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## Annual Report

THE Royal Scottish Country Dance Society in its 1959 Annual Report aims at presenting a "bird's eye view" of all that has taken place throughout the year. The reports from the Branches show that there have been united efforts to arrange classes to serve the needs of their members, and as a means of arousing interest and recruiting new members demonstrations varying from the large scale to the small and intimate, have been organised. Undoubtedly a great deal has been done by Committees, teachers and other helpers in many parts of Britain and Overseas. The Society, however, is aware that there must be an ever continuous drive to attract new members and to maintain the interest of the present ones. At this time it is salutary to do a little stocktaking. Scottish country dancing is now well established as part of the curriculum in schools and in training colleges. The Society is also aware of its responsibility in providing a leisure time activity for those who have left school and in this way it has had considerable success even with the diversity of activities that are offered. It is heartening, therefore, that Scottish country dancing still retains its popularity. We know this by the numbers that attend the weekly classes, through the many requests for demonstrations at home and abroad, by the number of entries for the Scottish country dancing at Festivals and by the fact that the four week Summer School at St. Andrews is filled to capacity.

A satisfactory picture—If, however, we are to retain our present position, then we must improve it, as any Society which is static soon deteriorates. It is helpful to put our shortages or inadequacies side by side with our achievements. One inadequacy might be that we have not enough teachers. We know that our prosperity is rooted in having a good supply of well trained teachers and that we must never relax our efforts to achieve this. In the press and in educational journals a great deal of attention has been drawn to what is described as "the bulge", a term which denotes the very large number of girls and boys who will be leaving school in the next few years. In England, the Albermarle Committee has been formed to deal with the problems that confront the Youth Service and the Scottish Education Department means to set up in the near future a standing committee for this purpose. It is known now that the Department will be appealing to all national bodies and certainly to the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, to play their part in supplying attractive and worthwhile programmes for youth. If we are to play a significant part, then we need teachers whose insight and interest go far beyond enthusiasm and knowledge of dance—they must have the right outlook and be able to imbue young people with a proper sense of values.

Throughout the year the Society has received many messages of appreciation regarding programmes such as "The Kilt is My Delight," "Top Town," "White Heather Club." Never has it been so easy to put so much material before people in an attractive manner and through the sense of sight which most readily absorbs knowledge. The Scottish Country Dance programmes have delighted thousands. Their appearances have been excellent propaganda for the Society and we must congratulate all concerned. It is hoped that some of the many viewers who are not already members of classes may be inspired to feel in their own persons the release and delight that dancing can bring.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND AUTUMN SCHOOL.** The twenty-ninth Annual General Meeting was held in Glasgow on 8th November, 1958. Before the meeting members of the Executive Council were entertained to lunch by Glasgow Branch and this generous hospitality was very much appreciated. On Friday evening a Ball was held in the Plaza Ballroom and on Saturday evening there was a Dance in the Palace of Arts, Bellahouston. Classes were held during Saturday morning and after the Annual General Meeting Miss Milligan taught some of the newest of Mrs McNab's dances to a large number of members.

Glasgow Branch are to be congratulated on their efforts in making the week-end such a success.

**SALTIRE SOCIETY.** Members will be interested to know that Miss Milligan, Chairman of the Society and Co-Founder has been made an Honorary President of the Saltire Society. Miss Milligan, in accepting the office, stressed the fact that she considered the honour was one for the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

**TEACHER/EXAMINER IN SOUTH AFRICA.** On the invitation of the Executive Council Miss Margaret McLaren, Lecturer in Physical Education in Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow, went to South Africa in June to conduct teachers' training classes and examination and other classes in the Society's Branches, Cape Town, Ladysmith and Nairobi, as well as in districts where there are Scottish Country Dance groups. Early reports indicate that Miss McLaren's tour is being very successful and it is felt that as a result of her visit, fresh enthusiasm will be stimulated and many more people will become members.

**NEW PUBLICATION—BOOK 20.** The Society is pleased to offer to its members a new publication of twelve dances. The dances were submitted to the Publications Committee by Miss Milligan from a number she had collected previously. Miss Milligan also chose suitable tunes from traditional sources. The music has been arranged by Miss Winifred Carnie, L.R.A.M. Members who have paid a 1959/60 subscription which became due after 1st July, will receive a copy of the new book when it is published.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.** The Summer School held from 21st July to 17th August was again fully booked. The Executive Council takes this opportunity of thanking Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianist for all the work accomplished during the four weeks of the School.

**EXAMINATIONS.** During the year examinations have been held in the following centres; Ayr, Bath, Belfast, Birmingham, Cape Town, Edinburgh, Glasgow, London, Manchester and Nairobi; Examinations were also held in Anstey College of Physical Education, Birmingham; Craiglockhart R.C. Training College, Edinburgh; Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Aberdeen; Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow; Moray House Training College, Edinburgh; Notre Dame R.C. Training College, Glasgow and Scottish School of Physical Education, Glasgow.

In the Preliminary Test there were 188 passes and 28 failures; in the Teacher's Certificate there were 88 passes and 15 failures.

**MEMBERSHIP.** The membership of the Society is approximately 16,600 and there are now 90 Branches and 160 Affiliated Groups.

## Branch Reports

**ABERDEEN.** Secretary, Miss A. O. Cumming, 19 Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen.—Throughout the Session 5 Adult and 4 Children's Classes met weekly. The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking all teachers and pianists who made such a success of these classes.

A demonstration class instructed by Miss B. Anderson met fortnightly on Thursdays. From January to March 1959 this class was declared open to advanced dancers also.

In September a Refresher Class was held on the No. 5 Mrs Macnab Selection and the other new dances done at St Andrews. This class was taken by Miss Yeats and Miss Martin.

As in former years the Branch provided pianists and adjudicators for the Senior Youth Clubs' Scottish Country Dance Competition.

One very enjoyable Ball was held in Beach Ballroom in February.

At the 1959 Scottish Country Dance Festival there was an all time record of 188 teams. At this the Branch was represented by 6 Adult and 9 Children's Teams. The Adult teams each gained an honours diploma and carried off the trophies in every class they entered.

The Scottish Country Dance Club completed its eighth year. Many pleasant evenings were spent on social dancing but a slight decrease in membership and visitors caused it to finish with a slight deficit.

As in 1958 the Aberdeen Branch was asked to provide teams of dancers to take part in the "Jimmy Shand" show in H. M. Theatre. The Branch was also represented in "Top Towns" by a mixed team.

**ADELAIDE.** Secretary, Mr E. N. S. Jackson, 46 Tusmore Avenue, Tusmore, South Australia.—Membership of this Branch has remained fairly stable. It is pleasing to see that our neighbour group at the satellite town of Elizabeth became affiliated during the year. The group at Elizabeth and ourselves have kept in close contact. Each club made one visit to a dance of the other last year. We found this much fun and benefit to all concerned—in the interchange of ideas and opportunity to try out dances that the other club had found most enjoyable.

A number of demonstrations were given and received very warmly. For this, and for keeping our members up to the mark with their "footwork" we must thank our able instructress Mrs M. Goldie.

**AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Mrs Joyce B. G. Wyatt, B.Sc., 13 Cairnhill Avenue, Airdrie, Lanarkshire.—The membership of the Branch for this year was 156 and 1 honorary member. The Monday class had a membership of 74 and the Tuesday class had 45, 6 of these enrolling at the beginning of the second half-year.

The children's classes had a membership of 168, and Miss Dalzell found two teams of dancers from her older members, who gave demonstrations at various functions. The Committee decided to supply these teams with sashes and brooches from the Branch Funds. On 10th April the children again gave a display of dancing to their parents.

**ANNAN.** Secretary, Mrs B. M. Richardson, The Bungalow, Summergate Road, Annan.—Although there has been a further slight decrease in the number of members, the classes have been well attended. Two classes were held during the session.

Unfortunately the social activities of the Branch have been greatly curtailed during the past year owing to the difficulty of finding a suitable hall in which to hold social evenings.

Our Highland Ball, held in March, was a most enjoyable and successful one.

**ARBROATH.** Secretary, Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath, Angus.—We have had a very successful year and the total membership is 243, which includes 17 life members.

Weekly classes were run at Arbroath, Brechin, Kirriemuir and Montrose during the session. All the classes were well attended and the social spirit was much in evidence. Annual Balls were held at the four centres and were well attended and enjoyed by many members and visitors from neighbouring centres.

**AUCHTERARDER.** Secretary, Mr Ian L. G. Garrie, Larchfield, Auchterarder.—In spite of a drop in membership the classes held throughout the session were well attended on the whole. During the period under review two dances were held—the second one proving the more successful. It was hoped however that increased interest would be shown in Scottish Country Dancing next season, and that the membership would reach a higher figure.

Miss C. R. Duff who has acted as President for many years intimated her retiral, which was received with general regret. Besides being an office-bearer she also acted as a most efficient teacher of the class until a few years ago. She will continue to be associated with the Branch. Miss Goodall, Perth, also intimated that she would not be available next year as teacher. Mrs H. C. Hunter, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, relinquished office after several years capable service, and all were thanked for their services.

**AYR.** Secretary, Miss J. Matheson, 48 Westwood Avenue, Mainholm, Ayr.—The autumn of 1958 saw Ayr Branch celebrate its Silver Jubilee. Ayr Branch has no cause to "look back in anger." On the contrary, it looks back to those early days with reminiscent enjoyment and with sincere affection towards its founder members, many of whom are still blithely dancing. Naturally, we had a party. Miss Milligan was unfortunately prevented by indisposition from joining us, but Ayr members and many friends from neighbouring Branches (Duns and District well to the fore, though hardly a neighbouring Branch!) packed the Town Hall for a happy, informal evening. Our President, Miss K. M. Wilson, in her speech contrasted "then and now," an anonymous senior member donated a Silver Jubilee cake, our teams demonstrated and Mrs Assur and her Players supplied the music. In October, our Week-end School was very successful and notable for its happy, friendly atmosphere. We were pleased to have Miss Milligan back in Ayr—this time, primarily, as Chief Mechanic of The Black Mill—and we were also captivated by Miss Nan Shaw from Belfast and her Irish Dancing. Classes taken by Mr Jackie Johnstone and Mr Bill Little were, as always, very popular and very much enjoyed.

Our two Branch Adult Classes were well attended and we increased our Childrens' Classes from five to six. Our Demonstration Teams coached by Grace MacArthur were in constant demand, and this year probably contacted a wider cross-section of the public than ever they had done before. A Certificate class was held under the auspices of the Ayrshire Education Authority and three candidates gained the Preliminary Certificate and four members passed the full examination.

So with a busy and happy year ended, and with a loyal and enthusiastic membership, Ayr Branch faces with serene confidence, the next twenty-five years ahead.

**AYRSHIRE, East.** Secretary, Mr J. T. Watt, 27 Wylie Crescent, Cumnock, Ayrshire.—We have just completed our first year as a Branch of the Society, and a successful year it has been. Our membership has grown steadily and now numbers 74. Unfortunately, Mr Wilson, our Chairman and also one of the founders of this Branch, had to leave us when he took an appointment outside the district. However, we are most fortunate in our new Chairman, Mr Steele, who has carried on the good work,

Our class attendance averages 36 members per night and such is the enthusiasm under our instructor Mr McCummont that we now have a Demonstration Team. The team has carried out several engagements in the latter part of the season and from enquiries to date it is going to be in demand in the coming season.

With such prospect ahead we look forward to a successful second year in the Society.

**AYRSHIRE, North-West.** Secretary, Mrs N. Dunlop, Bradda, Fairlie.—The past year had a most memorable prelude when, in July, a mixed team representing the Branch had the honour of dancing before the Queen and Prince Philip at the opening of the National Recreation Centre in Largs

In December, we celebrated the Tenth Birthday of the Branch with a Ball in the Marine Hotel, Largs, at which we were delighted to welcome visitors from neighbouring branches and several distinguished guests, not least among them, Miss Milligan. Easter and Summer Dances have also been held, as well as regular Monthly Dances throughout the district. At most of these, the music of Newlands' Band was greatly appreciated.

The Children's Class in Saltcoats continued its excellent progress under Miss Hughes and Mrs Baillie was responsible for the successful first year of a Children's Class in Largs. Both these teachers produced very commendable demonstrations at the end of the session and from the Saltcoats Class two teams were entered for the Ayrshire Festival, coming third and fourth in their sections. In December, a Children's Ball in Ardrossan proved very popular. Under the direction of Mr Aitkenhead, an Adult Class was started. A section for beginners encouraged new dancers and an advanced section benefited the standard of dancing in the Branch.

Four teams were chosen and entered for Festivals. A Ladies' Team was awarded the Edinburgh-Renfrewshire Shield at the Renfrewshire Festival and two Ladies' Teams and a Mixed Team gained a second and two third places against excellent competition at the Ayrshire Festival.

The membership of the Branch rose to 480, including 7 Life Members.

**BANFFSHIRE.** Secretary, Miss Jean Bruce, 54 Well Road, Buckie, Banffshire.—It is with regret that once again Banffshire shows a downward trend regarding membership of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Portessie and Macduff are still the strongholds and we sincerely trust that the keen interest they show will encourage others.

The revival of the Banffshire Music Festival has given encouragement to the younger generation and this is what we want as without the young folks interest the movement would soon die out.

As far as the Social side goes the year was most successful. Rallies were well attended at Buckie, Portessie, Macduff, Keith and Banff. Functions at Fochabers, Elgin and Lossiemouth were also well attended by Banffshire members.

**BATH.** Secretary, Lieut.-Com. A. J. Towers, R.N., Petersfield, Monkton Farleigh, Nr. Bradford-on-Avon, Wilts.—Three classes have been held with good attendance, and it is intended to increase to four in order to provide additional scope and capacity.

Branch membership has remained substantially constant over the last year or so, but the unusually large attendance and animated discussion at the recent Annual General Meeting augured well for vigorous expansion.

