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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society I send greetings and good wishes.

The Branches continue to grow and to multiply and their work is excellent: congratulations to them all.

KATHERINE ELGIN.

Annual Report

IN reviewing the work of the year it is always salutary to take stock, so that we may assess the worth of any success and also consider where more progress might have been made. Every generation regards itself as living in a new age and perhaps characteristic of this generation is a need for variety in action. While recognising and appreciating this need, it is heartening that Scottish Country dancing has still a very satisfactory degree of popularity. The traditional dances, with their lively and lovely tunes, have held their place in spite of keen competition from many new forms of dance and movement. There is, however, no room for complacency. If we are to retain and stimulate the interests of many in traditions that are dear to us, we must ensure that enjoyment and live spirit are essentials in our teaching.

Television and radio have revolutionised popular entertainment and are immense sources for propaganda. It seems fair to claim that in this field, Scottish Country Dancing has given delight to many. Some of those who have sat and enjoyed the ease and flow of the dancers in "the Kilt is My Delight" have joined classes and have become new and active participants. Enjoyment and appreciation through sight are, of course, important but nothing can take the place of the spread of knowledge through human relationships. This was very evident in the tour of a Bavarian team of dancers to seven of our Branches after the visit of our International team to Bavaria in 1956. Then, there was the visit of the sixty-six Afrikaan dancers from South Africa to Edinburgh. It seems unnecessary to state that these exchanges not only foster a knowledge of national dances, but also do much to increase goodwill and understanding of each other. There is also the individual contribution. It would be difficult for any Society to find someone more capable of inspiring people with enthusiasm for our dances and of giving them exhilaration through their performance, than the co-founder of the Society, Miss Jean Milligan. Her visits to America and Canada have brought numerous unsolicited testimonials from many people whom she met during her tour. She taught classes, she conducted examinations and she gave interviews to the press and radio and as a result strengthened the overseas interest in Scotland and its dances. She also gave to many classes and groups teachers with the hall-mark of the Society's Certificate.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Annual General Meeting was held in Largs on 2nd November 1957. Before the meeting, the North West Ayrshire Branch gave a luncheon to the members of the Executive Council and this was much appreciated by all who were present. On Friday evening a Ball was held and during the evening a team of ladies from

the Branch danced "The Lassies of Saltcoats." One very special item of the week-end was the showing of the film "Scotland Dances" on Saturday morning to a most interested and appreciative audience of members from many Branches. The Executive Council would like to put on record its gratitude to all who helped to make the week-end such a success.

INTERNATIONAL DEMONSTRATION TEAM SELECTION MEETING. On 1st February 1958, a team of ten dancers with ten reserves was chosen to represent the Society from 1958 to 1960. The following are the names of those chosen:—

INTERNATIONAL TEAM:

Miss S. Cameron (Edinburgh).	Mr H. Callander (Castle Douglas).
Miss N. Hill (Stirlingshire).	Mr K. Connolly (Edinburgh).
Miss D. McCartney (Castle Douglas).	Mr W. Hamilton (Edinburgh).
Miss D. Park (Glasgow).	Mr A. W. Percy (Glasgow).
Miss I. Reid (Edinburgh).	Mr I. Robertson (Edinburgh).

RESERVES:

Miss A. Mann (Dundee).	Mr E. Gairns (Dunfermline).
Miss L. Martin (Aberdeen).	Mr C. Hamilton (Dumfries).
Miss M. McQueen (Ayr).	Mr R. Jamieson (Ayr).
Miss M. Smith (Perth).	Mr J. Montgomery (Kirkcudbright).
Miss J. Yeats (Aberdeen).	Mr J. Pearson (Kirkcaldy).

Mr W. Murray (Inverness) was unanimously chosen as a member of the International Team but it was understood that, as he would be unable to take part in any tours overseas during the next two years, he did not wish his name to go forward.

EXAMINATIONS. During the year examinations have been held in the following centres: Aberdeen, Ayr, Boston, Dunfermline, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hamilton (Ontario), London, Montreal, New York, Portrush, Stockton-on-Tees, Toronto, Washington D.C., and Whitehead. Examinations were also held in Craiglockhart R.C. Training College, Edinburgh; Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Aberdeen; Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow; Notre Dame R.C. Training College, Glasgow; and The Scottish School of Physical Education, Glasgow.

In the Preliminary Test there were 208 passes and 74 failures; in the Teachers' Certificate examinations there were 74 passes and 20 failures.

SUBSCRIPTION COPY OF BOOK. For the Society's financial year, which began on 1st July 1958, members are being offered a choice of books as no new book is being published. Any book from 6-19 may be chosen or any of the pocket editions, Four Set Dances, Four Step Dances, 16 Popular Dances or Alternative Tunes for Books 8-14. Members, on paying their subscription to Headquarters, are asked to state choice of book.

CHAIRMAN'S BADGE OF OFFICE. The Executive Council received with much appreciation a beautiful badge of office to be used by the presiding Chairman at the meetings of the Society. The gift was from Mr Hutchison, Dundee, in memory of his wife who died in 1957, and who was a very enthusiastic member of the Society.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA. An interesting group has been formed of R.S.C.D.S. teachers in the Canadian Branches. The objects are to unite in mutual interest of all teachers of Scottish Country Dancing and in this way to maintain and stimulate interest all over Canada.

MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the Society shows a slight increase from last year and is approximately 16,500. There are now 85 Branches and 140 Affiliated Groups.

SUMMER SCHOOL. The twenty-seventh Summer School was held in University Hall, St. Andrews, from 21st July to 18th August and, as in previous years, all four University Residences were filled to capacity. The Executive Council wishes to record its warm appreciation of all the work done by Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianists during the School.

Branch Reports

ABERDEEN. Secretary, Miss Annie O. Cumming, 19 Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen.—Six adult and five children's classes met weekly. At a teacher's class for Full Certificate, nine candidates were successful. This class was taken by Miss B. Anderson as was also a Refresher Class for Certificated Members in September on Book 19 and a Demonstration Class which met fortnightly. Many demonstrations have been given from this class.

Two Balls were held, one in December and one in March. At the 1958 Scottish Country Dance Festival there was a record entry of 156 teams at which the Branch was represented by 6 Adult and 6 Children's Teams. Between them they won 4 trophies and 3 honours diplomas.

The Aberdeen Scottish Country Dance Club completed its 7th session during which many happy evenings were spent in social dancing.

On 19th September a team of Bavarian Dancers visited Aberdeen. They were given a civic luncheon and shown the historically interesting parts of the City. In the evening they contributed some items to a concert in which Scottish vocalists, instrumentalists, highland and country dancers took part.

At the recent audition in Edinburgh, Miss Lesley Martin and Miss Jean Yeats were chosen for the reserve team.

ADELAIDE. Mr E. N. S. Jackson, 46 Tusmore Avenue, Tusmore, South Australia.—The Branch has continued as a very happy group over the past year. Though there has been a considerable fall off in members we are now getting 40 enthusiastic dancers at our weekly class. This is held under the patient and helpful care of our instructress, Mrs M. Goldie, who is zealous in keeping up a high standard of Scottish Country Dancing in this area. A Demonstration Team from this Branch has performed at several social functions, meeting with much favourable commendation.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss E. Provan, 166 Aitchison Street, Airdrie.—The membership of the Branch for this year was 156 including 1 honorary member. The Branch has two classes, "Advanced" and "Beginners and Intermediate" and a Juvenile Class, with a membership of 168. Each of these classes was very well attended throughout the season. The teacher of the Juvenile Class formed two teams of dancers, who demonstrated at various functions. On 10th April, the juvenile members gave a performance of dancing to their parents and on 16th April we again held our Annual Branch Dance which proved very successful.

ANNAN. Secretary, Miss B. M. Calver, 90 High Street, Annan, Dumfriesshire.

ARBROATH. Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath.—The Branch has a membership of 235 with 13 life members.

All the centres at Arbroath, Brechin, Montrose and Kirriemuir had most successful classes. Annual Balls were held by all centres, and many visitors from neighbouring branches and centres were made welcome.

Demonstration teams gave help in entertaining old people and at various local organisations, and in every case were very well received.

AUCHTERARDER. Secretary, Mrs H. C. Hunter, 36 Queen's Terrace, Auchterarder.—The membership of the Branch shows a slight decrease from the previous season but Club membership has slightly increased owing to the admission of members at the age of 15

Under the instruction of Miss E. Goodall, Perth, a very able successor to Miss C. R. Duff, the weekly class was very much enjoyed and it was gratifying to see the younger members attend regularly.

The dances held in the Aytoun Hall were the highlights of the season and well patronised by members of neighbouring clubs as well as others from as far as Dundee, Errol, Callander, Doune and Crook of Devon.

AYR. Secretary, Miss Jean Matheson, 48 Westwood Avenue, Ayr.—This has been a year of fluctuating fortune for Ayr Branch. On the one hand, a reduction in membership, which now stands at 336 members and 25 Life Members; yet on the other a most happy year socially, with all our dances well attended and the dancers most enthusiastic. A feature of the year has been the number of dances organised by groups of members in various parts of the Branch area and supported by the Branch as a whole, and from September to June there was not a month without a Country Dance Party somewhere in Ayr or near district and without exception all were most enjoyable. Most gratifying, too, has been the number of children attending Branch Classes. Our Weekend School co-incided with the apex of the 'flu epidemic in Ayr and attendance was much reduced. Those who did go along to Ayr Academy thoroughly enjoyed the instruction of Mrs Lesslie, Mr Johnstone, Mr Little and Mr MacLeod. Our Branch Demonstration Teams have given much pleasure at various functions throughout the County, and at the Ayrshire Music Festival both the Mixed Team and the Ladies' Team were placed first in their sections; both Teams again did well when competing in Edinburgh. The Branch learned with pleasure that Margaret McQueen and Bert Jamieson had been placed in the International Team Reserve. At the end of the season, we regretfully said good-bye to Branch teacher and Team member Helen McKinnon, who, on her marriage, is going to live on the East Coast. We heard with interest of the proposal to form an East Ayrshire Branch and take this opportunity to wish our landward neighbour every success.

AYRSHIRE, North-West. Secretary, Miss Ann Stevenson, 7 Kennedy Road, Saltcoats.—The membership of the Branch is now 365 which includes 3 Life Members.

The past year has been a very busy but enjoyable one in the history of our Branch. The highlight was the occasion of the Annual General Meeting in Largs when we had the pleasure of welcoming the Society to N.W. Ayrshire.

Our Branch teams have been much in demand to demonstrate at various social functions. At the Greenock Festival our Ladies' Team won a Challenge Shield.

A full programme of Monthly Dances has been held throughout the Branch, as well as the Christmas, Easter and Summer Dances. At some of our dances we have enjoyed the company of members from neighbouring branches.

The Children's Class continues to go from strength to strength. Their session ended with a very fine display.

BANFFSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs E. Smith, 18 Yuill Avenue, Buckie.

BATH. Secretary, Mr A. Smith, "Hawkeswell Villa," Keynsham, Nr. Bristol. The same number of classes and functions were held as in the previous year and were well attended. The highlight of the season was the visit of Miss Milligan to the Annual Ball on 28th February.

