) **Chairman**: Mr Duncan Macleod (sole nominee) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (b) **Vice-Chairman**: Mr J. Taylor (sole nominee, Mr Gregor having withdrawn his nomination) was duly elected with the unanimous agreement of the delegates.
- (c) **Election of Six Members to the Executive Council**: The result of the voting for the Six Elected Members was as follows:

Miss D. Leurs	126 votes	} Elected
Miss L. Martin	122 "	
Mr A. Aitkenhead	119 "	
Miss I. Elliot	103 "	
Mrs N. Dunn	99 "	
Miss A. B. W. Mann	93 "	
Mr W. J. Ireland	86 "	Not Elected

Adoption of Annual Report—The Secretary, presenting the Annual Report which had been in the hands of delegates for some weeks recorded her appreciation of the co-operation of the printers responsible for the Bulletin, which had greatly helped towards its prompt distribution.

From the figures in the Report it would be seen that membership had increased by around 1,500 while the net increase in Branches was 2 and in Affiliated Groups 29. The Secretary said that an activity not mentioned in the Annual Report was the preparation of a pictorial log of the Society's activities from its inception onwards. Photographs and newspaper cuttings would therefore be welcomed from Branches, Groups or individuals for this purpose.

Mr W. Hamilton (representing the Hague and District Branch), seconded by Miss I. Mundie (Nottingham Branch) moved the adoption of the Annual Report. The Report was adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet—Presenting the Annual Accounts of the Society, Mr J. Taylor (Vice-Chairman) said that firstly he wished to correct the amount of the Record Library Fund as shown in the Balance Sheet as £64.90. This should have read £122.84 and the totals of the Liabilities and Assets Columns should be increased by the difference of £57.94.

Turning to the Revenue Account Mr Taylor said that increased membership subscriptions amounting to almost £1,000 was a clear indication of the growth of the Society. The income from Summer School 1977 was less than in the previous year due to increases in the charge by the University.

Interest on investments reached a record figure of £4,000 an increase of £1,000 over the previous year, which came largely from careful investment in short dated Government and Local Authority Loan and Stock.

Another good feature of the Accounts was the highest surplus we had ever had on our sales of publications arising mainly from the addition of new records, tapes, etc.

The total income for the year was £22,110 compared to £19,838 in the previous year. This was sufficient to cover the anticipated rise in our expenses, and the year ended with a surplus of £1,841 of which £500 was allocated to Overseas Travelling Expenses and £500 to the Staff Fund leaving a balance of £841 to add to our Capital Account.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Taylor said that we were continuing our policy of writing off by depreciation costs of Headquarters, Furniture and Fittings. Looking at the Liabilities side, the Capital Account stood at £24,957. The Life Membership Fund was not being added to now that we had changed

to Long Term Membership but it would be some years before the total amount was transferred to the Revenue Account and the fund wiped out. The Long Term Membership Fund was growing well as were our reserves for films and records and the examiners and teachers overseas travelling account. These reserves were a very essential part of the finances and gave us the backing we needed to meet contingencies and future development. We were still negotiating with the Customs and Excise about our V.A.T. liability and had put aside a sum in General Reserve should we not be successful in our negotiations.

Referring to the list of investments Mr Taylor said it was important to keep a percentage of our investment readily available for contingencies. The estimates for the year ended 30th June, 1979, were based on known facts as at 30th June, 1978, but did not include expenditure which might arise because of unforeseen changes in circumstances.

In moving the adoption of the Accounts he thanked the members of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer and the Staff at Headquarters and Miss Matheson, the Auditor.

Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch) seconded the motion and the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet were adopted unanimously.

Confirmation of Appointment of Auditor—Confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Miss M. A. Matheson, C.A., was proposed by Mrs C. L. Brodie (Edinburgh Branch), seconded by Mr W. A. Gray (South Wales Branch) and approved unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS—

Amendment to Constitution of Rules

The President intimated that the amendment submitted by Aberdeen Branch to the Amendment to the Constitution and Rules had been withdrawn by that Branch (after the Agenda had been printed and distributed) and it therefore remained to consider the motion to amend the Constitution proposed by the Hague and District Branch.

Mr W. Hamilton (representing the Hague and District Branch) seconded by Miss M. H. Anderson (representing the Teachers' Association Canada) moved that the Constitution and Rules of the Society be amended as follows:

Section VII, General Meetings, paragraph 9, fourth line—After 'ballot', insert:

"Postal voting at a General Meeting shall be permissible in the case of any overseas Branch which is unable either to send a delegate of its own or to nominate a delegate in the United Kingdom to attend on its behalf. Arrangements for postal voting shall be made by the Executive Council and it shall be the duty of the Chairman at the General Meeting to intimate the receipt of postal votes which shall be added to the votes of those delegates present as each motion is considered."

Mrs M. G. Parker (Ayr Branch) moved the direct negative, proposing that the Constitution should remain as it was. This motion was supported by Mrs L. Gaul (representing Hamilton (Ontario) Branch).

The motion to amend the Constitution and Rules was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

Annual General Meeting 1979—The President confirmed that the next Annual General Meeting would be held on Saturday, 3rd November, 1979 in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh.

In concluding the business, the President asked delegates to encourage their Branches to contribute to the Jean Milligan Memorial Fund which had just been established. He considered it would be an important part of the Society in the future, helping to record all that our Co-Founder had done for the Society and for Scottish Country Dancing in Scotland and overseas.

Donations had started to come in and Lord Mansfield mentioned the spontaneous gesture of the Tokyo and Yokohama Affiliated Group who had subscribed £75 to the Fund.

Vote of Thanks—Mr W. J. Ireland proposing the vote of thanks said the occasion and location held a certain piquancy for him as it was in Jordanhill College that he had completed his formal education in Scotland and had first come into contact with Miss Jean Milligan. He congratulated Glasgow Branch for the appropriate site and setting for the Tribute to Dr. Milligan and thanked Dr. Bone and members of the College for making this possible, and Sir Henry Wood and Bailie Marion Crawford for their speeches at the ceremony.

He thanked the Lord Provost and Glasgow District Council for their kindness and lavish nature of the reception for those attending the Meeting.

Thanks were due again to Dr. Bone and the College Authorities for the use of the Assembly Hall for the Meeting and the Ball. On behalf of the outgoing Executive, Mr Ireland thanked Glasgow Branch for the splendid lunch provided and on behalf of all those attending the Annual General Meeting he thanked the Branch for the wonderful reception and magnificent organisation. While tellers, stewards and MCs had all played their part he made special mention of the Branch Chairman, Miss Isobel Elliot and the Secretary, Miss Dorothy Paterson, who had done a tremendous amount of hard work throughout the past twelve months in preparation.

Mr Ireland took the opportunity to thank Headquarters Staff for the pleasant efficiency of the day to day running of the Society and made special mention of Mr. Duncan Macleod who had had a busy year as Chairman of the Executive Council and who had earned esteem and gratitude for taking over at Summer School this year.

Finally he warmly welcomed Lord Mansfield to the Society and hoped there would be further opportunities to meet him and thanked him for presiding at the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting closed at 4 p.m.

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