The Annual Ball, Family and informal dances were held as before and were well supported.

Mr John Baker had the honour of dancing before H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother at Badminton in April.



**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.** Secretary, Miss D. D. Martin, 17 Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—Our Branch has had another good season with a record number of members on the Register. We have run classes Advanced, Intermediate, Beginners, Children and teenage members. The total membership of the adult classes was 94; Teenage and Children's Classes 88.

Our Annual Ball was a great success and we again organised a second dance to close the season, which proved extremely popular.

The Junior section held a "Parent's Night Party" to wind up their session. This was a great success and was so well attended by parents and friends that we will have to consider taking a larger hall to accommodate this annual event next year.

We were also asked to send a demonstration team to one or two functions run by other organisations. The teams were very popular and we have been asked to make return visits another year.

**BIRMINGHAM.** Secretary, Miss J. Smith, 318 Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 5. The number of fully paid members rose to 178 (including 28 Life Members) an increase of 12 over the previous year.

On Tuesday, 17th March, Miss Milligan visited the Branch for the first time, addressed members and friends in her inimitable way, and conducted a short session of social dancing afterwards, which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

The weekend school held at Lilleshall Hall in January, again proved very successful. The accommodation was very limited and as the applications exceeded the available places, it was regretted that some of the applicants were disappointed. Excellent tuition was provided by Mrs Gudger and we are indebted to Miss H. G. Jones who deputised for Miss Thompson at very short notice.

The usual monthly socials took place and were fairly well attended. The Annual Dance held at Smethwick Baths, proved to be a delightful venue—the hall, catering and band were all excellent.

During the year, the demonstration group took part in the competitive festivals at Nuneaton and Leamington and in the non-competitive festival of Music and Dance run by the C.C.P.R. at Leicester. The mixed team was included in a triple tie for first place at Nuneaton and the Ladies Team won the Ainsworth Cup at Leamington.

During the year two members of the Branch were successful in obtaining the Full Teachers Certificate and seven members obtained the Preliminary Certificate.

Mr Andrew Grant, our Chairman has been invited to instruct at this year's Summer School at St Andrews. This is the first time a member of the Birmingham Branch has received this honour.

**BOSTON.** Secretary, Mrs M. E. Klinteberg, 6 Chestnut Street, Boston, 8, Mass., U.S.A.—Membership 159, under the leadership of Jeannie R. B. Carmichael.

Classes have been held weekly from September to June with instruction on elementary, intermediate and advance levels, with 35 to 40 members in attendance. Miss Carmichael has also led the classes in Worcester, Massachusetts and New York. The New York group has now been recognized as a new Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society and we extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes for their continued success. Early in June, Miss Carmichael taught at a workshop in West Virginia, organized by former Boston members Joe and Gwyn Blundon.

Demonstrations have been given at the Highland Games, Jordan Marsh Department Store, Apollo Club Christmas Party, Caledonian Club Burns Night Party, New England Folk Festival, Boston Arts Festival, Grand Clans of North America Convention, Newport Folk Festival.

A reception was held for the Scots Guards when they visited Boston last fall. We had a special class in Boston following his workshop weekend in New York with Bobby Watson of Scotland.

We have issued regularly this part season a news sheet, *Tartan Times*. This paper was organized by Hugh Thurston about four years ago and has continued sporadically until this year with John Mitchell as editor, coming out more regularly.

Our annual weekend at Pinewoods Camp, near Plymouth was held July 24th to 26th with 116 in attendance. Mrs McNab of Vancouver, B.C. was a member of the teaching staff which included William Clark of Hamilton, Matthew Sutherland of Toronto, Douglas Cook of New York and Jean Tufts of Exeter, New Hampshire and Marianne Taylor of Lexington, Mass.

**CALLANDER and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Miss A. M. Duff, 6 Lea Green, Deanston.—This is a newly formed Branch with a total membership of 75. The area covered by the Branch is a very scattered one, making contact between the classes quite difficult, but each class held a social function and they were all well supported. Previous to the formation of the Branch there had been privately run classes in each place, and some continued in this way, but next winter it is hoped that more will be run as Royal Scottish Country Dance Society classes. The scarcity of certificated teachers is the biggest problem in this area and the nearest centre is still rather far out for anyone to attend.

**CAPE TOWN.** Secretary, Mrs S. Mackenzie, Stranraer, Malleson Road, Mowbray, Cape Town.—The membership for the year remains stable and the average attendance at classes was approximately half the number of members.

Social functions included the End of Term Dance, the Annual Dinner-Dance and the Christmas Party which were all well attended. Dances were held to raise funds for the School Feeding Scheme; also to send Miss Liska Revington to the United States for a heart operation.

The 1959 Winter School is to be held in Cape Town from June 29th to July 10th at the S.A.C.S. Junior School, Newlands. We are lucky in gaining the services of Miss Margaret McLaren, of the Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow, who is coming out from Scotland to be our teacher/examiner. Miss M. H. Gibson has been training candidates for their preliminary test. Our thanks go to her for all the hard work and time she has put into it.

All members are working hard to raise funds and to make the 1959 school a success.

Those attending the Winter School will be coming from N'Dola, Pietermaritzberg, Pinetown, Ladysmith, Bloemfontein, East London and Cape Town. There will be about 15 members to take their teachers certificate and 7 for their preliminary test. Good luck to all those to be examined.

**CARLISLE and BORDER.** Secretary, Miss R. I. Lattimer, 211 Brampton Road, Carlisle.—The Branch now has a membership of 138, composed of 124 Annual Members and 14 Life Members, which is a slight increase over last year's figures.

During the season, 16 Advanced and 20 General Classes were held, the latter proving so popular that the season was extended until the end of May by running social dancing on a number of evenings after Easter. The Branch was very pleased to welcome Mr Johnstone back as Teacher after his illness. 32 Children's Classes, 10 Social Evenings and 3 Dances were also held. A Weekend School was held in February, with Mrs F. D. Lesslie as Instructress, and the annual Highland Ball was held in April, the music for which was provided by Tim Wright's Band.

Teams from the Branch competed in the Carlisle Musical Festival, with a number of successes, particularly the Adult Mixed Team who won the cup presented for the best performance of the evening. Teams from the Branch also competed in the Dumfries Musical Festival.

Attendance of Branch members at both classes and social functions decreased during the season, but it is hoped that Branch activities will receive better support during the coming year.

**CARNOUSTIE.** Secretary, Miss Mary Maguire, Craiglea, 34 Collier Street, Carnoustie.—The membership of the Branch during the past season has been 33 and 1 Life Member—this is about the same as last year. Although the membership was small the class was well attended and most enjoyable.

This session the Adult General Class was run under the Further Education of the Angus Council Committee. A dance was held in December, and the class finished the session in March with a party.

The Juvenile Class concluded the session on 1st April by a Display of Dancing to parents and friends.

**CASTLE DOUGLAS.** Secretary, Miss E. H. Craik, 23 Academy Street, Castle Douglas.—The Branch membership for the past year was similar to previous years and a notable thing was that the average attendance was well up on last year. Both Adult and Junior Link Classes were held weekly with Mr and Mrs Little in charge of the former and Mr Little and Mrs Walker in charge of the latter. The Branch repeated last year and held a Concert on 20th February of Music, Song, Verse and Dance. This was well supported and greatly appreciated by all who attended.

The Branch gained all top places in Open Section at the Galloway Festival, held at Kirkcudbright in March. The Spring Dance was held on 3rd April.

We are very grateful to the Education Authority for allowing us the use of the Primary School Hall for both classes.

**CHELTENHAM.** Secretary, Mr George Williams, 6 Fawley Drive, Prestbury, Cheltenham.—We have had a very successful first year as a Branch with a membership of 108. Three adult classes and on children's class have been held weekly, and we have held informal dances every two months. In February we were fortunate in having Bill Ireland instruct us at a Week-end School, which was very enjoyable and very well attended.

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE.** Secretary, Miss Robina Gillies, 8 Queen Street, Alloa.—There was a slight decrease in the number of members during the past session but classes have been well attended and had a successful season.

The County Dance held in Devonvale Hall, Tillicoultry, in December was a success, numerically, socially and financially. Our difficulty was that we were unable to supply tickets to all who wanted them.

Next session we intend to have two combined dances—one before Christmas in Alloa, the other in March in Tillicoultry.

**DOLLAR.**—This class met in Dollar Public School from October to March. Two big dances were held in the St Columba Church Hall—the one at Christmas being a Carnival Dance. Half-way through each term the class had a party night.

**TILlicoultry.**—Membership showed a slight increase and we were well represented at the Annual County Dance. Social evenings were held at the end of each term and were thoroughly enjoyed by members and friends.

**ALLOA.**—Class attendance throughout the year was very good. An enjoyable Christmas Dance was held for members and friends. At the end of the season a dance was held for class funds. The catering was supplied by the members and a successful and enjoyable evening brought the session's work to a close.

**DERBY.** Secretary, Miss D. M. Welburn, Meadow View, Smedley Street East, Matlock, Derbyshire.—The Branch had a successful season although numbers in the adult classes were slightly less. A very enjoyable dance was held in the autumn and our Third Birthday Party was most successful. We now look forward to another good season, with our big dance with Jimmy Shand and his band in the autumn.

**DUMFRIES.** Secretary, Mrs J. H. Henderson, Braeside, Moffat Road, Dumfries.—This session has seen an increase in our numbers, and in every way has proved very

successful and enjoyable. In the summer a team of dancers from this Branch visited Holland and Germany and finished off their tour by dancing at the British Industries Pavilion at the Brussels World Fair. Our team made two television appearances in "The Kilt is My Delight" programme, and gave many demonstrations throughout the year. At Carlisle, Ayr and Dumfries Musical Festivals all teams (including one from the Junior Link) entered were very successful. The classes have been well attended and we had the privilege of having Miss Milligan teach at our week-end school. All social evenings were very popular and the Burns Bi-Centenary Ball was an outstanding success.

**DUNBARTONSHIRE.** Secretary, Miss L. Meikle, 61 James Street, Helensburgh.—The Branch continued to make progress during 1958-59. Our membership has increased to 175 including 2 Life Members. The attendance at the Branch Classes (Elementary and General) was most satisfactory, showing an increase on last year's attendance. At an examination in Glasgow one of our members gained the Teacher's Certificate. The Demonstration Team gave several demonstrations in an around Helensburgh, which were appreciated by our hosts. The four dances and Junior Dance held in various centres of our district were very popular, and at our Ball held in Helensburgh in October, the maximum number of dancers and spectators enjoyed the music of Ian Powrie and his Band. In February the Branch presented a concert of dancing, music and verse which was most successful.

**DUNDEE.** Secretary, Miss Helen F. Crighton, 317 Blackness Road, Dundee.—The Branch has had a satisfactory year, socially and financially. There has been a slight drop in membership. This now stands at 483 and includes 154 Life Members.

Four adult classes and one junior class were held weekly during the session and all were well attended and greatly enjoyed. Demonstrations have been in demand at various functions during the year and in all eleven displays were given. Teams were also provided for broadcasting bands at the Dundee B.B.C. Studio.

The Annual Ball held in March was again an outstanding success and we were pleased to have with us members from neighbouring branches. An informal dance was held in May. Music at both dances was provided by The Olympians Dance Band.

The Club run in conjunction with the Branch continues to provide weekly social dancing. The Club has again had a full membership and there is a waiting list of about 30.

At the Branch Annual General Meeting held in May, Mr George Sharpe relinquished office as Branch Chairman, an office he has held with great satisfaction to Branch members for eight years. Mr George Mehan has been elected Chairman for the current year with Mr Sharpe as Vice-Chairman.

It was a great pleasure to have Mr Sharpe elected to the Office of Vice-Chairman of the parent Society. In congratulating Mr Sharpe, we feel it is not only a great honour to him but also an honour to the Branch.

**DUNFERMLINE.** Secretary, Mrs J. A. Couper, 87A Brucefield Avenue, Dunfermline.—The Branch has again had a most successful year, with a membership of 20 Life Members and 188 Annual Members, which is an increase of 69 on last year. The Junior Mixed Class was continued as well as adult classes for Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced dancers, the Intermediate Class being resumed after a lapse of a few years. It was most encouraging to see so many male dancers in the various classes, particularly in the Beginners' Class.

The Demonstration Group had another busy session, taking part in numerous local entertainments as well as dancing at the St Andrew's Night concerts of the Falkirk Choral Society. At the time of writing we look forward to sending a team to dance in one of the special afternoon concerts in the Pitlochry Festival Theatre, when we share the programme with the Linn Choir, Glasgow. In this year's syllabus of eight concerts ours is the only team which comes from a Branch of the Society.

At the Perthshire Festival our mixed teams won the Bronze Statuette and also the Silver Quaich for the Premier Class, this being the first year in which both trophies have been won by the Branch simultaneously. We are grateful to Mrs Corson, of Edinburgh, for coaching the festival teams.

On the social side, three Guest Nights were held as well as a Christmas and a Closing Dance and on every occasion the demand for tickets exceeded the supply. We were, however, very pleased to welcome to these functions friends from Perth and Kirkcaldy Branches and from many neighbouring classes and our only regret is that all who wished to attend could not be accommodated.

**DUNS and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Miss M. A. Rae, Penrhyl, St. Abbs, Eyemouth.—The year just finished has been a most successful one. Classes have been well attended and every function most satisfactorily supported. We held dances at Earlston, Chirnside, Eyemouth and Duns while smaller parties in almost every village in Berwickshire were equally enjoyed. The music for all these dances was provided by our local band led by the Mitchell Brothers. The numbers for the Annual Ball were comfortably accommodated in the Drill Hall, Duns when music was by Lindsay Ross and his band.

The Residential weekend at Coldingham and St Abbs again proved most popular. Enthusiasts from both sides of the Border enjoyed the grand classes by Miss Milligan, Mrs Gudger and Miss Richardson. The company was good and the weather perfect.