Thanks to the efforts of Miss Betty Brown the numbers attending the classes has again shown an increase and this is reflected in the number of Branch members which has now reached a new high level at 95 (including 2 Life Members).

BELFAST. Secretary, Mr Patrick Fergusson, 434 Lisburn Road, Belfast.—The Belfast Branch continues to grow in numbers and, if possible, in enthusiasm. All classes have been well supported during the year and all our social functions have been very well attended.

During the season we have had visits from Miss Milligan and Mr and Mrs Bill Little as teachers at our two week-end schools. This was the first occasion on which Mr and Mrs Little had visited the Branch and we were glad to welcome them. It was not by any means the first visit of Miss Milligan and the Branch was very pleased that she was again able to fit in a visit for the Spring Week-end School in May when old and new members were able to meet her and enjoy her classes and also her society.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Secretary, Miss D. D. Martin, 17 Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—Another successful season has been held, with an increase in membership. Three adult classes were organised and a new venture was tried out in the form of a "Men Only" class which proved a moderate success. The Children's Class, which consisted of 32 members at the beginning of the season swelled its ranks until there were 54 members, which necessitated running three classes to cater for the demand.

Our Annual Ball was held as usual in the King's Arms Hotel Ballroom and once again was a successful and enjoyable function. Our other social function was an informal Dance held in March, another successful occasion which is now becoming established as an annual event.

BIRMINGHAM. Secretary, Mrs E. E. Abbott, 158 Franklin Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham 30.—The Branch now has a membership of 166, composed of 141 Annual Members and 25 Life Members. This is an increase of 27 over last year and may be regarded as satisfactory.

The year has been one of quiet, but steady progress. Our monthly socials have been well supported by our own members and members of other organisations.

We again had the pleasure of meeting friends from several affiliated groups in the Midlands at our Autumn Dance held last November. This event proved so popular that we had great difficulty in limiting the sale of tickets to the capacity of the hall.

A social for junior school children was held in March and was a great success.

Our autumn weekend school was held at Lilleshall Hall in October. This was again a great success. The excellent tuition provided by Mrs Lesslie, Mrs Gudger and Miss Thompson contributed greatly to the success of this course.

The Demonstration Group has been very busy during the year and has given displays at various events and these have been greatly appreciated.

BLAIR ATHOLL. Secretary, Miss J. Seaton, 17 Ford Road, Blair Atholl.—Membership remains the same as last year with a total of 20. Whilst we should like to see an increase on this total the lack of qualified instructors in this area rather discourages the prospect. Despite our difficulties, however, the weekly class meetings were maintained throughout the winter and were much enjoyed by the twenty "old faithfuls."

The two important dates on our calendar were our Summer Rally in July and our Annual Ball in December. Both functions were most successful, attracting the usual large numbers from all over Perthshire.

BOSTON. Secretary, Miss F. Mattison, 72 Francis Avenue, Cambridge 38, Mass., U.S.A.

CALLANDER and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss M. Kennett, Hartfield House, Callander, Perthshire.—New branch.

CAPE TOWN. Treasurer, Mrs I. E. Wilkinson, c/o The Union Castle Mail Steamship Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 7, Cape Town.—This was another active year although average attendance at classes was down to 28.

Social functions included an End-of-Term Dance organised by Miss M. H. Gibson, to which the Teenage Class and the Country Dance Section of the Cape Town Caledonian Society were invited. This proved a great success. Other functions were dances held at the Avondrust Home for the Aged and the Pinelands Seniors Club for their respective entertainment; a Supper Dance in November and our Christmas Party was, as usual, well attended and dancing on the floodlit lawns made it a memorable occasion.

Many new dances were learnt during the year and regular step practice ensured a steady improvement.

CARLISLE and BORDER. Secretary, Miss K. Rooney, 9 Red Bank Terrace, Carlisle.—Carlisle and Border Branch again carried out an ambitious programme during the past year, this being the eighth year of the Branch's formation. We have held Adult Classes weekly on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Children's Classes on Saturday afternoons. In addition we have held 10 Social Evenings, a Week-End School, 3 Dances at Langholm, Longtown and Low Heskett and the Annual Highland Ball.

There has been a slight decrease in membership and in the attendance at some of our functions, but we hope next season will bring renewed enthusiasm.

Teams of dancers gained high marks at the Carlisle and Dumfries Musical Festivals and several demonstrations, both small and large scale, were given to delighted audiences.

CARNOUSTIE. Secretary, Mrs K. Roberts, 38 Thomas Street, Carnoustie.—The membership of the Branch during the past season has been 32 and 1 Life Member—this shows a further decrease in numbers from the previous year.

Throughout the session one Adult General Class and two Juvenile Classes have met weekly. A very successful Ball was held in December.

A number of our members visited the Training College Hall, Dundee, in September to see a most enjoyable programme of Bavarian Folk Dancing and Scottish Country Dancing given by the Bavarian Dancers and Dundee Branch, R.S.C.D.S., respectively.

The Juvenile Classes ended the session on 27th March by a display of dancing to parents and friends.

CASTLE DOUGLAS. Secretary, Miss E. H. Craik, 23 Academy Street, Castle Douglas.—Membership of the Branch is 61 including 6 Life Members. Weekly Classes were held for both Adult and Junior Link Members and both groups were very well attended.

The session started with a visit from Miss Milligan on 27th and 28th September when she conducted a course of classes on Book 19. These were very enjoyable and our thanks are due to Miss Milligan for a very happy and most instructive week-end. The Branch teams have given many demonstrations this session. On 21st February a "Scottish Concert" of music, verse, song and dance was organised by the Branch and held in the Town Hall. This new venture for us was very well supported and a great success.

Very high marks were gained by teams in all classes from the Branch in Dumfries and Newton Stewart Festivals.

The Branch is very pleased to report that two of its members, Miss D. McCartney and Mr Hugh Callander have been chosen to represent the Society in the International Team.

To close the session a Spring Dance was held on 11th April.

Our grateful thanks are due to all teachers, all pianists and to the Education Authority for the use of the Primary School Hall for all Classes.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Robina Gillies, 8 Queen Street, Alloa.—This has been a successful year for the Branch—all four sections having finished financially on the right side. Membership has slightly increased.

The County Dance of the Branch was this year held in the Alloa Drill Hall to music supplied by Jim Dawson's band. There was a good attendance of members and friends and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

ALLOA Class report increased membership this year, though numbers fell somewhat after Christmas. Three dances were held—at the beginning, Christmas and at the close of the session. The Class Committee catered for the first, to ensure financial stability for the rest of the year.

TILlicOUNTRY Class membership remained steady. Social evenings were held at the end of each term. Members were happy to attend dances in the neighbourhood including the County Dance.

DOLLAR Class again reports a very successful year—attendance increasing in the second term. The opening dance in September and a Carnival Dance in December were well attended. Social evenings were held half-way through and at the end of each term.

DERBY. Secretary, Mr Richard A. Lees, 6 High Street, Chellaston, Derby.—We have had another successful and enjoyable year with membership standing at 156. The highlights of the year have been our Christmas Dance and the 2nd Birthday Dance. At the latter function each member attending received a piece of birthday cake from a huge casket bearing two candles which reminded us all that we have now been in existence for over two years.

In both the elementary and intermediate class there has been a good attendance and an outstanding spirit of camaraderie and this is in no small way due to the tact and patience of our teacher, Mrs B. Robertson.

DUMFRIES. Secretary, Mrs J. H. Henderson, Braeside, Moffat Road, Dumfries.—We have had a very happy and successful session, marred only by the illness of Mr Jackie Johnstone. He has now fully recovered and helped us to win the trophy awarded to the best mixed team at the Dumfries-shire Musical Festival. Our annual dinner dance was well attended and the social evenings prove a great attraction throughout the year. The Dumfries Municipal Orchestra invited our demonstration team to dance at their concert, which was a great success.

DUNBARTONSHIRE. Secretary, Miss L. Meikle, 61 James Street, Helensburgh.—The above Branch has had a very encouraging Session. The Membership has increased from 132 to 150, with 2 Life Members.

A most successful Ball was held in Helensburgh on 25th October, 1957 with Mr Ian Powrie's Band.

Four Dances were held in various districts, and proved very popular.

The Branch held an Elementary and General Class which were much appreciated.

The Demonstration Team gave displays on several occasions and were very well received.

DUNDEE. Secretary, Miss H. F. Crighton, 317 Blackness Road, Dundee.—The membership of 506 including 133 life members shows a slight decrease from last year. The usual classes were held during the season, numbers attending the adult classes were down slightly. We had a very encouraging enrolment in the beginners' class with, strange to say, male dancers predominating. The Junior Section had increased numbers and it was very good to see so many boys coming forward.

As usual a large number of demonstrations were given throughout the year by Branch teams. The Club, run in conjunction with Branch, continues to provide many happy evenings of social dancing.

The Annual Ball held in March was well attended by members and friends from neighbouring branches.

During the Session we were pleased to have a visit from Mrs Lesslie who gave tuition to two advanced classes. All thoroughly enjoyed her inspiring teaching.

In September the Branch entertained the Passau Folk Dance Group from Bavaria for a week-end. The programme included a civic reception, a delightful entertainment by the group supported by our own dancers and local talent and a sight-seeing tour of the Highlands which unfortunately was marred by inclement weather.

We are pleased to have Miss Alice Mann, one of our members, selected for the International Reserve Team.

DUNFERMLINE. Secretary, Mrs J. A. Couper, 87A Brucefield Avenue, Dunfermline.—Our members are very gratified that Lady Elgin, Branch President, now holds the position of President of the Society.

We have had a very successful year and look forward to extending our classes next session. Membership is 129 and 10 Life Members. Beginners' and Advanced Classes were again held and were well attended and a Junior Mixed Class proved to be a successful experiment. At the Part II Certificate Examination in March nine full certificates were gained. The applicants were trained by Mr A. Leslie Cumming and the examiners were Miss Milligan and Mrs Lesslie. At the International Team audition one of our members, Mr E. Cairns, was selected as a member of the Reserve Team and we are proud that he has brought this distinction to the Branch.

The Demonstration Group was again called upon to assist with numerous entertainments and in December played a major part in the Branch production "Scots Fare," which was staged for two nights to full houses and raised £80 for the British Empire Cancer Campaign. The Branch was grateful to Mr Cumming, who organised and produced these performances and who has been responsible for the training of the Demonstration Group during the past few sessions. It was with great regret that we had to say good-bye to Mr Cumming at the end of March, when he emigrated to Australia. The Branch has benefited greatly from his teaching and the standard attained in general classes and demonstration work is a tribute to his personality and ability.

Miss Nan Morton, one of our own Branch members, took over the teaching of the Advanced Class at the beginning of the session and also assisted with the Demonstration Group, of which she has been a prominent member since its inception seven years ago. Miss Morton, who is now in Melbourne, has given great service to the Branch, both as a dancer and as a committee member, and we shall miss her wide knowledge of music and dancing which has been so readily available to us in the past.