In June we were able to hold our Open-air Dance on the Putting Green at Duns Park—an excellent setting for a very happy gathering.

Once again we are striving to give a mass Demonstration during Duns Reiver's Week and again at the Berwickshire Agricultural Show and look forward to our usual favoured weather for such occasions.

It was good to hear from two of our members now in New Zealand and to learn that they are still enthusiastic Scottish Country Dancers.

**EAST LOTHIAN.** Secretary, Miss Helen F. Clark, 236 High Street, Prestonpans.—The Branch has enjoyed another successful year and we are happy to report a further increase of 22 in the membership, which makes the numbers as follows: 3 Life Members and 180 Annual Members.

Our programme during the season took the usual form of dances held in a different part of the county each month and these were well attended considering the travelling difficulties experienced by some members. A class of instruction by Mrs Lesslie was much appreciated and very enjoyable.

Requests are still being received for copies of our "Haddington Assembly" and we are glad to know that this Dance has proved to be such a popular one.

**EAST SURREY—WEST KENT.** Secretary, Miss J. Harmer, 50 Blackhorse Lane, Addiscombe, Surrey.—The Branch membership has declined.

Classes in connection with the Branch are now held in Croydon, Norwood, West Wickham, Sanderstead, Reigate and New Malden. This year a Hogmanay Dance was held in Croydon. The Summer Dance took the form of an open air dance.

One member has obtained her First Certificate and one member her Full Certificate.

Seven Oaks Festival entries were made in both children and adult sections. It was pleasing to note the promising start made by the children. A Certificate of Honour was awarded to one of the mixed teams from Horley.

**ECCLEFECHAN.** Secretary, Miss J. M. G. Kerr, Tullich Lodge, Middlebie, by Lockerbie.—Although our membership has been small this year, classes were held weekly, we have had an enjoyable year. A very successful Highland Ball was held in December being well supported by other Branches and we finished the season with a Social. We look forward to 1959-60 season, preparations for which are now well in hand.

**EDINBURGH.** Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 35 Dundas Street, Edinburgh, 3.—Annual membership remains about 1,550 while life membership has risen to 180. 23 classes a week were held during the session, including three mixed classes for Junior Associates at varying age groups.

Well over 100 demonstrations were given during the year, including several appearances in the T.V. programme "The Kilt is my Delight" and many Civic Receptions. Throughout the summer season of entertainments in Princes Street Gardens we have supplied a teacher and display team to assist the public in open-air dancing every Tuesday and alternate Saturday evenings.

In January, dancers of the Branch spent a happy evening with a visiting party of Swedish folk-dancers demonstrating and trying out each others' dances. So successful was our informal get-together that it was followed by an invitation to visit Sweden, and arrangements for a tour of the west coast of Sweden in August were far advanced before a fire in the village of Lysikel necessitated its cancellation for this year.

Our diary has quite an international aspect this year for, in addition to the Swedish tour, we have accepted invitations to send a team to Antwerp in November for the Flemish Tourist Association Festival, and to Nice next Spring for the Centenary celebrations of that town's incorporation into France.

Two Annual Balls were again held this year; the Ladies Ball in January and the Mixed Ball in March. At the Mixed Ball we were honoured by the presence of our President, the Countess of Elgin and of Sir Ian and Lady Johnson-Gilbert, the Lord and Lady Provost of Edinburgh.

For the sixth year in succession "An Edinburgh Fancy" will be staged for 10 performances during the Edinburgh International Festival. This year again we offer another assortment of the tried ingredients; verse-speaking by Ian Gilmour and Meta Forrest, singing by Duncan Robertson, piping by William Clement and dancing in period and modern dress. We are always pleased to see the many Society members and parties from other Branches who attend the show, especially the final performance.

**ELGIN.** Secretary, Miss M. G. L. Christopher, "Tor View", 25 Young Street, Elgin.—Although there has been a slight decrease in the membership of our Branch we have had quite a successful year. To all appearances our Monthly Social Evenings seem to be as popular as ever.

A delightful evening was enjoyed on the 17th October when we held a dance with Lindsay Ross and his Band.

**FORFAR.** Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 125 Glenclova Terrace, Forfar.—The Branch has had a successful year with a total membership of 133, including 25 Life Members. The classes were well attended and monthly Social Evenings were still a feature.

Our Annual Dance was held in December and it was supported greatly by neighbouring Branches.

Throughout the year our members attended Dances held by adjacent Branches and Centres.

**FORRES.** Secretary, Miss Margaret M. Ross, "Morven", Castle Street, Forres.—This year the membership of the Forres Branch has remained at 80.

At our Christmas Party we said good-bye to our Secretary, Miss B. Macdonald, who was leaving the town.

A successful dance was held in March, when friends from near-by towns attended.

This year the Branch has been asked for teams to demonstrate in the local hotels, and our two teams have enjoyed themselves dancing for American tourists and Summer visitors.

**FORT WILLIAM.** Secretary, Miss J. M. Henderson, 24 Glenkingie Terrace, Caol, Fort William.—The Branch has had a very successful and enjoyable Session with numbers on the increase.

Demonstration Teams danced at The Lochaber Agricultural Show, at a Barbecue organised by the Spean Bridge Village Council and even as far afield as Invergarry and Invermoriston. Members of the Branch travelled to Kinlochleven to take part in open air Country Dancing, at the North Lorn Council Sports.

Two very enjoyable Late Nights were held during the Session and the Branch Dinner Dance during the Festive Season once again proved very successful. To each of these functions the Branch was pleased to welcome members of other Branches and Clubs in the district.

The Children's Class proved to be most popular so much so, that it was found necessary to divide it into three groups. The Christmas Party and the Parents' night at the end of the Session were very much enjoyed.

Three members attended the Summer School at St. Andrews.

Branch Members would like to express their thanks to teachers and musicians on whom they so greatly depend.

**FRIOCKHEIM.** Secretary, Mr W. Macpherson, Castle Street, Friockheim, Angus.—The Members Class was cancelled last year and a large class (80) of juniors was enrolled, and proved most successful. A special class of seniors was held for display dancing and again proved very successful and popular throughout the North-east of Scotland. They never refused an invitation to demonstrate for any charity. The senior class will be resumed this year.

**GATEHOUSE OF FLEET.** Secretary, Miss D. E. Johnstone, High Auchenlarie, Gatehouse of Fleet, Castle Douglas.—The past season has been very successful and most enjoyable. Our grateful thanks to Mr W. Little, our teacher for his untiring efforts—and to Mrs Stewart, our pianist.

This year a Junior Link was formed, which was taken by our President, and proved very popular.

The highlight of the season was, of course, our Week-end School held in the new Ballroom of the Royal Hotel, Kirkcudbright, when we were again honoured by a visit from Miss Milligan. We held a dance on the Friday evening, at which Miss Milligan was present, which was well attended, both by our own members, and members from surrounding branches. Two classes were taken by Miss Milligan on the Saturday, which were well attended and proved most instructive. We were indebted to Mrs Rae, Castle Douglas, for providing the music.

In December the Branch again held a very enjoyable Christmas Party for members and their friends. At our end of season dance, to which neighbouring branches were invited, our President had two very pleasant duties to perform. Presentations were made to Miss M. Murray (on the occasion of her marriage) our Secretary for a number of years, and to Miss C. Mackinnon, our Treasurer.

Quite a few demonstrations were given during the year. Teams were again entered for the Galloway Festival, held this year in Kirkcudbright and the Dumfriesshire Festival. In both these Festivals we gained very high marks.

**GLASGOW.** Secretary, Mr Duncan Macleod, "Rosedale," 32 Urrdale Road, Glasgow, S.1.—A very busy year has once again been completed, a year in which we were pleased to welcome members from other branches on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Society. We enjoyed your company and apologise for the unfortunate circumstances at the Buffet on the Saturday night, but these were completely outwith our control. Our Branch Classes have been very successful, as were our monthly dances and our two

Balls. Demonstration Teams were again very active and apart from the normal trend of functions teams appeared on two separate weeks in the Empire Theatre, and also took part in the B.B.C. Television Show "White Heather Club." Miss Florence Adams completed her third year as Branch Chairman and was succeeded by Mr Wm. Cross.

**HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE.** Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton.—The past year was a highly successful one for our Branch. Once again we had a slight increase in membership, the figure now standing at 542, including 30 Life Members.

There is no lack of enthusiasm and all the Branch classes were well attended, except for a short spell early in the year, when the influenza epidemic was at its height. There has been a considerable increase in the number of gentlemen dancers, and we look forward to welcoming more male recruits next year.

Class parties were too numerous to mention, but our main programme was composed of five Branch parties, the Annual Ball, a Couples' Dinner Dance, and a Couples' Dance. All of these were most enjoyable in spite of the fact that it has become quite a problem to know how to cope with the numbers wishing to attend the parties.

**HAMILTON (Ontario).** Secretary, Mr Jim Buchanan, 95 Fairholt Road South, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.—The season opened last September with Dr Bob Smith at the helm, and our attendance has been consistent throughout the year on Thursday evenings, our Intermediate class night.

The Erin Week-end was not quite so well attended last year as we might have hoped but all the participants enjoyed every minute of their stay—in particular the Saturday night dance, which was attended by some 70 visitors to the camp.

The Ball was, as it usually is, the highlight of the season, but the highlight of the Ball was undoubtedly the presentation by Mr Bill Clark, our instructor, of his latest composition "Gateside House," performed by his team "The Scotia Dancers." The dance was dedicated to one of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs Wm. Hendrie, whose residence, "Gateside House," was taken for the name of the dance. Mr Clark had presented the dance to the Branch in February and it was cloaked in secrecy for the following eight weeks till the Ball. The proceeds of the dance will go to our Miss Jean Matheson Memorial Fund. Mr Clark's first composition "Miss Jean Matheson" is now published by Rae McIntosh & Co. of Edinburgh in the U.K. and is available through this Branch for the Dollar Zone.

The Branch has unfortunately lost the services of three excellent men during the season, last year's Secretary, Mr G. Wilson, who has been appointed Assistant Professor to Pennsylvania State University; Mr Bill Clark, our instructor, who has had to retire from the fray due to his recent promotion with I.B.M., and Mr Hugh (Uncle Dudley) McKellor, our Treasurer, who has had to retire from his battle with the cash, under Doctor's orders.

For the first time in the history of the Branch, six classes were under our instructors' guidance, Basic, Intermediate, Advanced and Teachers, all being held at the Conservatory of Music on James Street South; and two other groups, one at Dunnville and a Girl Guide Group in the city.

We had the pleasure of demonstrating for the Brantford Arts Council last August, in the perfect setting of the wooded lawns of Glynhurst House, a delightful experience for the team and then in February our presence was requested by the Ontario Agricultural College for their Conversat. It was the official opening of the new gymnasium (positively palatial) decorated inside and out (and it was below zero outside) as an old Scottish castle. These are but a few of the demonstrations done by the members throughout the season, we had many more and our motto is quickly becoming "Have shoes—will dance!"



**INVERNESS.** Secretary, Mrs M. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—The Branch membership showed a slight decrease from last year. Our three classes were very well attended throughout a happy and enjoyable session.

**KILMARNOCK and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Miss A. Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—This has been a happy dancing year and our numbers remain about the same. While our November dance was not so well attended the March one was most successful.

Various demonstrations were given during the Winter, and were much enjoyed.

We look forward to the new session and hope to welcome old and new members.

**KINLOCHLEVEN.** Secretary, Mrs D. MacDonald, 12 Lochaber Road, Kinlochleven, Argyll.—We have had another successful season, gradually gaining in strength. Apart from the weekly classes a number of "late-nights" have been held in which clubs from Glencoe, Duror, Appin and the Nether Lochaber Branch have joined us. At one such gathering in April we were honoured by a visit from Miss Milligan. We were inspired by her enthusiasm, entertained by her stories and benefited from her instructions in the recently collected dances.

**KIRKCALDY.** Secretary, Miss Nancy J. Arnott, Lakeside, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.—Membership remains about the same, with 25 Life Members included. The usual classes were run and much enjoyed, *i.e.*, a Beginners', three Intermediate, and an Advanced. We were pleased to welcome in our classes Miss Jones from Toronto, and Miss Gernert from Munich.

The two Combined Class Nights were greatly enjoyed, and the Beginners expressed appreciation of the willing help given from older members. The Branch has always stressed the social side of Scottish Country Dancing.

In November the Branch again supported the Youth Pageant Committee's Dance. Our Annual Dance was held in February, when over 200 dancers attended, including friends from neighbouring branches.

Requests have come in for demonstrations during the summer at Broomhall Estate, in aid of Limekilns Church; at Ravenscraig Park, for the Scottish Industrial Sports Association; at the Leslie Church of Scotland Eventide Home; at the Leslie Agricultural Show, along with Leven Branch; and at Starks Park, for the World Pipe Band Championships, along with Leven and Dunfermline Branches.

We look forward to another successful season.

**LADYSMITH.** Secretary, Mr David G. Couper, P.O. Box 477, Ladysmith, Natal, S.A.—The inauguration of the Ladysmith Branch took place in January, 1959. 32 persons attended the first general meeting and the membership has since risen to 41. This is the first Branch of the Society in Natal, and only the second in the Union of South Africa.

Attendance at regular weekly classes has been good for so small a Branch, and the standard of dancing very satisfactory. Three of our members have been preparing to take the Teaching Certificate at the Winter School to be held in Cape Town in July, 1959. Social classes are also held for teenagers at the Ladysmith High School on the first and third Friday of every month. The average attendance is 60.

The Branch is proud to report that the Administrator of Natal, the Honourable Mr A. E. Trollip, has graciously consented to occupy the position of Honorary President.

During the last six months members of the Branch have been represented at five functions. The first was in February at the Ladysmith High School Bazaar, when sixteen dancers led the Scottish Country Dancing at an evening of Folk Dancing and Volkspele in the Town Hall. Seventeen sets covered the floor in the Cumberland Reel. At the first meeting of the year of the International Arts League of Youth, the Secretary gave a talk on the history of Scottish Dancing. This was illustrated by a group of teenagers doing reels and jigs. In April a Curry and Rice Supper was held in the home of our

Chairman, Mrs E. Harper. Its purpose was to raise funds for the visit of Miss Margaret McLaren to South Africa this year. In May, 27 dancers travelled 50 miles to Dundee at the invitation of the Dundee Caledonian Society. There some 150 folk gathered in the Civic Hall for a very pleasant evening of Scottish Country Dancing. In June a "Ceilidh" was held at the home of Mr and Mrs D. G. Couper.

**LANARK.** Secretary, Mrs M. P. Cuthill, Braeside, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark.—The Branch has had a good year despite a decrease in membership. In November a weekend course was held when the Branch was delighted to have instruction from Miss Milligan, Miss McLaren and Miss Corson.

The usual class parties were much enjoyed during the session and the Annual Dance in February was an outstanding success.

The Children's Classes were well attended and their closing party, at which parents were present, was greatly enjoyed by all.

**LEVEN.** Secretary, Mrs M. Haig, 96 Kenmount Drive, Kennoway.—The Branch has had another enjoyable session and welcomed a few new members.

The class, under the instruction of Miss Mowat, was well attended throughout the session, as were the Balls in December and March, at which many friends from neighbouring classes were present.

**LIVERPOOL.** Secretary, Mr Kenneth Macaulay Jones, 6 Sunnybank, Upton, Wirral.—Membership remained reasonably static and attendances were good despite bad winter weather and good spring weather!

Activities of the Branch have been proceeding on previous lines, classes being divided into three groups—Elementary, Intermediate/Advanced and Technique. Promotion from one group to a higher one is the prerogative of the teachers concerned, assisted by one disinterested party.

The Branch Demonstration Team has met with considerable success and its travels have been as far afield as Wrexham and Leek. An evening of Scottish entertainment was arranged in aid of the Gordon Smith Seamen's Institute, consisting of Country Dancing and Scottish Songs. The Southport Branch joined us in our endeavours and the Institute's Funds benefited by over £20 as a result.

Two teachers and the Secretary attended a weekend course at Coniston arranged by the Manchester Branch, at which the teacher was Miss Milligan. An instructive and enjoyable time was had by one and all.

Miss Audrey Beeston has been obliged, for family reasons, to resign the Hon. Secretaryship of the Branch, and these duties have now been assumed by Mr Kenneth Macaulay Jones. Our thanks to Miss Beeston for all her past efforts, and also to Miss Graham our excellent and indefatigable accompanist.

**LOCKERBIE.** Secretary, Miss A. H. M. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—The total membership of the Branch this Season was 52 which included 2 Junior members and 6 members from the Balmoral Club, Carlisle. This was a slight increase from last Season.

During the Season two Social Evenings were held and members from other Branches in the District attended. Both Socials were much enjoyed by all present.

Four invitations to provide a demonstration team were received and on each occasion the selection of dances was well received.

On the whole this was a very enjoyable and successful Season.

**LONDON.** Secretary, Mr Reginald Ingram, 28A Stanhope Avenue, London, N.3.—London has spent another busy year with just over 1000 members in all the Home Counties. 13 weekly classes were held, including a Demonstration and a Certificate Class, and in connection with the last, two examinations were conducted by Miss

Milligan. At her last visit she also took a refresher class for Certificated Teachers. There were dances at all levels, from the Ball through large public dances and the smaller monthly members' dances to informal parties in connection with the classes and following the Annual General Meeting. An Anglo-Scottish dance, seemingly becoming an annual summer event, was held at Cecil Sharp House in July.

The year's novelties have been a one-week school, in addition to several weekend schools in the country, and a week's holiday in Arran with dancing available but not compulsory.

A year of similar activity is now under way and visiting members will be welcome.

**LORN (Argyll).** Secretary, Miss Grace Fraser, c/o Scott, 26 Mossfield Drive, Oban.—The Branch membership now consists of 9 Life Members and 122 Annual Members.

A total of 54 attended the two classes held last winter for adults and there was an attendance of 70 at the Children's Classes.

Several dances were held during the year and at the Annual Dance held in March in the Argyllshire Gathering Hall, with music by Ian Powrie's Band, 140 dancers, including many from surrounding clubs, were present.

Four members attended the 1958 Summer School at St. Andrew's and one member taught there.

The demonstration teams, both adults and children, again gave open-air displays of dancing on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer and the displays continued to be a great attraction to the summer visitors to the town.

**MANCHESTER.** Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester, 16, Lancashire.—In spite of a drop in membership this Season, the social side of the Society has been as enjoyable as ever. We have 173 members and 14 Life Members. There are six classes and a Highland Class running on four evenings each week and our demonstration teams attended 49 demonstrations during the year. We held three parties in addition to our Annual Ball during the Season, and these were very popular and well attended. In March we held our examinations, and Miss Milligan and Mrs Gudger came to Manchester to examine. Seven of our members gained their First Certificate and one the Second.

Last September, a team was picked to dance at a Manchester theatre, where Jimmy Shand was visiting for a week's Variety Show. It was a novel and enjoyable experience, and we realised just how hard is the life of an entertainer. At the beginning of June, we held a weekend course for Teachers at a hostel on the shores of Lake Coniston. It was the home of the late John Ruskin, and a local beauty spot. To this course we sent out invitations to Clubs and Societies from the Midlands to the North of England, and the response was immediate and enthusiastic. Miss Milligan came down to take the course and as she was in absolutely sparkling form, we all had a hilarious time. Oh yes! we danced, too.

In August, two of our demonstration teams are visiting Santander, where we have had an invitation to dance at an International Fiesta. This will be our fourth visit to Festivals in Spain, where we have always had a wonderful time and I am sure that this visit will be no exception.

We have had a very busy and full year.

**MOFFAT.** Secretary, Miss Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—The Branch has had another happy and successful session. Numbers remain steady, and classes have been well attended. As usual, the Christmas Party and Easter Dinner Dance were held in Moffat House Hotel, while a Summer Dance took place in newly-opened Beattock House Hotel. All of these functions were greatly enjoyed.

A team danced at the Musical Society's "St. Andrew's Night" and also took part in the Burns Club's Bi-Centenary Concert, and an open-air demonstration was given during the town's Gala Week.

**MONTREAL.** Secretary, Miss Elizabeth N. Dunkin, 4800 Cote Ste Catherine Road Apt. 20, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.—At the completion of the first year of its existence, the Montreal Branch showed at its Annual General Meeting that its affairs are in good order. During the past year, membership has risen to 87, while two new classes (one for adults, one for children) have been added to the two pre-existing groups. Since the auditions held in November, and the consequent selection of 16 dancers, these dancers have been practising regularly, under the able instruction of Mrs J. T. Bowie. From this group, teams have been supplied to meet numerous requests, from a wide variety of organisations, for demonstrations. The outstanding exhibition of the season took place when two teams, supported by the Pipe Band of the Black Watch Cadets, participated in the Annual International Folk Dance Festival of New Canadians held at the Montreal Forum.

With the expansion of Scottish Country Dancing in Montreal, the need for more instructors is becoming urgent. A group of potential instructors is currently preparing to take the Teacher's Certificate examination in September.

The year has been marked by three major events—two Scottish Country Dance Week-end Camps, and the first Annual Dinner and Dance of the Branch. Each of these events has been enthusiastically received, and on all three occasions support from other North American Branches and Groups has been most gratifying, representatives coming in person (and in some cases, in large numbers) from Boston, Deep River, Hamilton, New Hampshire, Ottawa, Renfrew and Toronto.

The Branch is looking forward to welcoming Miss Milligan when she returns to visit us during her forthcoming North American tour, while many of our members are planning to attend the Week-end School in New Hampshire.

**NAIRN.** Secretary, Mrs H. M. Orr, 7 Seabank Road, Nairn.—The season 1958-59 was not as financially successful as other years there being a considerable drop in attendance during the second term.

Under the instruction of Mrs Henderson of Inverness many new dances were tried out and old favourites were again enjoyed. Regular step practice resulted in a steady improvement.

Members and their friends enjoyed the Christmas Party held in December.

The Branch was well represented at dances organised by the neighbouring branches of Inverness and Forres.

**NETHER LOCHABER.** Secretary, Mrs Joan W. Clark, Loch Leven Hotel, Onich, Invernessshire.—Classes were held regularly throughout the winter. A most enjoyable party was again held at New Year at a local hotel for all members and friends. A women's team danced with three other Lochaber teams at the Agricultural Show in August and also in the local hall at ceilidhs through the summer for the benefit of summer visitors.

The Branch has to record with much regret the death of Alasdair Clark, its President, founder and instructor, to whose enthusiasm, knowledge and patience it owes so much.

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Mrs M. F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.—The membership for 1958-59 totalled 316, including 6 junior members. We enrolled 46 new members. This represents a reduction of 57 compared with our membership last year.

This session we had 13 classes, including a Highland class for ladies and men. Once again the children's classes have been very popular with no less than 70 registrations.

The informal dances have been as enjoyable as ever and the hall has been full on most occasions. The Highland Ball was held as usual in the Sutherland Dental Hall. It was an outstanding success this year, and all tickets were sold. Once again we were pleased to have Mr and Mrs Corson as our guests from Edinburgh. Mr Jackie Johnstone was also invited but was unable to attend owing to a previous commitment. The New

Year's Dance at the Brighton Ballroom was well supported, despite the sudden snowfall that evening. Tim Wright's band was at the peak of its form.

There were several demonstrations during the year and all have been well received. The Dance Club has suffered from a sharp fall in membership, several supporters of long standing having dropped out and not been replaced. The Otterburn Week-end Course was fully booked and everyone enjoyed the teaching of Mrs Corson and Mr Jackie Johnstone.

This year for the first time the Society organised a Festival of Scottish Dancing in the City Baths Hall, previous festivals having been run by the C.C.P.R. No less than 70 teams took part, and 1,381 people attended throughout the day. We were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Mrs Gudger as adjudicator, and she expressed pleasure with the organisation, the selection of the dances and the spirit of the dancing. In view of the success of this function, tentative plans have been made to organise another festival in 1961. Another innovation this year was a one-day Pianists' Course, led by Miss Main of Aberdeen, to whom we are indebted for her excellent tuition. Almost all our class pianists and teachers were able to participate and all agreed that the Course ought to be repeated from time to time in the future.

**NEWTON STEWART.** Secretary, Miss Maureen M. Cromie, 2 Cree Houses, Minnigaff, Newton Stewart.—At the beginning of the 1958-59 session a presentation was made to Miss Erskine on her retirement as teacher of our Branch for twenty-five years. We were sorry to lose her but her place has been very capably taken over by Miss Sadie McGarva.

This session has been very satisfactory, bringing more new members. The Annual Ball, held in January, was very successful and Bobby McLeod and his Band provided the music.

In April we entertained students from many parts of the world and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Our children's classes continue to prosper, being very well run by their teachers.

**N.W. CRAVEN.** Secretary, Mrs M. S. Cook, West House, Giggleswick, Yorkshire.—The Branch was formed on 12th January 1959, with 23 founder members, a number which has now increased to 38. Until the end of March, classes were held each week at Malham, Ingleton and Giggleswick. The three groups met once a month for social dancing. Perhaps our most successful dance was the one held at the Ingleborough Hotel in April, when friends from Kendal, Skipton and Keighley helped to give us all a very happy evening, but the Malham dances have also been very enjoyable. We plan to start all three classes again in September, and hope that our numbers will continue to increase.

**NORWICH.** Secretary, Mr V. S. Kemp, 3 Westgate Close, Christ Church Road, Norwich, Norfolk.—During 1958-59 there has been a slight decline in membership, the number being 169 including 11 Life Members. The Branch has, nevertheless, enjoyed a most successful season and the classes have been well attended. These have been held in the Music Room of the Assembly House, a delightful Georgian mansion situated in the centre of the City and a perfect setting for dancing. Our instructors were Mr J. B. Johnston, Dr J. E. Hilton and Group Captain David Huxley, and as in previous years we have had the benefit of skilled accompanying on the piano by Mrs Cross. In addition to the Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced Classes we now have a most enthusiastic Teachers' Training Class under the direction of Dr Hilton, and our Saturday afternoon children's classes under the care of Mr and Mrs Johnston have continued the good work of providing correct training for the young people.

A highlight of the season has been the visit of Mr William Murray to our Branch. We were pleased to have him with us and very much appreciate his help and guidance.

Our demonstration team has been active during the past year and at the Christmas Dance, held in the Lido Ballroom, we were able to welcome dancers from other parts of East Anglia and to dance to music provided by McBain's Scottish Country Dance Band.

**NOTTINGHAM.** Secretary, Miss M. K. Dickson, 2 Marlborough Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.—After twenty-three years as an affiliated club we have now become a fully fledged Branch and are looking forward to a very successful season in 1959-60.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term 1958 we heard the good news that two of our members had been successful in gaining certificates at the St Andrews Summer School, Miss Ann Prior—Teachers' Certificate, Miss Alison Reid—Preliminary.

Our membership has increased steadily throughout the year and this is due in some small degree to our return to weekly dancing classes.

The introduction once a month of an evening of General Social Dancing for all members has proved very popular, and the twenty-third birthday of the Club coincided with one of these evenings so a special novelty programme was arranged for the occasion.

Our Annual (non-residential) Week-end Course was held in October at the Elms School, under the enthusiastic and experienced guidance of Mrs M. Gudger and Mr Andrew Grant.

March 18th, 1959, was a Red Letter day for us all—the visit of Miss Jean Milligan to Nottingham. Her hosts on this occasion were the Nottingham Ballet Club, who very kindly invited us to share their good fortune. We listened to a most interesting and entertaining talk given by Miss Milligan, and this was then followed by a short practical dancing session—and what a thrill it was to be instructed by Miss Milligan—and what a shock to the uninitiated to learn that one of our favourite dances, New Scotland Strathspey, was not included in the Society's collection of traditional dances.