For the Perth and Edinburgh Festivals the teams were coached by Mrs Corson. At Perth, the Senior Mixed team, excluding Fully Certificated members, gained the Bronze Statuette and at Edinburgh, competing for the first time in the Challenge Class, the Branch team shared second place with Ayrshire Branch, the Challenge Cup being won by Edinburgh Branch.

Three Guest nights were held during the session and in March we held our Closing Dance, with music by Lindsay Ross and His Band. These social functions were much enjoyed and we were happy to welcome members of Kirkcaldy and Perth Branches as well as dancers from neighbouring classes. Several of our members attended the Summer School at St. Andrews.

DUNS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Margaret A. Rae, Penrhyl, St. Abbs, Eyemouth.—After five years we see that the considerable number of comings and goings leaves our ranks much as before.

It was with a deep sense of loss we bade good-bye to our Treasurer when he moved to Arbroath. We miss his optimistic outlook on any new venture. Consequently the year's activities followed the usual pattern. Classes were many and varied, the biggest handicap still being the lack of teachers.

Social dances throughout the district remain ever popular and the Ball in Duns was especially successful. We were pleased to welcome a demonstration team from Edinburgh and to entertain a party of German officials from the Rhineland.

The Residential Week-end again in glorious weather, was the best so far. It is rapidly becoming a re-union to many friends from far and near while new enthusiasts quickly catch the spirit of the occasion. The Brains Trust on the Sunday afternoon was most enjoyable and could have lasted much longer.

Our Open-air Dance was arranged for Kirklands at Ayton but after two days of continuous rain and bitter cold, the dancers were glad to be in the hall.

At present we are busy rehearsing for our first venture in this field, a mass demonstration during the Duns Summer Festival.

EAST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss Helen F. Clark, 236 High Street, Prestonpans, East Lothian.—The Membership of our Branch has risen this year and now stands at 3 Life Members and 155 Annual Members. Once more dances under the auspices of the Branch were held each month in various parts of the County and these were well attended and most successful. We were again very glad to have Mrs Lesslie take a class one evening at East Linton, when she instructed us in Dances from Book 19.

EAST SURREY, WEST KENT. Secretary, Miss Edgell Cradock, 27 Wellesley Road, Croydon.—Membership of the Branch has increased. The attendances at Socials and Dances has been much higher and these have been most successful.

We were fortunate to have Miss Milligan, Mrs Sanderson, Mr Ireland to teach at our One Day School. This drew people from all over the South-East and despite the bus strike they managed to get there.

This year we started a new class at West Wickham and an affiliated class at Epsom, both of which have been successful; we have also been asked to start another class at Caterham in the autumn.

One member has obtained her first certificate and another her full certificate this year.

Various groups entered teams for Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival Croydon:—retained the Rosebowl; Reigate came top of the ladies' teams; Merstham School Club tied for top in the Senior schools; Horley School Girls team came top in the Junior schools.

ECCLEFECHAN. Secretary, Miss June Kerr, Tullich Lodge, Middlebie, by Lockerbie.—Membership has shown a decrease this year, nevertheless we have had a most enjoyable year. The classes held weekly were well attended. A very successful Highland Ball was held in December, being well attended by members of the surrounding Branches. A Party was held at the New Year. We look forward to 1958-59 season, preparation for which is now well in hand.

EDINBURGH. Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 35 Dundas Street, Edinburgh, 3.—Membership remains around the 1,550 mark and 20 classes a week were run throughout the past session. An interesting innovation was the introduction of two classes for Junior Associates and so successful has it been that we hope to increase to three classes next session.

Some 110 demonstrations were given during the year, including 5 appearances in the T.V. programme "The Kilt is my Delight." Our team retained the Challenge Cup at the Edinburgh (Competition) Music Festival, despite strong and welcome opposition from teams from two other Branches.

On 5th July, twenty of our dancers had the honour of appearing in the Forecourt of Holyroodhouse before Her Majesty the Queen, when, in contrast to the restrained dignity of the dances performed by our "modern" team, seven of our men gave a rousing interpretation of the Papa Stour Sword Dance.

Later in July, we gave a combined display in Princes Street Gardens with a party of South African folk-dancers. Edinburgh Branch undertook with pleasure, on behalf of the Society in general, the provision of week-end hospitality for this visiting group of 66 dancers.

The almost embarrassing success of our 1957 version of "An Edinburgh Fancy" prompted us to extend the run of the show this year to 11 performances in an effort to enable more overseas visitors to the Edinburgh Festival to see what they expect to be able to see in the Scottish Capital—a presentation of authentic Scots fare, in song, verse and dance.

We are proud to have five members of the Branch selected for this year's International team visiting Bavaria.

Mr Thomas J. King, who has been a popular and diligent Secretary/Treasurer over the past six years has felt obliged to relinquish the Secretaryship on health grounds. We are fortunate in retaining his services as Treasurer and we know that his many friends in the Society will wish him a complete recovery.

ELGIN. Secretary, Miss M. G. L. Christopher, "Tor View," 25 Young Street, Elgin.—The Branch has had quite a successful year with an increase in membership. The classes were well attended and the Social Evenings every month were still a feature.

We should like to extend a welcome to members of the now disbanded Lossiemouth Branch who may care to join us.

FORFAR. Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 16 Prior Road, Forfar.—This year our Branch has 133 Annual members and 21 Life Members. Last summer we had the usual monthly Social Dances. In September about 50 of our members journeyed to Dundee to see the Bavarian Folk Dance group and all thoroughly enjoyed the concert.

Our 2 classes were taught throughout the winter by Miss Nairn and Mrs McKenzie. Once a month the members of both classes joined together for social dancing.

Our Annual Dance held on 19th December was very successful and visitors came from Kirriemuir and Letham Centres, Kirriemuir S.C.D. Club, Hillside Class and Dundee Branch.

Throughout the year our members attended dances at Dundee, Friockheim, Kirriemuir, Hillside, Letham and Montrose.

FORRES. Secretary, Miss Belle MacDonald, 147 High Street, Forres.—Forres has had a very successful and happy session with the membership much the same as in the two previous years. A very successful dance was held during the local Gala Week and there were also very enjoyable dances at the end of the Christmas and Easter Term. Quite a number of the members attended dances in the neighbouring towns and members from the nearby Clubs attended our Annual Dance which was held in April. The Annual General Meeting was held during the "winding-up" dance and all office-bearers were re-elected.

FORT WILLIAM. Secretary, Mrs Eliz. M. Kearney, 11 Glendessary Street, Caol, Fort William.—Although there has been a slight decrease in the membership of the Branch the classes have been well attended and greatly enjoyed, due in no small part to our teachers and pianist to whom we owe a deep debt of gratitude.

Several demonstrations have been given by teams to help good causes and both our ladies' and mixed teams gained first award at the Lochaber Music Festival held in April—the adjudicator being Miss Jean Milligan whom we were delighted to welcome back after a long absence.

The social life was kept alive by the holding of four "Late Night" dances including our annual Dinner Dance which was a great success.

Two children's classes were run successfully—one for ages 9-12 and the other for ages 13-16—and both those and the Christmas parties were much enjoyed.

Once again the retiring committee enjoyed an evening out which took the form of a Dinner and Ceilidh.

FRIOCKHEIM. Secretary, Mr William Macpherson, Castle Street, Friockheim.—The Branch membership was slightly down from the previous year. This was due to the heavy snowstorms at the commencement of the Spring Session.

The Intermediate team affiliated to our Branch had a most successful and memorable tour to the Youth festival in Moscow last summer. They were feted everywhere and came back laden with gifts and souvenirs. They made many friends with the members of the 120 teams that attended. Since their return they have been in great demand to give demonstrations and have accepted invitations especially to cheer old folk in hospitals and in their clubs. They have again this year helped to raise a large amount for charity in North East Scotland.

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET. Secretary, Miss Maurag E. Murray, 10 Digby Street, Gatehouse-of-Fleet, by Castle Douglas.—Although membership and class attendance showed a slight decline we had a very enjoyable year and to our teachers and pianists we owe a deep debt of gratitude. We had our usual Christmas Party and the end of the season dance which was held in Cally Hotel were both well attended with members from the neighbouring Branches joining in. Teams were again entered for the Newton Stewart Festival in March and the Dumfries Festival in May at both which we were very successful. Many demonstrations were given locally throughout the season.

GLASGOW. Secretary, Mr Duncan Macleod, 19 Merrick Gardens, Glasgow, S.W.1.—1957-58 proved to be one of the busiest in the history of the Branch, with a slight increase in membership. Our year commenced with a visit from the Passau Folk Dance Group who gave displays of their dancing and their folk music in the Lyric Theatre and an informal dance.

17 classes were held throughout the winter, two of these being Certificate Classes. Classes were well attended and enjoyed by all who braved some wet, wintry nights to relax in the social spirit of the dance. In the spring two very successful classes were held.

Thanks are due to Mrs F. Lesslie, Miss H. McKinnon, Miss Nan Shaw and Mr W. Little for the hard work put in at our 4th Week-End Course, which was held on 8th and 9th November, also to all who attended from 21 Branches for making it a real social "get-together."

Five informal dances, our Annual Ball and a Spring Ball were held, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

The demonstration teams were again very busy giving 65 demonstrations, one of which was a week's performance in the Empire Theatre, with Jimmy Shand, while another was a mass demonstration with 80 dancers at the World Pipe Band Championships. Miss Doris Park and Mr Alex. Percy were successful in being selected as members of the International Team for the ensuing two years.

By the time this is in print many of you will perhaps be thinking of a visit to Glasgow for the A.G.M. and we Glaswegians shall be pleased to see you once again.

HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE. Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton.—The membership of the Branch stands at 529, including 30 Life Members. This shows an increase of 39 over last year's figure.

All our classes were well attended, and increases in the numbers in both the Beginners' Class and in the Couples' Class were very gratifying. Two classes for teachers within the Branch were held early in October.

Our usual monthly parties took place during the winter, all of them taxing the available accommodation to the limit. The Annual Ball, held on 31st January, was again very successful, but the outstanding event of the year was the Couples' Dinner Dance on 15th November. All who were privileged to attend it were so enthusiastic that a Couples' Party was added to the list of our functions and arranged for April.

We were very pleased to share with the Glasgow Branch in the entertainment of the Bavarian Team of Dancers in September. We were lucky to have ideal weather for a bus run to the Three Lochs, with a stop for lunch at Luss, on the shores of Loch Lomond. Our visitors were afforded many opportunities of obtaining a photographic record of some of our finest scenery in the West.

HAMILTON (Ontario). Secretary, Mr G. L. Wilson, 1249 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.—The past year has been an eventful one in the history of the Branch. It opened on a particularly sad note. Our beloved Instructor, Jean Matheson, was killed in a motor accident on her return from a yachting vacation in the Carribean. Miss Matheson, who was probably the first Canadian to attend a course at St. Andrews and obtain the Society's Teachers' Certificate, had guided us since the formation in 1951 of the Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society as an affiliated group of the R.S.C.D.S. We treasure fond memories of her, and have dedicated a Memorial Fund in her name for the furtherance of Scottish Country Dancing in the district. A medley entitled "Miss Jean Matheson," composed by her Associate Instructor, Mr William Clark, will be published by the Branch and the proceeds devoted to the Memorial Fund.