Throughout the year we have learnt many new dances and danced with pleasure many of the old ones and we look forward to 1959-60 with growing enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing.

**PEEBLES.** Secretary, Mr Gordon M. Barr, 7 Thorburn Gardens, Peebles.—Another very successful year. Royal Scottish Country Dance Society membership well maintained.

Exceptionally good class attendances October to December but I am afraid they just cannot keep up the pace as we have only half the numbers attending January to March.

A very successful Dance was held in the Chambers Institute Hall, Peebles on the 14th April, with visiting members from Gala, Melrose, Innerleithen, Broughton, Penicuik, West Linton, Eddleston and a full bus load of wild men and women together with the "Atholl Players Band" from Edinburgh. Many thanks for your support, we had a grand night.

**PERTH and PERTHSHIRE.** Secretary, Miss Catherine A. McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—Our membership was practically static, with more Life Members this year—77 Life Members and 337 Ordinary Members.

Classes were run for children, teenagers and advanced pupils and as usual the children's classes were well supported whilst the others were not so much sought after.

Two *Thé Dansants* were held in the Salutation Hotel, Perth where members from Alyth, Blairgowrie, Crieff, Comrie and Pitlochry joined the local members as of course did some from neighbouring Branches. These proved to be most enjoyable reunions.

The highlight of the Season was when Miss Milligan came to our 25th Annual General Meeting. Perthshire, the third Branch to be formed having been started in 1925 had its meetings regularly until 1938, during the war no meetings were held but these recommenced in 1948 and we have now reached our quarter century as far as these are concerned. Dancing, however, was kept alive in Perth, although in many houses and halls and in a very limited way, when no Business Meetings could be held and it was therefore, actually, our 34th Birthday.

The Society Trophy was won at the Musical Festival by the Dunfermline Branch Team where Mrs Lesslie adjudicated and Miss McLauchlan acted as Pianist, both with much acceptance.

**PETERHEAD.** Secretary, Mrs J. S. Carnegie, 44 Cairntrodlie, Peterhead.—The Branch has a membership of 42 Annual Members and 52 Life Members.

This year we had one class with Miss Collie as instructress and Miss Kinghorn and Mrs Lawson taking every alternate night as pianist.

Two very successful Parties were held during the Season. At the end of the Season Party, Miss Milne, who has been Treasurer of the Branch since it was formed was presented with a gift, as she was to be leaving town. It was with regret we said farewell to her, as she has been a most conscientious member.

We were delighted to welcome the Aberdeen Branch Team, who gave excellent demonstrations at the display by the children's classes.

It was with feelings of very sincere regret that we learned of the retirement of our Honorary President, Mr T. B. Work. Since 1951, Mr Work has taken a very lively interest in all our activities and has given us much valuable advice. We shall miss his wise counsel and his cheery interest, but we are most grateful for all he has done for our Branch during his term of office. Mr Work has been succeeded by Police Judge E. A. Duncan, who for many years has taken an interest in our Branch.

**RENFREWSHIRE (West).** Secretary, Miss Margaret Donachie, 38 Broomberry Drive, Gourrock.—The membership of 339 members and 27 Life Members shows a decrease from last year.

The usual classes, 6 adult classes and 2 children's classes, were held during the Season, which ended with our Annual Ball which proved very enjoyable. Ian Powrie and his Band provided the music.

**RICHMOND.** Secretary, Mr R. L. Wilkin, The Rookery, Anchorage Hill, Richmond, Yks.—Membership has remained steady, and the large number of Junior Members should be a source of continued strength in the future.

The Annual Ball in March was successful, and the Dinner Dance held in October proved so enjoyable that another is being arranged this year.

The demonstration team received more invitations than could be accepted, which is a good indication of the popularity of their performances in the district. The highlights of the Season were again provided by the Leeds and Billingham Festivals.

**ROCHDALE.** Secretary, Miss Isabel T. Waddell, 6 Kenion Road, Bamford, Rochdale.—Our 16th year has been a most enjoyable one. Although the Branch remains comparatively small its three good classes have progressed steadily and a large combined Summer Term one, has been excellently attended.

In addition to giving inspiring tuition at our Monday class, Mrs Gudger has again adjudicated at Schools' Festivals where her encouraging remarks and expert criticism have been enthusiastically received.

The usual social events in the vicinity have been well attended, and we now look forward to holding another Ball in Rochdale Town Hall on 12th March 1960.

**ROXBURGHSHIRE.** Secretary, Miss M. Cannon, Collingwood, Melrose, Roxburgh.—The membership of the Branch has increased from 75 to 106, and very successful classes have been held in many parts of the County.

In Kelso on 13th March, 1959 the first Annual Ball took place, and was much enjoyed by dancers from both sides of the Border. The highlight of the evening was the delightful demonstration by a team from the Edinburgh Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

**ST. ANDREWS.** Secretary, Mrs T. C. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, Lade Braes, St. Andrews.—The number of members for the 1958/59 Session was maintained. The St. Andrew's Night Dance is now a permanent winter fixture of this Branch and last year tickets were

so much in demand by all members that outlying branches had to be rationed. At the request of the members, a Technique class has been started which is hoped will prove a source of recruitment for the Demonstration Team. The Demonstration Team has been in demand all during the year for various functions including Demonstrations at the B.B.C. Dundee studios before an invited audience.

**SHEFFIELD.** Secretary, Mrs E. W. Bagguley, "Greenlaw," 36 Northern Common, Dronfield Woodhouse, Nr. Sheffield.—Our chief handicap in Sheffield is a shortage of suitable halls for our dances and classes. Rising hire charges forced us to leave the only centrally situated one, and in consequence, our membership fell from 105 to 79. However, there has been a good influx of enthusiastic beginners, which augurs well for the future. Four classes were held and we propose continuing these next season.

Mrs Gudger instructed us at a most successful One-day School in May. Our teams have danced at festivals arranged in Leeds and by the North East Midlands Association of Scottish Societies, and at various local functions. The fact that some 700 persons danced at the Leeds Festival shows the enthusiasm for Scottish Country Dancing in this part of the country and it might be worth while to try and enrol some of them as members of our Royal Society.

**SOUTHPORT.** Secretary, Mrs J. Abraham, "Lynwood", Moss Side, Formby, Nr. Liverpool.—This year we have had 117 members, including 14 Life Members, and our classes have been well attended, as were the two one-day courses by Mrs Gudger. Our large Beginners' Class also benefited from an evening visit by Mrs Gudger, and her help during the year has been greatly appreciated. Last November, we held our first Scottish Dance Festival and we are grateful to all those who helped and supported us in this experiment. As this was quite successful, we shall be holding another similar event on the 21st November 1959. We have held our usual parties during the year and these have been very enjoyable occasions. Our teams have given a number of demonstrations and our Ladies' Team was successful in winning a trophy at Chorley Highland Games. We should like to record our sincere thanks to our teachers for their encouragement throughout the year and to our invaluable pianist, Miss A. E. Peel.

**STIRLINGSHIRE.** Secretary, Mrs M. W. MacLaren, Coneybrae, Bridge of Allan.—The membership of the Branch remains steady. There are 255 Ordinary Members and 21 Life Members, making a total membership of 276. The Bridge of Allan afternoon class was discontinued, there being too few in the class to make for enjoyment. Those members remaining joined the Stirling afternoon class. At Christmas and again in March, dances were held in the Golden Lion Hotel. The Demonstration Team gave exhibitions at many functions during the year. On March 24th, members past and present met to honour our much esteemed teacher, Miss Jarvis, who has been a member of the Branch since its inception 32 years ago, and who is now retiring. She was made the recipient of a television set which was presented by Miss Scott Fergusson who had been associated with her since the Branch was formed. We say good-bye to Miss Jarvis with most grateful thanks for all she has done for our Branch. We are fortunate to have several teachers who were trained by Miss Jarvis, and who will carry on the tradition with the help of our excellent pianists.

**STIRLINGSHIRE (East).** Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—Thirteen adult classes were held each term with a membership of 600. Eight classes for young folk attracted over 300 members of a wide age range.

Nine class dances were held during the session. The Members' Dance, now an established favourite, was held in February. Music was supplied by Ian Powrie's Band.

A goodly number of demonstrations were given by teams at various functions, including a reception to the Canadian Women's Hockey Team. Dancers took part in



rollicking style in the Tryst Scene in "Touch A'," held in connection with Falkirk's Centenary Celebrations.

Eleven teams entered for the Central Counties Musical Festival, held in Falkirk. The four adult teams and seven teams of young folk all acquitted themselves well.

Over 80 members attended two Summer term classes.

**STOCKPORT.** Secretary, Mr Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—Our classes have not been accorded the support they merited but those who attended were compensated by the amount of pleasure they derived from their activities. We are hoping for a revival of interest in Scottish Dancing in our area next season. Tribute must be paid to our tutors and pianists for their painstaking and conscientious devotion to their duties.

Our juniors are making steady progress and credit was reflected on their teacher when the team gave two displays at Stockport Town Hall in January.

The ladies' team has attained a high standard, and was called upon to give ten demonstrations during the season. As a consequence the leader has been much occupied arranging rehearsals and training the team, and we are grateful to Mrs Bowman for her prolonged good services in this capacity. All the displays were well received and duly appreciated, providing pleasure for both the performers and their audiences.

As usual, our three parties proved popular and most enjoyable, also being valuable as our only source of revenue. We sincerely appreciate Dr Grubb's long-continued voluntary assistance with his violin at all our dances, which considerably facilitates matters for our pianist and enhances our pleasure.

**STONEHAVEN.** Secretary, Miss Lilian E. Cameron, 56A High Street, Stonehaven.—Another happy and successful season, with increased membership. Some enjoyable evenings were spent at the annual dances of other districts, who returned the compliment by turning out in force for our own Annual Dance. We were sorry to lose our teacher at the end of the session, but have been fortunate in finding another willing to travel to Stonehaven.

**SYDNEY (N.S.W.).** Secretary, Miss M. V. Willis, 209 Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney.—Membership has fallen away a little in the latter of the Society's year, that is, our first term of the 1959 Session, March to June, due to two reasons, both inevitable.

A number of the young-married has moved to outlying suburbs of the vast sprawl that is Sydney, or is otherwise occupied. The other reason is that the groundwork covered consistently by the Branch over the past years and insistence on basic teaching enables those who want to belong to largely social groups or clubs as far as dancing is concerned, to do so and such groups are coming into being in New South Wales.

A long-awaited objective has come to fruition this year . . . the formation of a Demonstration Class, which will be able to send out official teams when and where asked—one such activity in prospect for the warm weather is in conjunction with a Municipal Council's Open Air series of Music, Dance, etc., recitals.

Again we have been fortunate in our Instructors; one of last year's "Scottish Exports" has stayed in Sydney, and our only Australian export/import to have as yet, earned his Certificates, returned at the end of 1958 and is teaching with us.

So, though our "quantity" may be down a little, the quality is there, and we justifiably feel that the "Antipodes" is staunchly maintaining the best Scottish Country Dancing traditions of teaching and performance, and the right happy spirit (as remarked upon by Zelia Ray of the Imperial Ballet Board, during her tour in May/June).

**TEES-SIDE.** Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees.—Since the Branch was inaugurated in 1955 we have shown an increase in membership every season and we are pleased to record that we now have close on 300, when we include our

Associate Members. We are also rather pleased that a very high percentage of this number attend classes weekly. These classes are at four levels, 1st Year, 2nd Year, 3rd Year and over and a Technique Class which is by invitation only.

Monthly Social Dances were so well attended that we were almost obliged to look for a larger hall but somehow or other we got by, usually by making the pace so hot that some had to sit out and take a breather.

Only two big dances were organised during the season, at New Year and at the end of season. Both had capacity attendances and were enjoyed by visiting friends as well as our own members.

We again ran the Billingham Scottish Country Dance Festival, with Mrs Gudger as adjudicator, there were slightly fewer entries than last year but the Branch due to the excellent class attendances was able to enter five teams. Three teams were also entered for the Darlington Festival.

Demonstration teams have been out on many occasions and have done valuable work in canvassing for members as well as providing entertainment which is completely different. Finally may we extend an open invitation to any enthusiast who may find themselves in our area on business—we shall make them very welcome.

**TORONTO (Ontario).** Secretary, Mr John Scott Gowans, 818 Broadview Avenue Toronto 6.—Membership shows a slight decrease in numbers, owing to quite a few moving from one province to another, though there is a steady intake of new enthusiasts. Membership to date totals 175 which includes 5 Life Members.

The Branch has had a very successful season. Classes for instruction were held for Beginners and Intermediate dancers (Instructor, Mr John Scott Gowans), attendance averaging 40 students. Miss Anne MacLeod conducted classes for candidates for Preliminary and Teachers' Certificates, in preparation for Miss J. C. Milligan's visit to our fair city in September. Miss MacLeod has given untiringly of her time, assisted by Miss Betty Anderson (both formerly of East Stirlingshire Branch), instructing Teenagers' Classes and Children's Classes, adding to the strength of the Branch now a Junior Associate Membership of 75.

At the invitation of the Kiwanis Music Festival Committee, a number of adult and children's teams from the Branch competed in a Festival of Scottish Country Dancing, held in Hamilton, Ontario, bringing back many awards and high honours to the Branch.

The Annual Ball was held in the Granite Club, the guest of honour was Miss Jeannie Carmichael, the R.S.C.D.S. representative for U.S.A., and teacher of Boston Branch. The evening was an outstanding success, music was provided by Ed. Brydie and his ever popular Scottish Country Dance Band, attracting guests from Boston, New Hampshire, Montreal, Hamilton, Ottawa, Deep River, Guelph, Barrie and Oakville.

Monthly dances once again proved a tremendous success, six were held during the season, attracting a large number of out of town guests, further stimulating our bond of fellowship through our heritage (Scotland Overseas).

Numerous engagements were carried out by the Demonstration Teams from the Branch, including "Open House," a television programme, in June 1958, also at the Canadian National Exhibition, The Sportsman's Show, a Mass Demonstration at the Hamilton Highland Games Association Annual Tattoo, the United Appeal Grand Stand Show (Toronto), and appeared at many charitable functions during the season. Music provided by Mr Stan D. Meke, our Branch pianist.

**WEST LOTHIAN.** Secretary, Miss G. H. Miller, Carriden Lodge, Bo'ness.—The Branch has had another very successful year, socially and financially. Branch membership shows a slight decrease from last year. We now have 25 Life Members and 180 Ordinary Members, total 205. Classes were held in Armadale, Bathgate, Blackburn, Bo'ness, Linlithgow and Uphall.

A most enjoyable dance was held in February, in the Co-operative Hall, Bathgate. One hundred and fifty dancers from south of the county attended. Music was supplied by Jim McLeod's Broadcasting Band.

**WHITEHEAD.** Secretary, Miss G. A. Streight, Ardnaree, Cable Road, Whitehead.—The Branch has a very successful season which opened with a party for members and intending members. We had a visit from Belfast Branch on 5th December and two Open Nights.

The Highlight of our season, however, was the Christmas Ball held in the Royal Hotel on Friday, 2nd January. This was a new venture and many hopes have been expressed since that it should become an annual affair. The music was supplied by Miss Brady's Quartet and Mr Ivan Bailly acted as M.C.

A number of our members visited the B.M.K. works for their Annual Christmas Party and, in March, we went to Ballymena for the Annual Dance of the combined Branches of the District in the Town Hall.

Owing to the state of the surface of the Promenade, and the very wet season, there was no open-air dancing last summer; but the surface has now been repaired and we hope to run a series of fortnightly open-air dances during 1959.

**WINCHESTER.** Secretary, Mrs B. E. E. Lilley, Crofton, 48 Milverton Road, Winchester.—We have had a very successful season both in numbers and standard of dancing which has been mainly due to the efforts of Mr Ron Watson our teacher who unfortunately has now left us to take an appointment in Bournemouth. We shall all miss him very much but appreciate what he has done for our class. A team has been provided for a number of functions which has given pleasure to the many onlookers who have well praised their performance. Next season will, we hope, continue in the same strain.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.** Secretary, Miss H. Gardiner Jones, The Flat, Penn Vicarage, Penn, Wolverhampton.—The out-door dancing during the summer months seems to have become a regular feature with the Branch. We managed to dance outside on four evenings. Our thanks to Dr Nichols, Dr Neilson, Mrs Salter and Mrs Scott-Barrett for the loan of the gardens and also the refreshments provided.

Classes re-commenced on Monday, September 15th, 1958 and we were very pleased to see some new members with us. We were once again able to hold a One Day School, although we were down on numbers compared with the previous year. As several other things were taking place on the same day—this had an adverse effect on attendance. It was, however, a highly successful day and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were very pleased to welcome some students from the Malayan Teachers' Training College. Thanks also to Mrs Gibb and Miss Jones who came to our assistance and took over one of the classes. This year the One Day School has been provisionally arranged for October.

Mrs Locke has left us during the Session, she was one of the founder members of the Branch, and during the years she has been with us, many were spent in a Teaching capacity. We do hope that she will quickly settle down in her new surroundings. The Branch invited Mrs Locke to be our guest at Lilleshall and also presented her with a cut-glass vase.

During May a Team participated in a Festival of Scottish Dancing held in Birmingham and in June at the Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Exhibition held in Wolverhampton.

Once again our thanks to Miss Jones for all the wonderful help and instruction she gives us and to Hazel for the musical support and also Miss Postlethwaite the Headmistress whose help we all appreciate in allowing us the continued use of the hall.

The Branch was well represented at Lilleshall in January and also at the Wolverhampton Caledonian Society and Stourbridge Scottish Society Dances,

## Affiliated Groups—Great Britain and Ireland

**Altrincham Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss J. D. CRAIG, Sunny Bank, Sandiway Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.

**Amersham and District Scottish Association.**—Miss L. J. ROBERTSON, Nakama, 16 Chesham Road, Amersham, Bucks.

**Banbury and District Scottish Dancing Group.**—Capt. J. C. HARVEY WEBB, Farthingoe, Nr. Brackley, Northants.

**Barnstaple North Devon Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. A. SIMPSON, 20 Cross Street, Barnstaple, N. Devon.

**Beckenham St. Mary's Dancers.**—Miss T. A. MOOS, 207 Worsley Bridge Road, Beckenham, Kent.

**Bedford Scots Society of St Andrew**—Mr W. G. TOMLINSON, Brookside, Cleat Hill, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

**Belfast Campbell College Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr D. ROONEY, Campbell College, Belfast.

**Bradford St. Andrew's Society.**—Mr I. R. LAMBIE, 6 Chatsworth Road, Thornbury, Bradford.

**Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.**—Mr D. G. YOUNG, 15 Boulton Road, Wyde Green, Sutton Coldfield.

**Bournemouth Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. W. FORBES, 58 Headswell Avenue, Winton, Bournemouth.

**Bridlington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. GIBB, Islay House, 38 New Burlington Road, Bridlington.

**Brighton, Hove and District Scottish Association.**—Miss KENT, 13 Tisbury Road, Hove.

**Bristol Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. PARKER, F.C.A., 2 Berkeley Square, Bristol, 8.

**Bristol Westbury Scottish Club**—Mr J. WILSON, 2 Lampster Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

**Bury St Edmunds Reel and Strathspey Society.**—Miss W. M. Boyce, 26 Northgate Street, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

**Bushey Reel Club.**—Miss J. THORNTON, 35 Bournehall Avenue, Bushey, Herts.

**Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Caledonian Society.**—Mrs P. J. MORROW, 23 Tre Hwfa, Coed Mawr, Bangor, Caernarvonshire.

**Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.**—Mr M. G. McFARLANE, Christ's College, Cambridge.

**Castleside Country Dance Club.**—Mr W. MILNER, 8 Wesley Terrace, Castleside, Consett, Co. Durham.

**Cheadle Scottish Dance Group.**—Miss J. McLACHLAN, 3 Brookfield Crescent, Cheadle, Cheshire.

**Chester Caledonian Association.**—Mr T. S. LEA, 18 Newgate, Chester.

**Chester St. Andrew Society.**—Mrs S. A. DAVIES, 10 Earlsway, Curzon Park, Chester.

**Chesterfield and District Caledonian Association Dance Class.**—Mr H. SLATER, Danesbury, 297 Old Hall Road, Chesterfield.

**Crosby Caledonian Society.**—Mr W. N. B. McILVEAN, 11 de Villiers Avenue, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 23.

**Darlington Patons & Baldwins Reel Club.**—Miss B. RUTHERFORD, Personnel Department, P. & B. Ltd., Darlington.

**Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. CHATER, 26 Langdale Road, Darlington.

**Derbyshire, Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mrs A. LOMAX, 65 Flamstead Avenue, Loscoe, Derbyshire.

- Dorset Caledonian Society.**—Miss A. E. STORRS, The Manor House, Bere Regis, Dorset.
- Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group.**—Miss C. S. Obbard, Tregoning, High Street, Dunster, Somerset.
- Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. TORRANCE, Kelvinside, 29 Baldwin Avenue, Eastbourne.
- Epsom and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr A. D. CLARK, 32 Woodcote Close, Epsom.
- Essex, South East Essex Scottish Society Reel Club.**—Mrs R. W. SMITH, "Cromarty", Highland Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
- Guildford, Blue Bonnets Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr N. V. SMITH, 28 Maple Grove, Guildford, Surrey.
- Harwell A.E.R.E. Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. A. BUTTSHILL, 2 Hillside, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Berkshire.
- Harrogate Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. I. H. HOLT, 83 Kingsley Road, Harrogate.
- Hayling Island Scottish Country Dance Circle.**—Mrs B. J. SPARKES, "Landfall", Sandy Point, Hayling Island, Hampshire.
- Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr W. A. MUIR, 3 Orchard Close, Holmer, Hereford.
- Hertfordshire Highland Games Society.**—Mr A. K. CRAIGHEAD, "Inverurie", Osbourne Road, Little Heath, Nr. Potters Bar, Middlesex.
- Huddersfield St. Andrews Society.**—Mrs E. STEAD, 146 Black House Road, Fartown, Huddersfield.
- Jersey Caledonian Country Dance Party.**—Mrs E. C. BADDELEY, 3 Westbourne Terrace, St. Saviour, Jersey.
- Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. Stephenson, 5 Westlea Avenue, Riddlesden, Keighley, Yorks.
- Larkhill Garrison Officers' Club.**—c/o THE SECRETARY, Larkhill Garrison Officers' Club, c/o School of Artillery, Larkhill, Wilts.
- Leeds, Moor Allerton Memorial Hall Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr W. S. CROCKETT, 12 Moorland Crescent, Leeds, 17.
- Leeds Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr T. HAMMOND JACK, 36 Parkland Crescent, Leeds, 6.
- Leicester Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. PEER, 4 Martin Avenue, Kirby, Muxive, Leicester.
- Leeds University Scottish Country Dance Society.**—c/o HON SECRETARY, Leeds University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.
- Lincoln Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. M. BRUCE, 8 Gregg Hall Crescent, Lincoln.
- Lincoln Scottish Association.**—Mr R. W. Dodds, The Little Grange, Heighington, Lincoln.
- Lymm Country Dance Club.**—Mr D. W. Kirkpatrick, 3 Crouchley Lane, Lymm, Cheshire.
- Luton Scottish Reel Club.**—Mr H. CURRIE, 42 Brantwood Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.
- Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr M. E. BAILEY, 38 Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead, Berks.
- Maidenhead White Waltham Officers' Mess Scottish Country Dance Circle.**—Wing Commander J. C. STEVENSON, R.A.F., White Waltham, Maidenhead, Berks.
- Malvern Scots Club.**—Mr W. D. LAWSON, 40 Davenham Close, Malvern, Worcs.
- Manchester Scottish Dance Party.**—Mrs M. ROBERTS, 24 Holmfield Avenue, Manchester, 9.

- Manchester Folk Dance Centre.**—Lt.-Col. H. R. BALDREY, 505 Wilbraham Road, Manchester, 21.
- Mansfield Highland and Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr J. STEVENSON, 10 Stacey Road, Mansfield, Notts.
- Manx (Isle of Man) Folk Dance Society.**—Miss M. R. HOLGATE, 2 Mannin Road, Willaston, Douglas, Isle of Man.
- Newbury and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. OWEN, M.A., 29 Three Acre Road, Newbury, Oxon.
- Northwich and District Scots Society.**—Mrs M. C. OLIVER, 17 Mere Lane, Cuddington, Northwich, Cheshire.
- Norwich Scots Society of St. Andrew.**—Mr A. M. SWAN, 41 Catton Grove Road, Norwich.
- Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.**—Mr R. J. GOSDEN, Tuttle Hill, Nuneaton, Warwicks.
- Oxford University Scottish Society.**—Mr A. J. HILLER, Queen's College, Oxford.
- Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs J. WITCOMBE, 8 Auriol Drive, Bedhampton, Nr. Havant, Hants.
- Portsmouth St. Andrews Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr A. K. MUNRO, "Canmohr," 43 Grant Road, Farlington, Portsmouth.
- Plymouth and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs G. Willis, "Braemar," Wilderness Road, Plymouth, Devon.
- Preston and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr T. SMITH, 64 Tilleth Road, Ashton, Preston.
- Reading, St. Andrew's Scottish Dancing Society.**—Mr J. D. EWING, 80 Bulmershe Road, Reading, Berks.
- Richmond Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. ARCHIBALD, 48 Popes Grove, Twickenham, Middlesex.
- Romford Scottish Association.**—Mr W. M. HEATLIE, Great Pittits, Romford, Essex.
- Rugby Scottish Association.**—Mr J. MAIR, 13 Park Road, Rugby.
- Scarborough Caledonian Society.**—Mr S. MCINTOSH, "Moy House," 79 Cross Lane, Newby, Scarborough.
- Somerset, West Somerset Yeomanry Reels Club.**—Mr J. C. MILNE, Thornton House, Pilton, Shepton Mallet, Somerset.
- Southampton Scottish Association.**—Mrs I. JAMIESON, 16 Bond Road, Bitterne Park, Southampton.
- Southampton University Scottish Dancing Association.**—Mr M. CHAPEL, The University, Southampton.
- Southend-on-Sea, Allan Dancers.**—Mrs JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Southend-on-Sea.
- Southsea Reel Club.**—Mr S. A. COTTRELL, 5 Chelsea Road, Southsea, Hants.
- Stafford and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. COLLIE, 26 Sawpit Lane, Brocton, Stafford.
- Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. M. SOMERVILLE, 47 Albany Road, Stratford-on-Avon.
- Stockton-on-Tees, Tees-side Caledonian Society.**—Mr W. J. PEACH, 34A Station Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.
- Stoke-on-Trent, North Staffordshire Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. MURPHY, 2 Coronation Street, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.
- Stourbridge and District Scottish Society.**—Mr S. F. J. PILLEY, 25 Pargeter Street, Stourbridge.
- Swansea St Andrews Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr R. ALAN KERR, A.C.A., 20 Le Breos Avenue, Uplands, Swansea.

**Teddington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs H. E. WRIGHT, 1 Park View, Queens Road, Teddington, Middlesex.

**Wallington Scottish Association for Carshalton and District.**—Mrs R. W. GLEN, 103 Mill Green, London Road, Mitcham Junction, Surrey.

**Wellington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr W. F. GRAY, 125 Wrekin Avenue, Donnington, Wellington, Salop.