The Branch continued to run regular classes at the Hamilton Conservatory of Music, Mr Clark conducting the Intermediate and Advanced classes, while Mrs Nisbet conducted the Beginners' class.

We welcomed Miss Jean Milligan during her visit to North America in the fall to a special class for Branch members, which was followed next day by a broadcast on the programme "Heather Mixture." At short notice Mr Clark conducted intensive classes for candidates for examinations for Teachers' Certificates held by Miss Milligan in Toronto; three candidates were successful in obtaining their Final Certificate, and two more passed the Preliminary Examination. With the larger number of teachers we are looking forward to being able to extend our activities next season.

Among the regular activities of the Branch, the week-end of dancing and instruction at Erin, the Christmas Party, the Annual Ball at the Royal Connaught Hotel, and the End-of-Season Dance continued to be well supported.

HOPEMAN. Secretary, Miss Mary Hossack, Findhorn House, Hopeman, Morayshire.

INVERNESS. Secretary, Mrs M. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—Three weekly classes were held throughout the Session, and although there was a considerable drop in membership, attendance at the classes was maintained at a high level. The highlight of the Session was the visit of the Passau Group of Bavarian Dancers on 20th September 1957. On their arrival this team of dancers and singers were welcomed by Provost and Mrs Wotherspoon at the Town Hall where they were given a civic reception. After lunch they visited Glen Affric and in the evening gave demonstrations at a Ceilidh held in the Northern Meeting Rooms and at which the Inverness Gaelic Choir and a Demonstration Team from this Branch also performed. Five other functions were held during the year supported by our own members and by those from surrounding districts. Demonstrations were given at Dalneigh, Clachnaharry and at a Ceilidh in Palace Hotel which were much appreciated. The departure of our Branch Secretary, Mr H. G. Draper, to London was deeply regretted as he gave indefatigable attention to the Branch's affairs during the past few years. In the intervening period Mrs M. D. Mackie, Branch Treasurer, acted as Secretary.

KILMARNOCK. Secretary, Miss A. Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—The past year was in every way a highly successful one for our Branch. In November we celebrated our 21st Birthday with a dinner and dance, which was attended by former members and friends. We were sorry Miss Milligan, who was in U.S.A. could not be with us that evening. A most successful dance was held in April, which was very well attended. Our membership keeps about the same and many happy dancing evenings were spent. Various demonstrations were given during the year.

KINLOCHLEVEN. Secretary, Miss R. Duncan, 14 Eilde Road, Kinlochleven, Argyll.—The Kinlochleven Country Dance Club, originally formed in 1953, was very happy to be admitted as a Branch of the Society during the season. Members welcome the closer ties and the opportunity of supporting the Society which has been their source of inspiration.

During a successful season, extra classes have been held for an influx of juniors as well as for normal members. Late Nights and a Dinner/Dance have been enjoyed with friends from local Clubs and Branches. Teams competed for the Lochaber Festival and their demonstrations have been enjoyed at local social occasions.

KIRKCALDY. Secretary, Miss Nancy J. Arnott, Lakeside, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.—Membership is at present 237, which includes 24 Life Members. The usual classes were run, i.e. a Beginners, three Intermediate and an Advanced. We were very pleased to welcome for the season in the Beginners' Class, Mr and Mrs Skirrow from Canada, Miss Maule from U.S.A., and Miss Bottomley from Australia.

Requests for demonstrations were met by Branch teams during the season. The Annual Dance was held again in the Adam Smith Hall, when over 200 dancers were on the floor, and we had the pleasure of welcoming friends from neighbouring Branches.

The Branch was pleased to note that one of our members, Mr J. Pearson, had been chosen to represent the Society for the International Team for 1958-1960.

We hope to welcome old and new members for our next session.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Secretary, Mr Charles M. Groves, 9 Barrhill Avenue, Kirkcudbright.—A very successful session was held at the Mayfield Hotel under the instruction of Mr Jack Montgomery. The choice of Tuesday resulted in the loss of a few members, but appears to have suited a larger number of gentlemen, whom we were pleased to welcome. The Christmas Party, at the Mayfield, was most enjoyable. The Annual Dance, arranged for 8th February, was, up to the last moment, in danger of cancellation owing to a heavy

snowfall. However, thanks to the support of Mr James Wilson and his band, and our friends from Gatehouse and Castle-Douglas, the evening in the Cochran Memorial Gymnasium was a great success, even with reduced numbers. During the summer months, a number of social evenings have been enjoyed by members and friends.

LANARK. Secretary, Mrs A. D. Cairns, Tweedvale, Hyndford Road, Lanark.—The Branch has had another most successful session and the membership now stands at 148, including 21 Life Members.

As a result of the enthusiasm shown throughout the Branch it was decided to attempt a Week-end Course. This course was held on 28th February and 1st March, and with the support received from the neighbouring Branches, proved highly successful. A large part of the success and popularity of the Course was due to the excellence of the teachers—Miss Adams, Mrs Gudger, Miss Jarvis and Mr McLeod—and the pianists, to whom we are always indebted.

The Children's Classes have now reached an attendance of over 60 and are still proving extremely popular.

The usual parties were held throughout the Season, culminating in March in a Grand Finale, in place of the ball which is generally held in February, but this year was too close to the Week-end Course to be the usual highlight of the Session.

LEVEN. Secretary, Mrs M. Haig, 96 Kenmount Drive, Kennoway, Fife.—The Branch has had another happy and successful session, with a slight increase in numbers. Once again the class, which was well attended throughout the session, was under the instruction of Miss Mowat, who is our Branch representative. Both of our Annual Dances which were attended by members and friends from neighbouring classes were greatly enjoyed.

LIVERPOOL. Secretary, Miss A. Beeston, 45 Kirkstone Road South, Liverpool, 21.—This year has seen a slight overall decrease in membership but the Branch remains very active. We have ventured a little further this year in that our first Branch demonstration team, present strength 20, has been formed. The team will appear at the forthcoming Southport Festival of Scottish Country Dancing. As usual, many of the members spent an enjoyable week-end at the C.C.P.R. Course at Lilleshall. The Branch, in conjunction with the C.C.P.R. held a Day Course in Liverpool. Conducted by Mrs Gudger and Miss Gardner-Jones, this Course was most beneficial to us all. In September, we bid good-bye to Miss D. E. Bell, who has been a most loyal member and served efficiently on the Committee. Our thanks and good wishes go with her.

Many thanks also to our members who have given us their support during the year, and particularly to Miss Graham, our excellent pianist.

LOCKERBIE. Secretary, Miss Anna M. H. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.—The total membership of the Branch this Season was 44 which included 8 members from the Balmoral Club, Carlisle. This was a slight decrease from last season.

Two social evenings were held, the first being at Holt School, Jardine Hall, and the closing social at Lochmaben Hospital. Both socials were much enjoyed by all present.

The Annual Highland Ball was held on 22nd November 1957, the music being supplied by the Hartfell Scottish Country Dance Band, Moffat. Members from many Branches in the South of Scotland and Carlisle attended.

A demonstration team was supplied to dance at a meeting of a local Branch of the W.R.I. The Branch also supplied dancers for the mass demonstration teams in connection with the Bavarian Dancers' visit to Dumfries.

LONDON. Secretary, Mr Robert S. Ferguson, 6 Claire Court, Shoot-up-Hill, London, N.W.1.—London Branch has spent a busy year, with a slightly increased membership of just over 1,000. Attendance at classes has been slightly lower but the social dances arranged by the Branch have been well attended, particularly those where bands from Scotland have played.

A high proportion of students has passed at examinations conducted by Miss Milligan, who also taught at a one-day school. London's first whole-week school is being planned, while the demonstration dancers have welcomed in London a return visit by South African dancers, in the unavoidable absence of the International team.

Members visiting London are cordially invited to Branch functions, details of which will be sent on request.

LORN (Argyll). Secretary, Miss Grace Fraser, 26 Mossfield Drive, Oban, Argyll.—The membership now consists of 151 Annual Members, 5 Life Members and 6 Junior Associate Members.

A social dancing class was held during the winter, the dancers receiving simple instructions before each dance was performed. An advanced Class was also held and it was very well attended throughout the season. Enrolment for the children's class was so great that it was necessary to divide the class into two groups.

The demonstration teams, together with a children's team, again gave displays of Dancing in the Corran Parks during the summer. These were very popular with the holiday-makers greatly due to the excellent music provided by Alastair Hunter's Band. The revenue from these displays enabled the Branch to purchase a record-player and records.

We held a number of Social Dances during the winter and our Annual Dance, the proceeds of which were donated to the local Red Cross Fund for spastics, was held in the Royal Hotel, Oban. Many members from neighbouring Branches attended—many of whom travelled more than 60 miles—and the dance was a great success.

MANCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester 16, Lancs.—The Season 1957/8 was not as financially successful as other years, but nevertheless was as enjoyable as ever. The Membership was 236 and we have 9 Life Members. In response to popular demand, the Highland Class was re-started and proved to be one of the most popular of the Classes. We decided to hold a Certificate Class only every other year in the future, and the next one will be this coming season. As usual, all our Parties and Balls were well attended, and our problem is still to find a Hall large enough to accommodate all our friends outside Manchester as well as our own Members.

46 Demonstrations were accepted by the teams during the Season, quite often two on one day, and many other requests were refused owing to previous engagements. We received letters of appreciation from a great number of people for whom we danced, and some donations to the Society.

On the 17th August, two teams from the Branch sailed for Spain to dance at a Fiesta in Corunna and were entertained right royally there by the Mayor and the members of the Corunna team. We all had a wonderful time, and made friendships which we hope will withstand both the passage of time and the miles in between.

We have all had a most happy year.

MOFFAT. Secretary, Miss E. N. A. Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—The past session was a very happy and interesting one, with weekly classes well attended. We are pleased at the growing number of junior members. All the dances in Book 19 were taught as well as several of the popular dances in leaflet form, while the established favourites were regularly danced. Four invitations to provide demonstration teams were received during the year,

and on each occasion a selection of the newest dances was very well received. A Christmas Party, and a members' Dinner Dance in March were held in Moffat House Hotel, and both evenings were most enjoyable. A pleasant innovation was a monthly social evening during the summer and the Branch looks forward to the weekly classes which start again in the early autumn.

MONTREAL. Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Naomi Dunkin, N.D.C., Y.M.C.A., Hampton Avenue, Montreal, P.Q.—The Montreal Branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was formed in January this year. We are honoured to have the Lady Alison Stewart-Paterson as an Honorary President. Those of us who have been members of the Montreal Group are particularly pleased and proud that our request to form a Branch was granted. The greater part of our joint energies at present is being directed towards the organisation of a Scottish Country Dancing Weekend, to be held at a camp in the Laurentian Mountains, just north of Montreal. We are hoping to have a good attendance, including fellow dancers from Boston, Toronto, Hamilton, Deep River and other far flung points. Some of our out-of-town enthusiasts have already registered for the weekend. The general business of the Branch is proceeding satisfactorily, although, as yet, owing to our recent formation, we have not accumulated a great deal of business.