**Wilmslow Guild Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. POOLE, Ippleden, Broadway, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

**Worthing Caledonian Society.**—Miss J. L. PARKER, "Ardlui," Harrison Road, Worthing.

**Workington, St. Andrews Country Dancing Society.**—Miss W. Gardner, 25 Saltabeck Road, Workington, Cumberland.

**Yelverton Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs D. CREWE, Glenhaven, Beechfield, Yelverton, Devon.

**York Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss G. M. COWLES, 25 Gillygate, York.

## Affiliated Groups—Overseas

### CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA

**Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss G. HUGHES, Nsamisi Training Centre, P.O. Box 92, Entebbe, Uganda.

**Khartoum Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mr J. F. ANDERSON, c/o Barclays Bank, D.C.O., Sharia, El Gaboria, Khartoum.

### SOUTH AFRICA

**Durban Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs J. ANSELL, 28 Fairholme Avenue, Ellis Park, Durban, N.

**East London Caledonian Society's Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. BRYANT, 5 King Edward Road, Cambridge, East London, South Africa.

**Johannesburg Northern Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—Mr J. DRIVER, 40 Fifth Avenue, Parktown, North Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Bloemfontein Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss A. MACFARLANE, P.O. Box 920, Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, South Africa.

**Port Elizabeth Scottish Association Country Dance Club.**—Miss C. PHILIP, 88 Hudson Street, Newton Park, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

**Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society.**—Mrs M. Neasham, 2 Jesmond Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.

**Tweedie Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. A. MARSHALL, Blackwood, Tweedie, Natal, South Africa.

**NORTHERN RHODESIA**

**Broken Hill Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. G. WATSON, P.O. Box 91, Broken Hill, Northern Rhodesia.

**Lusaka Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr I. M. RAMAGE, P.O. Box 591, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

**Nkana/Kitwe Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. NIXON, P.O. Box 643, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

**Ndola Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs W. A. LUKEY, P.O. Box 1284, Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

**SOUTHERN RHODESIA**

**Salisbury Highlands Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr G. KEAY, P.O. Box 889, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

**Salisbury Scottish Dance Club.**—Miss M. CANT, 9 14th Avenue, Mabelreign, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

**WEST AFRICA**

**Gambia Caledonian Society.**—Mr G. M. MCNEIL, c/o Public Works Dept., Bathurst, Gambia.

**Ghana Caledonian Society.**—Miss E. M. MACDOUGALL, P.O. Box 205, Accra, Ghana.

**ASIA**

**Ceylon Scottish Country Dance Association.**—Mr J. HUME, P.O. Box 214, Colombo, Ceylon.

**Calcutta St. Andrews Country Dance Society.**—Mr P. G. MCFARLANE, 6 Portland Park, Alipore, Calcutta, India.

**Madras Caledonian Society.**—Mr D. NICHOLSON, c/o P.O. Box 351, Madras, 2, India.

**Iraq, Basrah Caledonians.**—Mr D. MENZIES, P.O. Box 5, Basrah, Iraq.

**Persian Gulf, Scottish Country Dance Group of the Bapco Club.**—Mrs J. PRIMROSE, c/o Bapco, Box 496, Awali, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.

**Aden Caledonian Society.**—Mr D. B. MATHERS, c/o Police Headquarters, Aden, Persian Gulf.

**AUSTRALIA**

**Brisbane, Scottish Reel and Strathspey Foundation Group.**—Mr G. A. ROBERTSON, 59 Thomas Street, Greenslopes, S.E.4, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

**Canberra Highland Society and Burns Club.**—Mrs R. GREIG, c/o Greig's Pharmacy, Kennedy Street, Kingston, Canberra, A.C.T., Australia.

**Canberra Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr R. CLARK, 16 Lindsay Street, Narrabundah, A.C.T., Australia.

**Croydon Park, Elizabeth Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr R. MATTHEW, 10 Overland Road, Croydon Park, South Australia.

**Melbourne, Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Miss C. COULL, 56A Eskdale Road, Caulfield, Melbourne.



## CANADA

**Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs M. DOUGLAS, Suite 2, 710 15th Avenue, S.W., Calgary, Alberta.

**Edmonton Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr P. D. SEYMOUR, Box 681, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta.

**London, First St. Andrews Scottish Cultural Society.**—Mrs A. MIDDLETON, 250 Piccadilly Street, London, Ontario.

**London, Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr J. MIDDLETON, 250 Piccadilly Street, London, Ontario.

**Deep River Scottish Country Dance Club.**—The President, Scottish Country Dance Society, Deep River Community Association, Deep River, Ontario.

**Montreal Scottish Country Dance Group.**—The Secretary, c/o N.D.G., Y.M.C.A., Hampton Avenue, Montreal, P.Q.

**Nova Scotia, New Glasgow Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr A. F. BILSON, Linden Avenue, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

**Saskatoon Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss L. CARR, 707 6th Avenue, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

**Vancouver, Prince Charles Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr W. KERR, 4258 Ontario Street, Vancouver, B.C.

**Vancouver Society of British Columbia.**—Mrs C. G. FAULKNER, 3290 W. 48th Avenue, Vancouver, 13, B.C.

## EUROPE

**France, Caledonian Society of France.**—Mr D. L. CHRISTIE, 25/27 Rue d'Astorg, Paris, 8eme.

**Sweden, Stockholm Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Dr H. S. DUNSMORE, Oorg, Kemi, Kungliga Tekniska, Hogskolan, Stockholm, 70.

**Sweden, The Academic Celtic Society.**—Mrs G. ELLIOTT, Stureparken, 7, Stockholm.

## MALAYA

**Kuala Lumpur Scottish Reel and Country Dance (Selangor) Society.**—Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 702, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.

## NEW ZEALAND

**Cambridge Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs F. M. THOMSON, Campbell Street, Leamington, Cambridge.

**Christchurch Scottish Society Country Dance Club.**—Miss P. GALE, 30 Puriri Street, Riccarton, Christchurch.

**Dunedin Burns Club.**—Mrs H. SONNTAG, Brockville Road, Karkov Valley, Dunedin.

**Featherston Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr D. G. ROBERTSON, Purakau, Featherston.

**Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr C. MCLEAN, 1130 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton.

**Hastings (Hawkes Bay) and District Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr J. SETON, 215 S. Willowpark Road, Hastings.

**Hastings St. Andrews Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr R. A. TOBIN, 709 Willowpark Road, Hastings.

**Herne Bay, Knox Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr I. OGILVIE, 5 Swift Avenue, Herne Bay, Auckland.

**Lower Hutt Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs C. DOUGLAS, 1 Thorneycroft Avenue, Lower Hutt.

**Napier Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. PATON, 18 Gladstone Road, Napier.

**Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss K. L. SHAW, 44A Shelbourne Street, Nelson, New Zealand.

**Nelson, New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs M. M. CLANCY, 46 Quebec Road, Nelson.

**Manawatu Scottish Society.**—Mr F. G. M. PARKINSON, Manawatu Scottish Centre, 52 Princess Street, Palmerston, New Zealand.

**Masterton St. Andrew Society.**—The Secretary, Masterton, New Zealand.

**Wallaceville Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss E. K. TASKER, 82 Martin Street, Upper Hutt.

**Wanganui, Atholl Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs J. MACGEE, 19 Kapa Street, Wanganui.

**Wanganui Caledonian Society Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss J. C. EVANS, 37 Nelson Street, Wanganui.

**Wellington, Hawkes Bay and District Association of S.C.D. Clubs.**—Mr M. SMITH, 68 Victoria Street, Lower Hutt.

**Wellington Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. POTTS, 28 McFarlane Street, Wellington, C.4.

**Whangarei Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr E. ARCUS, P.O. Box 273, Whangarei.

## NORTH BORNEO

**Sandakan, Scottish Country Dance Club.**—THE SECRETARY, P.O. Box 96, Sandakan.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**Los Angeles Caledonian Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss E. STEVENSON, 1626 West Manchester Avenue, Los Angeles, 44, California.

**Brainard, Scottish Country Dance Group of the Capital District.**—Mrs A. V. BABCOCK, Overbrook Farm, Brainard, New York.

**New Hampshire Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs C. BLANCHARD, Ministerial Road, Bedford, New Hampshire.

**New York Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs M. DICKSON, 3701 62nd Street, Woodside, 77, New York.

**Philadelphia Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss E. CRICHTON, 23 Andrews Avenue, Glenolden, Pa.

**San Francisco Reel and Strathspey Club.**—Miss K. SWEENEY, 961 Pine Street, Apartment 10, San Francisco, California.

**Washington St. Andrew Society.**—THE SECRETARY, P.O. Box 6345, Northwest Station, Washington, 15, D.C.

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 8th November 1958

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 8th November, 1958, at 2.30 p.m. in the Palace of Arts, Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.

PRESENT. The President, The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., Mrs R. A. Lesslie, Chairman of the Executive Council, and an approximate attendance of 400 members, of whom 105 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting the President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich, co-founder of the Society, and from Mr Sheddon, an ex-member of Glasgow Branch now resident in Chicago.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. Lady Elgin gave a very warm welcome to all the members and delegates of 59 Branches, who came from all over the United Kingdom, and from as far as Canada and Nairobi.

The Society was flourishing, the membership continued to increase, and there were now 85 Branches, 140 Affiliated Groups, and a total membership of 16,500. While this was a very satisfactory position Lady Elgin warned that a great Society like ours cannot afford to stand still; it must continue to grow, and it is our duty to look ahead, and plan the advance.

The Society started with the enormous advantage of being Scottish, and Lady Elgin emphasised the great respect for Scottish character, and the delight in Scottish dancing and dance music, which she had found all over the world, and which Miss Milligan in her visits overseas, had done so much to encourage.

People who are not Scottish would like to join us and dance too, and this would mean more members both at home and overseas, more qualified teachers and more musicians able to play Scottish Country Dance Music. It might even be possible to have a Summer School for these musicians some day.

Lady Elgin then outlined a few points from the Society's Annual Report, and congratulated the Branches and Affiliated Groups on their work.

She recalled a day spent at the St. Andrews Summer School, and how impressive she thought the arrangement of the classes, from beginners, to those working for the highest certificates, thus ensuring a continuous flow of new recruits each year.

She also spoke of the outstanding success of the film "Scotland Dances," which was enjoyed all over the world, and mentioned the visit of the Society's International Team to Bavaria.

In conclusion Lady Elgin, on behalf of the Executive Council thanked Mrs Lesslie, who had been Chairman for three years, for her unselfish and untiring work for the Society during her term of office; and also extended thanks to the Secretaries and Officials of Branches and members of Committees for their regular attendance at meetings during the year, and special thanks to the Society's Secretary, Miss Hadden.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd November 1957, having been circulated in the *Bulletin*, were approved and signed.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS. Mrs Lesslie proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the three Honorary Vice-Presidents, the Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich and The Duke of Hamilton. Mrs Milligan seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. Miss J. C. Milligan and Mr G. Sharpe being the sole nominees for the offices of Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively, were elected.

SIX ELECTED MEMBERS. The following were elected by vote: Miss B. Anderson (Aberdeen), Mr G. Cruickshank (Edinburgh), Mr W. Murray (Inverness), Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), Miss B. H. Robertson (Dundee) and Miss M. L. Ross (Glasgow).

**ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT.** Dr W. Flint (Kirkcaldy) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mrs Kemp (Tees-side) and approved by the meeting.

**ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.** The audited accounts circulated with the *Bulletin* were presented by Mr Hardie, Convener of the Finance Committee.

Referring to the Revenue Account, Mr Hardie drew attention to the income from subscriptions which had remained steady, and of affiliation fees which had increased by £40. Investment income, due to careful planning which had enabled the Society to take good advantage of the increased rates ruling during the year, had led to the highest income from this source. Income from royalties, had increased by £100, largely because of the sale of the Collins book which had offset the decline in revenue from gramophone records. There had however been a serious fall in income from the sales of publications of over £1,000, a matter which was receiving close attention by the appropriate committees.

Turning to Expenditure, he pointed out that administrative costs had only risen by £150 which was explained by normal staff increments and increased postal/telephone charges and spoke of the new policy under which £100 was being set aside for the redecoration and maintenance of Headquarters.

The special item of interest on the balance sheet was the investments: since the end of the year £2,000 had been invested in 5% Defence Bonds and £1,000 in the County Council of West Lothian 6% Mortgage Loans.

Mr Hardie then went through the 1958-59 estimates, and explained the changes with those of the previous year.

Dr Johnstone (North West Ayrshire) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr MacLeay (Inverness) and this was approved by the meeting.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.** The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs Norman McKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Miss Ellison (Newcastle) and seconded by Mrs Hutcheson (East Stirlingshire).

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM:

a) **THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL:** "That the Life Membership Subscription should be at a standard rate of £3, 3s. and that the Constitution be amended accordingly."

Mr Sharpe (Dundee) on behalf of the Executive Council moved the Resolution which was seconded by Mr Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire).

Mr Macleod (Glasgow) proposed an addendum that this Resolution should not take effect until the beginning of the financial year, 1st July, 1959. This addendum was seconded by Mr Cross (Glasgow).

The Resolution "That the Life Membership Subscription should be at a standard rate of £3, 3s. to take effect from the beginning of the financial year, 1st July, 1959, and that the Constitution be amended accordingly" was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

b) **ABERDEEN BRANCH:** "That, apart from Summer School Staff and Certificate Candidates no one should be accepted for residence at St. Andrews two years in succession, to the exclusion of someone who is teaching country dancing, or coaching in however humble a capacity, and was not in residence the previous year."

Miss Macdonald (Aberdeen) moved the Resolution which was seconded by Mrs McFarlane (Aberdeen).

Mr Murray (Inverness) moved the direct negative which was seconded by Miss Kenyon (Glasgow).

The direct negative was put to the meeting and, on a vote by a show of hands, was carried, the status quo being maintained.

1959 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The President intimated that no invitation had been received by the Executive Council for the 1959 Annual General Meeting. Mr Maxwell (Edinburgh) said that provided no other invitation was received Edinburgh Branch would be pleased to act as hosts to the Society in 1959.

Lady Elgin told the meeting that the Executive Council would be pleased to receive invitations for consideration at the next meeting on 13th December, 1958.