NAIRN. Secretary, Mrs H. M. Orr, 7 Seabank Road, Nairn.—The usual class was held again this year in the Royal Hotel and all members enjoyed a very pleasant session although we were not without our ups and downs. After being with the Branch since its inception about eleven years ago both our teacher and pianist, to our great regret, had to give up the class this year. Mrs Borwick our pianist, felt she needed a rest, while Mrs Anderson, who was with us till after the second term had begun moved from Lossiemouth to Banff. We were very fortunate in having Miss Gordon to play for us during the session, but it was rather difficult to obtain the services of a certificated teacher so late in the season. We are indebted to Mr William Murray and Mrs McClay of Inverness and Miss Cattanach of Elgin for seeing us through to the end of the term; they each took two classes. Our grateful thanks are due to Mrs Borwick and Mrs Anderson for their loyal and unstinting services to the Branch. Even in the worst of weather Mrs Anderson never failed to turn up from Lossiemouth on a Tuesday.

In December the Branch held a very enjoyable Christmas Party for members and their friends, and two social evenings were held when presentations were made to Mrs Borwick and Mrs Anderson.

NAIROBI. Secretary, Mrs Nisbet Stirling, P.O. Box 245, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa, Tel. 66206.—In our first year as a Branch our Membership has reached 221 Ordinary Members with 2 Life Members. Social Evenings were held every Monday in St. Andrew's Church Hall and the 8 Adult Classes held during the year dealt with Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Book 19, Highland and Preparation for the Ball.

Twelve Classes were also run at seven schools with over 350 children receiving weekly tuition. This work is all done voluntarily as indeed is all teaching for this Branch, but we certainly feel that with the great demand for classes in schools, it is a pity we do not have more teachers. As Kenya is a Settler Colony, many of our Members do not manage trips to U.K., so we will have to save up and bring a Society Examiner out here.

Our Festival took place in June at the Royal Technical College Hall with 19 teams taking part, with sections for all age groups. The Chief Secretary of Kenya, Mr W. F. Coutts, presented the Trophies and in his extremely witty speech, praised our endeavours and said Kenya needed traditions such as these and we would still be functioning long after Rock 'n Roll was dead and forgotten.

The Annual Branch Week-End took place in May at Naivasha Lake Hotel and we enjoyed a wonderful dance and buffet on the Saturday evening followed by a most hilarious Scavenger Hunt on Sunday morning.

We are very fortunate in having two Tape Recorders which enabled our Branch Pianist, who is also "honorary," to record all the Book 19 Dances as well as the new ones in the "101 Book" to the music arranged by Nan Main.

NETHER LOCHABER. Secretary, Mrs Alasdair Clark, Loch Leven Hotel, North Ballachulish, Onich.—Despite decreased membership enthusiasm was very keen and the season ended with a very enjoyable late night attended also by dancers from Kinlochleven, Glencoe and Ballachulish. A most successful ceilidh was run in the summer and a team danced both at it and at the Lochaber Agricultural Show. A grand social innovation was a New Year Party for members and friends in a local hotel, which it is hoped to repeat in the future.

Our thanks are again due to Benny MacGeachie for his spirited playing throughout the year.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs M. F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.—The membership for 1957-58 totalled 373, 31 of these were junior members. This represents a reduction of 17 compared with the total figures reported last year.

Eleven weekly classes were held during the season, including a youth club. In addition two classes were extended from April to June.

The children's classes have been very popular and the numbers were about the same as last year. This year we were able to hold the Annual Dance in the Baths Hall. The extra space enabled us to accommodate 244 dancers and 113 spectators and it was a very successful function. Next year it is planned to invite children from other Branches to attend.

The Informal Dances were as enjoyable as ever and the hall has been full for each dance. The Highland Ball was held as usual in October and this year we were very pleased to have Mr and Mrs Corson with us as guests from Edinburgh. The New Year's Dance was well attended. Tim Wright's Band contributed to a very enjoyable evening.

Several demonstrations have been given this year. One notable one was given to the Medical Conference, where the demonstration was held out of doors to the accompaniment of the pipes.

The Dance Club had another very good year. Once again there was full membership, although the bad weather in February and March restricted attendance at one or two sessions.

The Otterburn Hall Week-End Course was an outstanding success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. We are much indebted to Mrs Lesslie and Mrs Corson for giving us such excellent tuition.

NEWTON STEWART. Secretary, Miss Sheila Graham, 18 Albert Street, Newton Stewart.—The 1957-58 session was very satisfactory. The Annual Ball was held in January and this year we had Lindsay Ross and his Broadcasting Band to play for us. The evening was a great success and was attended by members from various nearby Branches.

In April we entertained a group of students from different parts of the world and we had a delightful evening.

NORWICH. Secretary, Mr R. J. Macmichael, 72 Colney Lane, Cringleford, Norwich.—Membership has risen during the past year from 148 to 202 and we now conduct classes on two evenings a week during our season in addition to children's classes on Saturday

afternoons. We now admit Associate Members (age 15 to 17) and as they and full members under the age of 21 attend classes and dances at half the standard cost, we have attracted a fair number of young people and this we hope, will ensure the continued success of the Branch.

The Branch was stimulated by a most pleasant and instructive visit by Mrs Gudger last March and we are extremely grateful to her.

Our Demonstration Teams are still much in demand and we gave displays at the Royal Show and at the Norwich Festival and on many other occasions.

The success of the Branch is due to the interest and patience of our instructors, Mr J. B. Johnston and Dr J. E. Hilton, who have recently been joined by Group Captain D. Huxley, whom we have been very happy to welcome to the Branch. To our pianist, Mrs B. Cross, we also extend our thanks.

PEEBLES. Secretary, Mr Gavin Barr, 7 Thorburn Gardens, Peebles.

PERTH and PERTHSHIRE. Miss Catherine McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—On the whole, a successful session. Our membership is almost static—354 ordinary and 63 Life Members—one down on last year.

Classes:—teenagers', children's, advanced and an afternoon one for members who are not free in the evenings, were enthusiastically supported. The numbers attending the teenager's and advanced were not always large but they made up for quantity with quality and enjoyed the more difficult dances, Leaflet Dances, Book 19, etc. The children's classes run on Saturday forenoon prove a hit also to the mothers. In Perthshire, classes are run by Members and Teachers and the Musical Festival gives an opportunity for the teams to compete. Miss Robertson again acted as adjudicator and the Branch trophy was won by the St. Johnstoun Dancers for the second year running. A Thé Dansant was held in the Salutation Hotel in February—members and friends from other Branches enjoyed an afternoon's dancing to Ian Arnott's Broadcasting Quartette.

PETERHEAD. Secretary, Mrs J. S. Carnegie, 44 Cairntrodlie, Peterhead.—This season the membership of the Branch has been 57 Annual Members and 41 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. Our Xmas Party was a special occasion, when the Branch celebrated its tenth anniversary. We welcomed old friends and celebrated the occasion with a Birthday cake, gifted by one of the members.

Miss Robertson, now Mrs Easson, conducted a class for Girl Guides at Hatton, and Mr Matthew continued his Further Education Class at Mintlaw.

We were delighted to welcome the Aberdeen Branch Team including Mr William Cruickshank one of our members, who is now dancing in Aberdeen. They gave excellent demonstrations at the display by the Children's classes.

Mr Carmichael also gained his full Certificate at Aberdeen Branch Examination held in February.

PORTRUSH. Secretary, Miss D. Faulkner, Kantara Hotel, Portrush, N.I.—Another most successful and enjoyable year has been completed. Membership stands at 54 with a high average attendance at weekly classes. Under Miss Wilson's able guidance a certificate class was held. We welcomed Miss Milligan who examined the candidates, 3 of whom obtained the Full Certificate and 1 the Preliminary Certificate.

Social events during the year included an Annual Dinner and a most successful Open Night which aroused considerable interest in the district.

RENFREWSHIRE (West). Secretary, Miss Esther Ireland, 41 Pembroke Road, Greenock.—Membership of the Branch was less than for the previous year, being 418 Ordinary and 16 Life Members.

There were again six adult and two children's classes. During the year the Branch donated a Cup to the Renfrewshire Musical Festival Association for competition in the Junior Organisation Section.

The season concluded with a Ball in Greenock Town Hall, attended by the Provosts of three Burghs. Music was provided by Alasdair Downie and his Scottish Country Dance Band.

RICHMOND. Secretary, Mr J. J. Hulley, Moorview, Hurgill Road, Richmond.—The Branch has had another successful year and classes have been well attended despite the influenza epidemic and wintry weather. The annual Ball was again held in March when we were happy to see many old and new friends from near and far.

An increased number of demonstrations have been much appreciated by an ever-widening circle of interested organisations of all types. Our teams greatly enjoyed the well established Leeds Festival and the first Billingham Festival run by the Teesside Branch and the C.C.P.R. under the able adjudication of Mrs Gudger.

ROCHDALE. Secretary, Miss I. T. Waddell, 6 Kenion Road, Bamford, Rochdale.—1957-8 has been another enjoyable year with several new members and enthusiastic attendance at classes from September to July. Over a hundred children from various local schools danced every dance at a Scottish Country Dance Social organised for them by the Branch.

The October Ball in Rochdale Town Hall was most enjoyable and we hope to hold another one in this delightful setting in the not too distant future.

The Branch has supported the many Scottish functions held in the area and keen members have attended weekend courses held at Lilleshall and Durham. We are pleased that the Branch will be represented again at the Summer School in St. Andrew's.

We appreciate how very fortunate we are in having Mrs M. Gudger as our Branch instructress and through her a high standard of Scottish Country Dancing is being taught and enjoyed in schools and clubs in a widening vicinity.

ROXBURGHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss M. Cannon, 8 West Stewart Place, Hawick, Roxburghshire.—Though Scottish Country Dancing has been very popular in the country for a long time it was only in October 1957 that a branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was formed. There are now seventy-five members. Nothing spectacular has been done, but we have "set our house in order" and hope to be more adventurous in the Autumn.

ST. ANDREWS. Secretary, Mrs T. C. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, Ladebraes, St. Andrews.—All members are much indebted to our retiring President, Miss I. Redford, for her very active interest and wise guidance over the seven years of her tenure. Her place is taken by Mrs T. Croll, with Miss A. Kaye as Vice-President and Mr A. Roberts our popular Treasurer.

Mrs G. Caithness has had to relinquish being our elected delegate to the H.Q. Executive Council.

The St. Andrew's Night Dance in the Younger Hall seems to have become a very happy "fixture," and again there have been numerous requests by visiting conferences, socials, etc., for our Demonstration Team.

SHEFFIELD. Secretary (Acting), Mr J. E. Bagguley, "Greenlaw," Dronfield Woodhouse, Sheffield. Apart from a satisfactory year of progress, two outstanding events took place.

On 12th October, we took part in a Ballet Matinee in the Empire Theatre, at the invitation of the Sheffield Ballet Club. They put on Act II of Swan Lake, the Bluebird

Pas de deux and a number of national dances. Guest artistes were billed as "Anne Neaton, Donald Mackay and others of the Royal Ballet and the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society." The Sheffield Branch team represented the parent society with some diffidence, but the audience seemed appreciative.

On 17th May we held a one-day school for the first visit of Miss Milligan to our Branch. To those of us who had seen Miss Milligan in action previously, it was interesting to observe her impact upon those who had not had this good fortune. Some seventy persons were most appreciative of her inspired instruction and she can be sure of the warmest of welcomes when she can find time to come again.

We now have just over 100 members and are planning a fourth class for next season. Instructors are Mrs J. A. Bagguley and Mr and Mrs J. H. Cook.

SOUTHPORT. Secretary, Miss N. M. Sutcliffe, 96 Sefton Street, Southport.—Although membership shows a slight decrease, we have enjoyed another successful year's dancing. Two-Day Courses taken by Mrs Gudger were very much appreciated and have inspired us to greater effort. Our usual social activities were well-supported by neighbouring groups.

STIRLINGSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs M. W. MacLaren, Coneybrae, Bridge of Allan.—Membership for the past year was 257 Ordinary and 21 Life Members, making a total of 278 an increase of 2. 7 Classes (5 in Stirling and 2 in Bridge of Allan) were run by the Branch. Certificated teachers were also supplied to clubs and organisations in the district. Miss Nora Hill, a member of the Demonstration Team brought honour to the Branch, in that she gained a place in the International Team. We congratulate Miss Hill on her achievement and also Miss Jarvis who was responsible for her training. Before Christmas, and again at the end of the season, very enjoyable dances were held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling and at the Royal Hotel and Masonic Hall, Bridge of Allan. In connection with the Stirling Festival of the Arts, two Scottish concerts were presented jointly by the Stirling Reel and Strathspey Society and our Branch, the team showing how the dances should be performed. A very successful Festival Ball was organised on behalf of Stirling Town Council.

STIRLINGSHIRE (East). Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—Twelve adult classes were held each term and membership was well maintained. Seven classes for young folk had a goodly attendance of 260 members.

Four class dances were held at the end of each term. The Members' Dance in February proved a happy evening. Demonstrations were given at various functions. Teams took part in a Concert in Grangemouth with the Caledonia Choir in aid of funds for the R.S.P.C.C. Open air dancing with demonstrations by teams was enjoyed in Dollar Park in August. In June dancing was held in the Town Hall owing to inclement weather.

Entries for the Central Counties Musical Festival held in Falkirk in May numbered ten—four adult and six teams of young folk all acquitted themselves well.

A Technique Class held during the Summer Term attracted fifty members.

STOCKPORT. Secretary, Mr Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester 19.—Though attendance at our adult classes has been somewhat lower than the previous year, the support accorded our various activities made them well worth while, providing pleasure for all concerned, and we finished the season with a satisfactory balance sheet. We appreciate in due measure the efficient service rendered by our tutors and pianists throughout the season.

The junior section is still flourishing, the average attendance at the classes exceeding 60. It is gratifying to witness the enthusiasm evinced by our youthful members.

Good demonstrations were given by the juniors at Levenshulme on 1st February and Poynton on 27th. March Our team of ladies entertained members of Heaton Moor and Heaton Mersey Darby and Joan Clubs with commendable dancing displays on 28th October and 23rd June respectively. All the demonstrations proved highly successful and the performers were warmly thanked by appreciative audiences. Like *Oliver Twist*, they have asked for more. The four parties held attracted ample attendances and were much enjoyed by all participants.

It is proposed to hold a rally at the beginning of next season with a view to augmenting our adult membership, particularly with regard to men-folk.

STONEHAVEN. Secretary, Miss Lilian E. Cameron, 56A High Street, Stonehaven.—A most enjoyable season, with classes well attended, in spite of the inclement weather. Branch membership was up slightly on the season before, and enthusiasm waxed as the season waned.

A very successful Ball was held in the Fourn Hall, which was supported magnificently by neighbouring Branches.

SYDNEY. (N.S.W.) Secretary, Miss M. V. Willis, 209 Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney.—Membership remains at the same steady level; while we suffer during the year the loss of members departing overseas or to other States, and a number have succumbed to illness and injuries, there is a compensating steady intake of new enthusiasts, who come prepared to learn and work hard and do not merely expect to join a social club.

The advent of two "hot from the press" Instructors from Scotland at the beginning of 1958 provided just that fillip needed to our morale . . . it's a long twelve-thousand miles to Headquarters, when one is trying to work out some tricky point only à la book, or to gauge the correct tempo of the music when records are not available . . . so it is superfluous to say we are thoroughly enjoying our year of hard work—and work we certainly do despite an unusually long summer with temperatures into the 80's even in June!

TEES-SIDE. Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.—We are again pleased to report an increase in Membership over last year and we feel this is due mainly to the yearly formation of a new elementary class, a course which we propose to maintain as long as there is a demand. All classes over the season have maintained good averages and the work which was done enabled us to enter three teams to our first Festival which we held at Billingham in conjunction with the C.C.P.R., to whom we are indebted for their support and interest. This was a great day which attracted over 1,000 people and will certainly be repeated again. Our normal programme of monthly Social Dances goes from strength to strength and this season we held our Annual Ball in Middlesbrough Town Hall. We ended the season with a dance in Stockton in May, but the candidates for the Preliminary Certificate have a few weeks to go yet before their examination.

TORONTO (Ontario). Secretary, Mr Alasdair S. R. Bain, Apt. 304-2040 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto 10.—We became a Branch in the fall of 1957 and our membership to date totals 180, which includes Life Members.

The Branch was honoured in October by a visit from Miss Jean Milligan and during her stay she instructed classes on 3 different nights. The average attendance at the classes was some 75 persons.

Miss Milligan also examined candidates from Toronto and Hamilton for preliminary and Full Certificates and as a result of the examinations we now boast 5 teachers with a Full Certificate and 5 with a Preliminary Certificate in our Branch.

The monthly dances proved to be ever popular and increased in popularity at each dance. Those dances attracted visitors from Hamilton, Orsillia and Barrie.

Quite a long and formidable list of demonstrations for charities and social functions was undertaken by the Branch Demonstration Team during the year and this included an appearance on Television, at the Sportsmen's Show, Canadian National Exhibition and the Hamilton Ball.

The Annual Ball was held in the Granite Club and the guest of honour was Miss Jean Milligan. Music was provided by our very popular musicians—namely Ed Brydie's Scottish Country Dance Band. The evening was an outstanding success in every way and attracted visitors from Boston, Washington, Montreal, Hamilton and London.

Classes of instruction were held during the winter months for Advanced Dancers and Beginners and the teaching duties were shared by Miss Anne MacLeod and Mr Jack Geddes.

We are looking forward to another very active season and we should be most happy to welcome any newcomers from the United Kingdom who may decide to visit or reside in this part of the world.

WEST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss G. H. Miller, Carriden Lodge, Bo'ness.—The Branch has had another very successful year. Membership has increased considerably. We now have a total of 215 members including 23 Life Members. Classes were held throughout the year in the usual centres. Special mention must be made of the class held in Bathgate Academy. This class is always well attended during both terms.

The Branch celebrated its 21st birthday in the Burgh Halls, Linlithgow on Friday, 25th October last. This took the form of a Supper Dance which was attended by 90 members including 10 Founder Members.

A Dance was held in the Co-operative Hall, Bathgate on Saturday, 30th November. This function was highly successful, socially and financially. The proceeds amounting to £22 were given to the County Branch of the Red Cross.

WHITEHEAD. Secretary, Miss G. A. Streight, "Ardnace," Castle Road, Whitehead.—We had a very successful season, with increased membership. During the summer months, open-air dancing was enjoyed by all. One candidate was successful in obtaining a Teacher's Certificate. The Annual Dance was held in Ballymena and was largely attended.

WINCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs B. Lilley, Crofton, 48 Milverton Road, Winchester.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Secretary, Miss Dora Barnham, 183 Stafford Street, Wolverhampton.—We started our year on 3rd June by holding an out-door dance, and managed to have three during the summer which were well attended and very successful.

During the autumn a One-day School was held at the College of Technology, Wolverhampton and this was a great success, so much so that plans are already in hand to hold another one this coming November. We were very fortunate to have Mrs Gudger and Miss Thomson with us.

Several members of the Branch again attended the Autumn Week-End Course at Lilleshall and we were also well represented at the Caledonian Society Dance and the Stourbridge Scottish Society Dance during February and March.

We have lost two members during the season but our loss will be another's gain. To the new members we give a big welcome. We are not a large Branch but with 23 members we have managed to keep an average of 20 each week which reflects strongly towards keen, consistent and enthusiastic members.

Our grateful thanks to Miss Jones for her untiring efforts and to all our members for their continued support.

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.—Mr H. GORDON KEITH, "Chantry," Weedon Lane, Amersham.

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

Belfast Campbell College Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr DAVID 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 T. P. SAUNDERSON, 2 Grand Avenue Chambers, Grand Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth.

Bridlington and District Caledonian Society.—Mr A. B. MITCHELL, 62 South Marine Drive, Bridlington, Yorks.

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.

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.

Carlisle Highland Association.—Mr J. M. FORLOW, 2 Etterby Lea Grove, Carlisle.

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. E. PHILLIPS, 23 Elmwood Avenue, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 23.

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

Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.—Mr J. L. C. CORRY, "Clanranald," 58 Ravensdale 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.

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.

Harwell A.E.R.E. Caledonian Society.—Mr F. DELL, 20 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 H. D. JAMES, 245 Ross Road, Hereford.

Herefordshire 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.

Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr P. G. CHRISTIE, 13 Kenya Mount, Blackhill, 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.

Leeds University Union Scottish Country Dance Society.—c/o HON. SECRETARY, Leeds University Union S.C.D.S., University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.

Leicester Caledonian Society.—Mr W. EASTON, 11 St. Albans Road, Leicester.

Lincoln Caledonian Society.—Mr H. M. BRUCE, 8 Gregg Hall Crescent, Lincoln.

Lymm Country Dance Club.—Mr D. W. KIRKPATRICK, 3 Crouchly Lane, Lymm, Cheshire.

Luton Scottish Reel Club.—Mr H. CURRIE, 42 Brantwood Road, Luton, Bedfordshire.

Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.—Miss G. NIXON, Camley Cottage, 1 Camley Gardens, Maidenhead, Berkshire.

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.—Mr 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.

Newtownstewart (Co. Tyrone) Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss F. LYONS, Riversdale, Newtownstewart, Omagh, Co. Tyrone.

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

North Staffordshire Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mr J. MURPHY, 2 Coronation Street, Tunstall, Stoke-on-Trent.

Norwich Scots Society of St. Andrew.—Mr A. M. SWAN, 41 Catton Grove Road, Norwich.

Nottingham Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss E. M. CANT, 75 Ella Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.—Dr D. W. HENDRY, Green Acres, Lutterworth Road, Nuneaton, Warks.

Oxford University Scottish Society.—Mr A. J. HILLIER, Queen's College, Oxford.

Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs J. WITCOMBE, 8 Auriol Drive, Bedhampton.

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.

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, 24 West Street, South Cliff, Scarborough.