Lady Elgin then said how pleased she was to wear the beautiful badge of office which had been presented to the Society by Mr Hutchison of Dundee in memory of his wife to be worn by the Chairman at the Annual General Meeting and at Meetings of the Executive Council.

VOTE OF THANKS. Mr Bagguley (Sheffield) proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the Glasgow Branch for the very successful arrangements made to entertain the Society. He also thanked Lady Elgin for the gracious manner in which she presided at the meeting.

## Bavarian Tour

THOSE travellers who have visited the Rhine Valley will appreciate the treat that was in store for the International Team on their Tour of Bavaria, where performances were given at Munich, Stuttgart, Mannheim, Bonn and Cologne.

A smooth Channel crossing found us in Holland in the early hours of Thursday morning, 28th August, where we were greeted by the smiling faces of Mr and Mrs de Leeuw whom we all remembered from St. Andrews. Their present of fruit intended for an absent Miss Milligan was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The train journey to Munich took us through the wonderful scenery of the Rhine Valley with its hillside vineyards and quaint castles and keeps, while the river barges continued their seemingly endless journeys on to and fro.

We were greeted on arrival by Frau Kaul and conducted to our hotel where, somewhat weary after our long journey, we were glad to relax.

In the morning the team gave an informal display at a reception given by the British Consul, but the next day was the big occasion when we received a terrific ovation, in the Deutsche Museum Hall, by an audience of some 2,000. Following an English Choir and a team of Finnish Folk Dancers, the Scottish Dancers danced non-stop for forty minutes. Indeed a long blow for poor Angus our piper.

In Stuttgart we were lavishly entertained by the German Folk Dancing Group and renewed acquaintance with those whom we had met on the South African Tour. Here the team gave three performances, the first in the City Square then at a large Girls College and the final performance to a capacity audience in the Moereke College Hall. It was with reluctance that we left Stuttgart next morning but felt that we had left behind many new friends among the dancers and our hosts and hostesses.

The town of Mannheim has a quiet dignity about it and this feeling penetrated through our entire visit. Our charming hostess had everything beautifully organised. We were given a wonderful reception dinner, after which the ladies were presented with a magnificent bouquet of red carnations. The hall in which we danced matched the splendour of the hall in Munich but only on a smaller scale.

By the time we reached Bonn our spirits were high for everywhere we had been received with tremendous enthusiasm. Mr Moss of the British Consulate had made every effort to make our stay a pleasant and memorable one.

A very tired but very happy team gave an excellent performance for the last show of the Tour at Cologne.

The members of the team are grateful to all those at home and abroad who must have worked so hard to make the Tour the success it was.

## Summer School, 1959

BEFORE coming to St. Andrews for the first time, I had read some of the previous reports in the Bulletin, and so had a fair idea of what to expect. Nevertheless, I was somewhat apprehensive, arriving on my own, knowing nobody and being acutely aware of my lack of experience. However, all feelings of uneasiness were quickly dispelled, and this was undoubtedly due to the happy and friendly atmosphere which was so obvious from the start and which continued until the end.

Last year's writer said that "superficially one Summer School is much like another," and I imagine the same to be true of 1959. Old hands who were unable to come this year will probably like to know this, and to hear that many of the delightful demonstrations we saw were dances in Book 20, which is soon to be published.

It is really for the benefit of the uninitiated, however, that I am recording these impressions, which are so numerous that it is hard to sort them out.

Apart from the splendid atmosphere, already described, there are five things which have struck me most forcibly. The first is Miss Milligan's personality—her charm, authority and sense of humour—her admirable control of so many people, and her ability to produce such exquisite demonstrations. These demonstrations themselves are my next impression. It was clear that they were greatly enjoyed by all who saw them—and so they should have been for they were so beautifully performed. All who took part deserve great credit, but Bobby Watson must have special mention for his brilliance and wit; and his versatility must be seen to be believed. Thirdly, I have been very much impressed by the lovely music. Some of the tunes I knew, but several I had not heard before. They were all very beautifully played by our talented pianists and many of the melodies continue to ring through my ears. The patience and skill of our teachers form the basis of my fourth impression. We learned a great deal from them, and thoroughly enjoyed all the classes we attended. Our faults were so nicely corrected and no individual was ever made to feel embarrassed. Lastly, but by no means least in importance, I must pay tribute to the excellence of the organisation. Much hard work and intelligent thinking is necessary to organise a venture of this magnitude, and great praise is due to Miss Hadden and Miss Wotherspoon for the smooth way in which everything seems to have gone.

There are many other things which come to mind: Miss Milligan's efforts to play her Jew's Harp, Bobby Watson's gladioli button-hole, blow-football with a floating match-box, "Bonnie Kate" of St. Andrews, "rinna bittie back and rinna bittie forward," the Red River Valley, the car which was parked where it should not have been and Corn Rigs (my own regimental march), to which I felt I should have been standing to attention instead of launching myself into a skip change of step.

To add to all this, the weather was near perfect, perhaps too hot in the first week, but it enabled many people to bath, play golf or indulge in other activities in the afternoons, if they had the energy.

It was a great pleasure too, to see so many visitors from overseas and to know that the dances we enjoy so much are also enjoyed in other parts of the world.

Finally, I must say how excellent were the meals. Although an army is reputed to march on its stomach, I doubt if Miss Milligan would approve of her dancers doing the same. However the high standard of catering added to our general enjoyment and gave us the additional energy we needed. Much credit is due to all those responsible and to all who served us.

No doubt these impressions have indicated how much I enjoyed my first Summer School. And so it was; but as with all good things the end came far too soon, and the last few days just seemed to fly. I can strongly recommend this exhilarating experience for all Scottish Country Dance enthusiasts, who have not yet tried it, and I look forward to another visit as soon as possible.

## Overseas Correspondence

As in former years a great many letters have been received from correspondents in many parts of the world. Requests for books and information about gramophone records have come in from towns and places in many countries including Gambia, Balavale, Northern Rhodesia, Swiabaja, Indonesia, Jamaica, Belgian Congo, Rumania, Mexico and Venezuela.

From **Ipo**, Malaya, there is news of the formation of a Scottish Country Dance Club formed by members of a regiment of the Royal Hussars. The writer mentions that Scottish country dancing is an excellent antidote to contending with bandits!

From **Nandi, Fiji**, came an urgent order for books of instruction—the time of year was mid-winter with a day temperature of 100° F. An interesting report has been sent in from **Kampala, Uganda**, of a demonstration of Scottish country dancing given as part of the Military Tattoo, on the occasion of the Queen Mother's visit. The music was provided by three pipers, all civilians, who had answered an appeal for help as no gramophone records could be obtained. The dancing was much enjoyed by the spectators and one of the team was presented to Her Majesty. In a jungle district in **West Beagal**, about 120 miles from Calcutta, a group working on a steelworks project meet every week for Scottish country dancing. Even the advent of hot weather does not damp the enthusiasm.

An interesting abstract of a thesis was sent in from the writer who is a member of the Society and a Lecturer of a Women's College in **North Carolina, U.S.A.** The thesis is entitled "A comparative study of the effects of varying time sequences of Scottish country dancing on selected components of physical and motor fitness of college women."

One of our regular correspondents from **Manchester, New Hampshire**, writes to tell us of the immense pleasure and stimulation the group has received from the visit of an English member of the Society who helped in teaching and took a very active part in the dancing. The gentleman in question had attended the Society's Summer School and had been able to pass on and demonstrate much of the work done there. Such visits do a tremendous amount of good in furthering interest in Scottish country dancing and it is hoped that whenever members go to countries where there are Scottish Country Dance Groups they will make themselves known and so be sure of a very warm welcome.

### TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

#### TO THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Annual Subscription - - - - -	5/-
Life Membership Subscription - - - - -	£3, 3/-

*Secretary*—Miss HADDEN, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3.

*Treasurer*—Miss D. M. VAUGHAN, F.C.A., 108 Hanover Street, Edinburgh, 2.







is at 30th JUNE 1959

		ASSETS			
1958	HEADQUARTERS (At Cost):	£5,502	2 1		
£4,250	Less Amount written off	1,502	2 1	£4,000	0 0
	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT				
	As valued at 30th June 1954, and additions at cost	£788	15 9		
450	Less: Amount written off to date	388	15 9	400	0 0
	MUSIC, BOOKS AND LEAFLETS				
4,803	At Cost, as certified by Treasurer			5,030	0 0
	INVESTMENTS (At Cost):				
	4% Defence Bonds	£500	0 0		
	4½% Defence Bonds	1,000	0 0		
	5% Defence Bonds	2,000	0 0		
	National Savings Certificates	1,125	0 0		
	Dunfermline Building Society	2,700	0 0		
	Edinburgh Savings Bank	575	0 0		
	British Linen Bank Savings Accounts	850	0 0		
	City of Edinburgh 5½% Loan	2,000	0 0		
	City of Edinburgh 5¼% Loan	1,000	0 0		
12,250	County of West Lothian 6% Loan	1,000	0 0	12,750	0 0
	STAFF PENSION FUND				
	5% Defence Bonds	£1,050	0 0		
	British Linen Bank—Savings Account	22	12 10		
1,050	Current Account	360	12 0	1,433	4 10
258	SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS			217	14 10
	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND				
	British Linen Bank—Current Account	£722	4 6		
	Savings Account—Summer School	5,239	0 0		
	Furnishings	43	19 7		
5,116	In hands of Secretary	50	0 0	6,055	4 1
<u>£28,177</u>				<u>£29,886</u>	<u>3 9</u>

of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1959, and have obtained  
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of account, give in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explana-  
 (Sgd.) NORMAN MACKINNON & CO., C.A., Auditors.

**YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1959**

1957-58	By SUBSCRIPTIONS				
	Received from Branches	£3,387	2 4		
	Paid direct	839	8 11	£4,226	11 3
3,783	.. AFFILIATION FEES			144	18 0
143	.. DONATIONS			10	10 0
25	.. FEES FROM STUDENTS				
	Summer and Autumn Schools	£5,421	12 0		
	Examinations	332	0 0	5,753	12 0
5,621	.. INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			464	13 1
379	.. ROYALTIES				
	Books	£279	14 6		
	Broadcasting Fees	£104	4 5		
	Gramophone Records	400	13 0	784	11 11
1,025	.. SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			635	6 6
627					
<u>£11,603</u>				<u>£12,020</u>	<u>2 9</u>
£2,014	By BALANCE CARRIED DOWN			£1,206	2 3
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**the YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1959**

1957-58	By SALES			£1,098	12 11
£1,343	.. SUBSCRIPTION COPIES (At Cost)			600	0 0
580	.. STOCK IN HAND, 30th JUNE 1959			5,030	0 0
4,803					
<u>£6,726</u>				<u>£6,728</u>	<u>12 11</u>

## ESTIMATE of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1960

	INCOME	1958-59
Subscriptions . . . . .	£3,750	£3,500
Affiliation Fees . . . . .	145	130
Royalties . . . . .	750	750
Investment Income . . . . .	530	350
Fees: Schools and Courses ( <i>less</i> Expenses)	300	300
Surplus on Sale of Publications . . . . .	600	400
	<u>£6,075</u>	<u>£5,430</u>

	EXPENDITURE	
Staff Salaries . . . . .	£1,600	£1,450
Cost of Meetings, including Travelling Expenses . . . . .	380	350
Printing and Stationery . . . . .	250	400
Postage and Telephone . . . . .	195	175
Office Accommodation . . . . .	385	340
Audit Fee . . . . .	42	42
Insurance . . . . .	30	28
Repairs and Decorations . . . . .	100	100
Miscellaneous Expenses . . . . .	50	50
	<u>£3,032</u>	<u>£2,935</u>
<i>Less: Allocation to Summer School</i> . . . . .	300	
	<u>£2,732</u>	<u>£2,935</u>
Bulletin . . . . .	850	650
Examination Fees, <i>less</i> Expenses . . . . .	50	100
Demonstration Team Expenses . . . . .	350	350
Grants . . . . .	50	50
Subscription Copies . . . . .	500	450
<b>RESERVES:</b>		
For Printing Publications . . . . .	400	400
For Pension Fund . . . . .	350	350
For General Reserve . . . . .	250	—
Surplus to meet contingencies . . . . .	543	145
	<u>£6,075</u>	<u>£5,430</u>

## GRAMOPHONE RECORDS

The following records have been made by W. Paxton & Co. Ltd., 36-38 Dean Street, Soho, London, W.1., on 45 r.p.m. discs, retailing at 13/7d. (including purchase tax). These records will, in due course, be obtainable from any music shop, but if three or more are ordered direct from Paxton House these will be sent post and packing free. The records have been made by Tim Wright and His Band under the auspices of the Society.

*The Sandal—Two and Two.* Book 19.

*New Park—The Rakish Highlandman.* Book 19.

*None So Pretty—Lochiel's Rant.* Book 19.

*Admiral Nelson.* Book 19.

*St. Andrew's Nicht—5th Set,* Mrs MacNab's leaflets.

*The Alewife and Her Barrel—The Deuks Dang Ow'er My Daddie.* Book 19,

*Eightsome Reel,* Book 2. *Petronella,* Book 1.

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## HIRE OF FILMS

Branches may hire films made for the Society (Rakes of Glasgow; River Cree; Mrs McLeod of Raasay) free of charge, for showing to members, but application must be made through the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3. Particulars of films and loop films may be obtained from the Scottish Film Council, 16-17 Woodside Terrace, Glasgow, C.3.

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## CERTIFICATED TEACHERS

Will members holding a Society certificate and who are going overseas, please send name and address to the Secretary, so that she can put them into touch with Branches or Clubs where teaching help is required.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL 1960

All members must apply to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, by 30th January 1960 for Summer School application forms, which will be sent out in March. The approximate dates of the School are 25th July to 22nd August. Non-Residents must apply as well as Residents.



# of Perth **Norwell's**

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