S.E. Essex Scottish Society Reel Club.—Mrs RITA W. SMITH, "Cromarty," Highland Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

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.

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.

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

Workington St. Andrews Country Dancing Society.—Mr A. SHEARLAW, 74 Harrington Road, Workington, Cumberland.

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

Yelverton Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs C. GILL, Morningside, Yelverton, Devon.

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

Yorkshire Craven Country Dance Club.—Miss M. BURCHART, The Raikes, Skipton, Yorks.

Affiliated Groups—Abroad

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.—T. M. LEACH, Esq., P.O. Box 293, Khartoum, Sudan.

SOUTH AFRICA

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, S. Africa.

Bloemfontein Scottish Country Dance Society.—Miss ADA 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, S. Africa.

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

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

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

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

Northern Rhodesia Nkana/Kitwe Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mrs A. WHITEFORD, P.O. Box 439, Kitwe, N. Rhodesia.

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

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

WEST AFRICA

Gambia Caledonian Society.—Mrs M. I. FORREST, c/o The Educational Dept., Bathurst, Gambia, W. Africa.

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, Bahrein, 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.—Mr A. STUART, P.O. Box 69, Kingston, Canberra, A.C.T., Australia.

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

Melbourne Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class.—Miss C. COULL, 10 Norfolk Road, Surrey Hills, Melbourne, E.10, Australia.

CANADA

Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society.—Mrs M. ELLIOTT, 5023 Centre Street North, Calgary, Alberta.

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

London Highland Society.—Mr D. MacLACHLAN, 126 Wortley Road, London, Ontario.

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

Ontario Deep River Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr B. G. CAMPION, 6 Cabot Place, Deep River, Ontario.

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.—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.

Sweden. The Academic Celtic Society, Stockholm.—Miss A. MALMSTROM, Stureparken, 7, Stockholm, 0, Sweden.

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 A. K. McAUSLAN, 148 Victoria Street, Hamilton.

Hastings (Hawkes Bay) and District Scottish Country Dance Club.—Mr J. SETON, 216 S. Willowpark Road, Hastings.

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

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 Scottish Country Dance Society (New Zealand).—Mrs M. M. CLANCEY, 2 Eckington Terrace, Nelson.

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 Districts Association of S.C.D. Clubs.—Mr M. SMITH, 68 Victoria Street, Lower Hutt.

Wellington Scottish Country Dance Club.—Miss A. SWINTON, 52 Rex Street, Miramar, Wellington, E.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.

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, Apt. 10, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.

The Scottish Dance Group of the Capital District.—Mrs A. V. BABCOCK, Overbrook Farm, Brainard, New York, U.S.A.

Washington St. Andrew Society.—The Secretary, P.O. Box 6345 Northwest Station, Washington 15, D.C.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2nd November 1957

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Saturday, 2nd November 1957, at 2.30 p.m. in Barrfields Pavilion, Largs.

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 100 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting Mrs Lesslie made reference to the death of the Duke of Atholl, the Society's President since 1924 until his death in April of this year, and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Society for all he had done.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT. Mrs Lesslie, as Chairman of the Executive Council, introduced The Countess of Elgin, the Society's new President, and wished her every success in her new office.

Lady Elgin, in thanking the Executive Council for having invited her to be President, began by associating herself with the remarks made by Mrs Lesslie about the Duke of Atholl. She spoke of her long association with the Society and remembered Lord James as a young man taking part in Highland Balls.

Lady Elgin read a message from Her Majesty The Queen thanking the Society for its loyal greetings.

Messages were also read from Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich at present in Cape Town, and from Miss Jean C. Milligan who was visiting Canada and America teaching and examining for the Society.

The President asked the meeting's approval for messages to be sent to these two ladies on behalf of the Society and this suggestion was warmly applauded.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS. In her remarks the President referred to the Bulletin of the Society containing the Annual Report. She congratulated the Branches and Affiliated Groups on the year's work and emphasised certain points in the Report. Lady Elgin referred to the answer given to criticism of Scottish country dancing and said that had these critics been at the Ball held in Largs on the previous evening they would have realised how far from true their criticisms were. Continuing her remarks she spoke of the pleasure it had given her that morning to see the film "Scotland Dances" and expressed the hope that it would be widely seen all over the world by members and friends of the Society.

Other items mentioned were the Demonstration Team's visit to Bavaria, the success of the Summer School at St. Andrews and the fact that the Society had been asked to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Lady Elgin ended her remarks by referring to the publicity received by the Society through Television and by such a visit as was being made by Miss Milligan at present, which would do a great deal to further the interest and work of the Society. Lady Elgin told the meeting of her early recollections of working with Miss Milligan in starting Scottish country dancing in Women's Rural Institutes—it was difficult to realise that the Society had grown so much in such a short time.

The President then took the opportunity of thanking all the committee members who had attended meetings during the year.

MINUTES. The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th October 1956, having been circulated in the *Bulletin* were approved and signed.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS. Mrs Lesslie proposed the appointment of the three Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich and

the Duke of Hamilton. Miss Clavering, Moffat, seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN. One nomination was received for the office of Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mrs Lesslie was elected Chairman and Miss Milligan, Vice-Chairman.

SIX ELECTED MEMBERS. The following were elected by vote: Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow), Miss B. Anderson (Aberdeen), Mr G. Cruickshank (Edinburgh), Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), Mr W. Murray (Inverness), Mr G. Sharpe (Dundee).

THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT. Miss Adams (Glasgow) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr Patterson (Aberdeen) and approved by the meeting.

THE ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET. 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 a small increase in membership subscriptions arising from additional life members paying direct to Headquarters and to a further increase in income from royalties. Sales of the Society's publications had also been well maintained. From these sources 93% of the Society's income arose, 56% from subscriptions and affiliation fees and 37% from royalties and sales. Under "expenditure" he referred to the decrease in expenditure at Headquarters arising from the lower running costs of the new hot water system. He also referred to the visit to Bavaria of the Demonstration Team.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Mr Hardie pointed to the provision being made for depreciation of Headquarters and its contents; to a new Summer School Bank account. He referred to the allocations to the Publications, Pensions and General Reserve Funds, and explained that as no new film was in prospect nothing further had been added to the Film Fund.

Mr Niven (Ayr) proposed the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr Murray Stephen (Richmond) and this was approved by the meeting.

TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS. The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr King (Edinburgh) seconded by Mr Lochhead (East Lothian) and approved by the meeting.

RESOLUTION FROM:

NORTH WEST AYRSHIRE BRANCH: "That the last item on the Agenda at all future Annual General Meetings be 'Any other competent business.'"

The Resolution in its present form was ruled out of order by the President as it involved a change in the Constitution of which notice had not been given. Lady Elgin observed that in her opinion the present Constitution covered all contingencies and provided for matters of urgency being discussed at the meeting by the consent of two-thirds of the delegates.

1958 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. It was announced that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure an invitation from Glasgow Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in 1958 in Glasgow.

VOTE OF THANKS. Mr Sharpe (Dundee) proposed a vote of thanks to the President on her very able conduct of the meeting, he congratulated her on her appointment and hoped that her association with the Society would be long and happy. He also asked the meeting to accord a very warm vote of thanks to North West Ayrshire Branch, both committee and members, for their very successful arrangements for the week-end.

“Scotland Dances” Round the World

THERE is a sense in which a film is like a pebble: you drop it into the great world pool of the cinema and the ripples reach the farthest corners of the earth. That is what is happening with “Scotland Dances” which was made by the Films of Scotland Committee in collaboration with the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Copies of the film have been sent to some thirty-five countries and to judge from the first news of distribution they have gone quickly into circulation.

Let me quote one comment from British Columbia: “I am writing especially to congratulate you and your organisation for the wonderful piece of work you did on your film ‘Scotland Dances.’ I have seen it twice, firstly in the company of an extremely critical audience where it had been presented to representatives of independent exhibiting companies of British Columbia, secondly in a first run house in the city where it is enjoying good audiences as a support to another British picture, ‘The Smallest Show on Earth.’ The picture was very well received and should do a great deal to increase your prestige in the world of fine film-makers.”

This tribute, addressed to the production company Campbell Harper Films, came unsought and spontaneously. It was not written by a Scot! In addition to Canada, there are copies of the film in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Burma, Indonesia, Ghana, and Southern Rhodesia. In Europe copies have been deposited in Austria, Germany, Yugoslavia, Belgium, France, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Finland, Denmark and Sweden. In the Middle East there are copies in Iran, Israel, Bahrein, the Sudan and Ethiopia and further East in Thailand, Vietnam and Japan. To these add Brazil, the United States and the copies distributed from the Overseas Loan Library of the Central Office of Information.

In Britain the film is being distributed by Associated British Pathe (Film House, Wardour Street, London, W.1.) In London it was shown first in the Odeon, Leicester Square and has been given a run on the Granada circuit. A Hungarian radio producer saw it in a news-reel cinema in London. His interest was at once stimulated in the subject and he wrote asking if he might see a copy of the commentary. I am always hearing of someone who has seen the film and been stimulated by it. As the British Film Institute’s “Monthly Film Bulletin” wrote, “it has sufficient variety of content to hold the attention even of those who are attracted only in a most general way by folk dancing.”

The Committee has itself shown the film on a number of prestige occasions. It was included in the “Scotland on the Screen” programme at the Edinburgh Festival in 1957. In April of this year it was shown at the Royal Festival Hall in London in a programme of Scottish films: the great hall was crowded and many hundreds were turned away. Later in the year I took it with me to the Brussels World Fair to show at a special performance of Scottish films in the cinema at the British Industries Pavilion. And there will be many other prestige occasions when the film will be shown.

Before the last ripple has spent itself on the furthest shore it will be time to think of another film on Scottish country dancing, to help to satisfy the appetite “Scotland Dances” has undoubtedly created.

FORSYTH HARDY.

Summer School, 1958

SUPERFICIALLY one Summer School is much like another and this is as it should be with a well established institution. However, there is always something different from previous years. New faces, new friends, new teachers and new dances. 1958 was no exception.

The first thing that struck the "old hands" most forceably was the replacement of the coal fire in the stone court by an electric one. Being a summer school, this theoretically should not matter, but the weather was "uncertain" and at times positively hostile but it didn't seem to matter. However, there is now a fireplace in the main hall, very nice new light fittings have been installed and, most welcome of all to both dancers and pianists, a new piano!

Travel seems to suit Miss Milligan. After her tour of Canada and the eastern United States she seems in better form than ever. It must be the influence of "Lids for Kids" which she saw advertised in New York! Her class, as usual, has been an education. She put great emphasis on the basic things that really matter, the things that make our dancing Scottish. Deportment, the carriage of the body and particularly the head. The correctness of the steps, the firm close up of the feet and in reels (please note both 4/4 and 6/8), a good "skip" without covering ground followed by a well-poised upright step so that the dancer is at full height. In Strathspey, emphasis on the continuity of movement, the smooth carry-through of the foot without an exaggerated turn out of the knee and ankle ready for the strong urge forward with the foot just skimming the floor.

1958 is marked by the issue of yet another leaflet of Mrs MacNab's dances. It is good to see the "Braes of Balquhidder" in print and "St. Andrew's Nicht" is sure to find its way into many Ball programmes in place of the Circassian Circle. If, for no other reasons, the "Black Mill" will be remembered for its catchy tune, Miss Milligan's Gaelic singing class and its somewhat erratic mechanism! The fourth dance "St. Andrew's Cross" is a splendid spectacle but it is not for the inexperienced dancer. In teaching these and other dances, Miss Milligan emphasised the importance of the use of the biceps. Hand-giving must be firm and turns must be strong. There are too many "jelly armed" corners!

As usual the Demonstrations were a pleasure to watch both in University Hall and in the Younger Hall where the more fortunate members of the School spent an evening dancing. The scene in the Younger Hall with four lines of sets was most colourful and most impressive and that is as it should be, we are after all ballroom dancers. Bobby Watson was with us once again, his dancing was as ever superb and judged by results so also was his teaching of the Men's Highland Class. The Ladies, under Mrs Cramb's guidance, appeared as graceful as ever.

No account of the Summer School would be complete without reference to the certificate classes, for it is on the teachers that the onus lies of maintaining our standards. It is an instructive and interesting experience to "stooge" for the certificate candidates at the end of their course. They reflected great credit on their teachers and demonstrated that the Society's certificate is not easily gained and that it must be backed by some practical experience of teaching Scottish dancing.

It is always a pleasure to have visitors from overseas with us. Those from the Netherlands gave us a most enjoyable session of folk-dancing as well as entertaining the School in song and all will be able to take back to their own dance groups something of the spirit of St. Andrews.

It is impossible to write of all the things that go to make up a summer school. Hard work in the mornings, coffee, hurried shopping, bathing, pleasant social evenings, tea, Miss Milligan's talks, music and movement, national dancing. One doesn't even miss T.V.! Perhaps, however, the greatest ingredient is living and working together as a body; meeting old friends and making new ones. It is a grand holiday, free of domestic chores except for bedmaking and washing the evening teacup, and some people manage to avoid that! But none of this would be possible without the hub around which the School revolves, Miss Milligan, Miss Hadden and the many others who so willingly give their time and energy to make the Summer School a success. We thank you all.

News from Overseas

DURING the year many interesting letters have been received at Headquarters from overseas and it was thought that a few extracts would be of general interest.

A letter received from the headmaster of a Maori school in **Bay of Islands, New Zealand**, tells of the keen interest in Scottish Country dancing among the sixty pupils, forty-five Maoris and fifteen Europeans. The school has become quite famous because of its Scottish Country dancing and claims to be the only Maori school in the world where it is performed. In the one year in which Scottish Country dancing has been taught the repertoire consists of forty dances and several displays have been given. It is interesting to note that the dances have been taught entirely from the Society's books and films along with gramophone records, and the writer expressed his appreciation to the Society for "the hard work over the years in collecting and preparing these dances and having the books printed so that all are able to share in the enjoyment."

From another part of New Zealand—**Bay of Plenty**—came a familiar request for stories of the origins of the dances. From a very small beginning a group has been formed and this has now become very enthusiastic. The members often travel forty miles to Rotorua to join in the monthly socials.

A plea for instruction books was received from the **British Cameroons** from a group of enthusiastic people which has been formed to learn Scottish Country dancing.

Back to **Cambridge, New Zealand**, where the Scottish Country Dance Society has increased its membership to over seventy. At the end of the season the wind-up dance was attended by groups of dancers from as far as Auckland, New Plymouth and Hastings. Two of those present were the President of the New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society and his wife, Mr and Mrs Jack Seton.

Through the Scottish Tourist Board a request was received from **Hautes Pyrenees**, France, for a suitable Scottish dance for a school party, as well as details of dress. The writer also required a poster of "a very big thistle and a very big bagpipe" !

A local schoolmistress from **Penalonga**, Southern Rhodesia, in acknowledging books sent, tells of the keenness of the twenty-four children there for Scottish Country dances.

From **Saskatoon** Scottish Country Dance Club came a very appreciative letter regarding "Scotland Dances." The Writer said "such precision performed with such easy grace was a beauty to behold, not only was the scenery breath-taking, but it brought memories of happy times to those of our group who once lived in Scotland."

An interesting letter came from a Scot who had recently arrived in **Stockholm** from Canada where he had started an S.C.D. group in **Kingston**. He was delighted to join up with a well-established group of 30-40 Scottish Country dancers of whom only he and one other were Scottish. He also spoke of the great pleasure the film "Scotland Dances" has given.

The group formed in **Tweedie**, Natal, has become firmly established and regular monthly meetings are held.

Space does not permit further extracts being printed.

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.

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.

SUMMER SCHOOL 1959

All members must apply to the Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, 3, by 31st January 1959 for Summer School application forms, which will be sent out in March. The approximate dates of the School are 20th July to 17th August. Non-Residents must apply as well as Residents.

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.

1957		LIABILITIES		
CAPITAL ACCOUNT				
	Balance as at 1st July 1957	£16,189	11 10	
	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year		763 17 10	
16,190				£16,953 9 8
3,817	SUMMER SCHOOL, 1958—FEES PAID IN ADVANCE			4,907 4 0
225	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES			438 5 1
2,000	RESERVE FOR REPRINTING PUBLICATIONS			2,400 0 0
375	RESERVE FOR PRODUCTION OF FILMS			375 0 0
700	STAFF PENSION FUND			1,050 0 0
1,500	GENERAL RESERVE FUND			2,000 0 0
—	RESERVE FOR FURNISHINGS			53 6 8

 £24,807

 £28,177 5 5

23 BARNES STREET, AYR, 29th August 1958.—We have audited the books and accounts of T have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief v
 The foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, which are in agreement with the books to the explanations given to us, a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the YEAR

1956-57	To ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES			
	Staff Salaries	£1,367	2 4	
	Travelling Expenses and cost of Committee Meetings	377	9 7	
	Printing and Stationery	266	0 11	
	Postage and Telephone	179	4 10	
	Audit Fee	43	1 0	
	Office Accommodation	311	1 6	
	Miscellaneous Expenses	74	17 5	
2,511				2,618 17 7
556	„ BULLETIN			627 5 6
281	„ EXAMINATION EXPENSES			261 6 0
4,714	„ SUMMER SCHOOL			4,762 3 6
20	„ GRANTS			20 0 0
387	„ EXPENSES OF DEMONSTRATION TEAMS			321 1 9
447	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS			580 0 0
273	„ REPAIRS AND RENEWALS			98 5 11
	„ AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF			
	Furniture and Equipment	£50	0 0	
	Headquarters	250	0 0	
600				300 0 0
2,288	„ BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE CARRIED DOWN			2,013 17 10
£12,077				£11,602 18 1
£400	„ RESERVE FOR REPRINTING PUBLICATIONS			400 0 0
350	„ ALLOCATION TO PENSIONS FUND			350 0 0
750	„ GENERAL RESERVE FUND			500 0 0
788	„ BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET			763 17 10
£2,288				£2,013 17 10

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for the YEAR

1956-57	To STOCK IN HAND, 1st JULY 1957	£4,470	0 0
£4,360	„ PURCHASES	1,628	19 10
964	„ SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT	626	12 11
1,703			
£7,027		£6,725	12 9

as at 30th JUNE 1958

1957		ASSETS	
HEADQUARTERS			
	At Cost	£5,502 2 1	
£4,500	Less Amount written off	1,252 2 1	4,250 0 0
OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			
	As valued at 30th June 1954 and additions at cost	£788 15 9	
500	Less Amount written off to date	338 15 9	450 0 0
MUSIC, BOOKS AND LEAFLETS			
4,470	At cost as certified by Treasurer		4,803 0 0
INVESTMENTS (At cost)			
	3% Defence Bonds	£1,000 0 0	
	4% Defence Bonds	500 0 0	
	4½% Defence Bonds	1,000 0 0	
	5% Defence Bonds	900 0 0	
	National Savings Certificates	1,125 0 0	
	Dunfermline Building Society	2,675 0 0	
	Edinburgh Trustee Savings Bank	50 0 0	
	British Linen Bank Savings Account	2,900 0 0	
	City of Edinburgh 5½% Mortgage Loan	2,000 0 0	
9,500	City of Edinburgh 5¼% Mortgage Loan	1,000 0 0	13,150 0 0
415	SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE		257 14 10
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
	In British Linen Bank Current Account	£245 19 11	
	Summer School Account	4,819 4 0	
	Furnishings Account	53 6 8	
	In Hands of Secretary	148 0 0	
5,422			5,266 10 7
<u>£24,807</u>			<u>£28,177 5 5</u>

of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1958, and
 and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
 the books of account, give in our opinion and to the best of our information and according
 as at 30th June 1958.
 (Sgd.) NORMAN MACKINNON & CO., C.A., Auditors.

YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1958

1956-57			
BY SUBSCRIPTIONS			
	Received from Branches	£3,320 10 11	
	Paid direct	462 5 10	
£3,832			3,782 16 9
104	„ AFFILIATION FEES		142 16 0
61	„ DONATIONS		
	For Demonstration Team		25 0 0
	„ FEES FROM STUDENTS		
	Summer and Autumn Schools	£5,375 10 6	
	Examinations	245 12 6	
5,208			5,621 3 0
244	„ INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS		379 1 10
	„ ROYALTIES		
	Books	£363 9 3	
	Broadcasting Fees	67 0 1	
	Gramophone Records	594 18 3	
925			1,025 7 7
1,703	„ SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS		626 12 11
<u>£12,077</u>			<u>£11,602 18 1</u>
£2,288	„ BALANCE CARRIED DOWN		£2,013 17 10
<u>£2,288</u>			<u>£2,013 17 10</u>

the YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1958

1956-57			
£2,110	BY SALES		£1,342 12 9
447	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES (AT COST)		580 0 0
4,470	„ STOCK IN HAND, 30th JUNE 1958		4,803 0 0
<u>£7,027</u>			<u>£6,725 12 9</u>

ESTIMATE of INCOME and EXPENDITURE for the YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1959

	INCOME	1957-58
Subscriptions	£3,500	£3,600
Affiliation Fees	130	105
Royalties	750	900
Investment Income	350	235
Fees: Schools and Courses		
<i>Less: Expenses</i>	300	—
Surplus on Sale of Publications	400	1,000
	<u>£5,430</u>	<u>£5,840</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Salaries	£1,450	£1,395
Cost of Meetings, including Travelling Expenses	350	400
Printing and Stationery	400	400
Postage and Telephone	175	150
Office Accommodation	340	335
Audit Fee	42	42
Insurance	28	28
Repairs and Decorations	100	—
Miscellaneous Expenses	50	50
	<u>£2,935</u>	<u>£2,800</u>
Bulletin	650	600
Examination Fees, <i>less</i> Expenses	100	300
Demonstration Team Expenses	350	350
Grants	50	50
Subscription Copies	450	450
	<u>£4,535</u>	<u>£4,550</u>
RESERVES:		
For Reprinting Publications	400	400
For Pension Fund	350	350
For General Reserve	—	250
Surplus to meet Contingencies	145	290
	<u>£5,430</u>	<u>£5,840</u>



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