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Portrait of Miss Jean C. Milligan, Co-Founder and Vice-President  
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By H. Raeburn Dobson.



## Annual Report

THE visit of Her Majesty The Queen, our honoured Patron, accompanied by His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, was an outstanding event in the history of the Society. It will live in the memory of all those who were present at the Royal visit in 1961. It is worth recording that there has been a strong carry over of interest and many of our members in the U.K. and overseas have shown a keen interest when visiting Headquarters this year in the two maps which were prepared for the Royal visitors, and which pinpointed the Society's 88 Branches and 196 Affiliated Groups.

Our visitors have also been delighted to see the excellent portrait of Miss Milligan, painted by Mr Raeburn Dobson. All those who know the keenness and enthusiasm that Miss Milligan is able to spark off in every country she visits will not be surprised that following her recent visit to America, Mr Raeburn Dobson has been commissioned to paint a copy of Miss Milligan's portrait for a member in New Hampshire.

At meetings held during the year and from the Branch reports, it is very marked that although there is no dramatic increase of participation in Scottish Country dancing and in some Branches membership may have shown a decrease in numbers, there is still, however, a substantial interest in our dances over a wide geographical area.

It is impossible to attribute the continued participation in Scottish Country dancing to any one cause. Among the many which have doubtless played their part is television, which has helped to inform and inspire by giving its viewers the opportunity to see not only dancers of distinction but ordinary young people enjoying the fun and sociability of dancing together to gay Scottish tunes.

All this makes an impact, particularly on the younger generation who like to do what they see on the television screen. Another cause that has ensured progress is that from the inception of the Society, our educators have realised the importance of instilling an interest in our distinctive dance traditions in school programmes, and this continues to be the case. In all this we owe a debt of gratitude to all who train and examine our teachers for the Society's certificate and to the teachers themselves. So much of what they are doing merits this famous passage from "Some Thoughts concerning Education." "Dancing" urged John Locke "being that which gives graceful motions all the life, and, above all things, manliness and a becoming confidence to young children. I think cannot be learned too early . . . nothing appears to me to give children so much confidence and behaviour and so to raise them to the conversation of those above their years, by dancing."

It is said that a mark of the importance of an individual or a Society is when a well-known newspaper includes a cartoon in its pages. If this is the case, then the R.S.C.D.S. achieved fame when *The Times Educational Supplement* in September published an amusing political cartoon based on the instructions for Hamilton House.

**Annual General Meeting and Autumn School.**—The Thirty-second Annual General Meeting was held in Ayr on 28th October 1961. Before the meeting, members of the Executive Council were entertained to lunch by Ayr Town Council and the Society was given a very warm welcome. On Friday evening a Ball was held and on Saturday, classes were conducted by Miss McArthur and Mrs Gudger—an informal dance being held in the evening. All those who were present on the various occasions agreed that Ayr Branch was to be congratulated on providing a most enjoyable week-end and the Society wishes to place on record its appreciation of all the work done by Ayr Branch.

**Membership.**—The Society now has 90 Branches, 190 Affiliated Groups. During the year three new Branches have been formed, Bristol, Leamington Spa and Leeds. The total membership of the Society is approximately 16,000.



**Subscription Copy.** The subscription copy for 1962-63 is a pocket edition of Books 19, 20 and 21. This will be given to members who have paid their 1962-63 subscription and will be issued in the Autumn.

**Examinations.**—During the year examinations have been held in the following Branches: Aberdeen, Birmingham, Boston, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hamilton (Ontario), London, Lorn (Argyll), Montreal, New York, Peterhead, Sheffield and Toronto.

Examinations were also held in Kilmarnock (Ayrshire Education Authority); Craiglockhart R.C. Training College, Edinburgh; Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Aberdeen; Ilkley College of Housecraft; Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow; Ottawa S.C.D. Group; New Glasgow S.C.D. Group; Notre Dame R.C. Training College, Glasgow; San Francisco S.C.D. Group; Scottish School of Physical Education, Glasgow and the Summer School, St Andrews.

In the Preliminary Test there were 282 passes and 56 failures. In the Teachers' Certificate there were 131 passes and 11 failures.

**"Scotland Dances"**.—A letter has been received from Mr Forsyth Hardy, Director, Films of Scotland, with which is enclosed an extract from the British Council

"Our Representative in Uganda has forwarded the following comments made by the UNESCO Representative attached to the Uganda Department of Information regarding your film 'Scotland Dances' and we thought you would like to know about this:—

'This film is probably one of the most popular films I have shown anywhere, and was as equally appreciated by educated town audiences as it was by entirely rural ones. So night after night in Morobo, Soroti, Mbale, Fort Portal, Kabale and Mbarara areas, the people enjoyed themselves watching other people's strange tribal customs.'

Mr Forsyth Hardy mentions in his letter that the film continues to be shown all over the world. In Canada, for example, it is in theatrical distribution and appears to be very popular.

**Summer School.**—The Summer School at St Andrews from 23rd July till 20th August was larger than ever owing to the provision of extra accommodation. Members from the following countries attended the School:—America, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and Switzerland.

The Executive Council takes this opportunity of thanking Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianists for all their work during the month.

## Branch Reports

**ABERDEEN.** Secretary, Miss Annie O. Cumming, 19 Mile-End Avenue, Aberdeen.—Branch membership 257 Ordinary and 154 Life Members. Throughout the session 4 Adult and 4 Children's Classes met weekly. In September a four-week Refresher Course was held on Book 21 under the very able tuition of Miss Lesley Martin. After a lapse of several years we were able to run a Teachers' Class for Preliminary Certificate at which 6 candidates were successful. This class was taken by Miss Jean Yeats.

A very happy Ball was held in Station Hotel in November but the support given was rather disappointing. Because of lack of interest a smaller function planned for February 1962 had to be abandoned.

At the 1962 S.C.D. Festival the Branch was represented by 3 Adult Teams in the Open Classes, all of which won the trophies in their sections and also gained Honours Diplomas. The Children's Classes entered 9 Teams in various sections.

At the Edinburgh Music Festival in May a Women's Team from the Branch won their class in the Open Section while 2 Girls' Teams from the Branch's Young People's Class were first and second in their class the first team winning the Juniper Green Cup for the second year in succession.



In January of this year Miss M. Anderson adjudicated a S.C.D. competition open to members of City Youth Clubs at which a team from Walker Road Youth Club was the winner.

As usual the Society has been asked to provide teams of dancers for Union Terrace Gardens on four Tuesdays in June.

The S.C.D. Club completed its eleventh year. The members were very happy that it had attracted more visitors throughout the season and hope that this trend will continue.

**ADELAIDE.** Secretary, Mrs May Sinclair, 5 The Grove, Torrens Park, South Australia.—Although the attendances have dropped off a little this year those attending are enjoying the dancing greatly. The Society held its first Scottish Country Dance Ball in March and a good time was had by all. Demonstration Teams are always in demand at various functions. Miss Irene Forbes continues to conduct the classes with Mrs Goldie relieving one evening each month. The Society is thrilled at the prospect of a team dancing to Jimmy Shand and his Band when they appear here later in August with Kenneth McKellar's show now touring Australia and New Zealand.

**AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Mrs A. O. Inglis, "Greystones," Plains, by Airdrie.—The future of our Branch is causing concern as the membership over the past three or four years has been steadily dropping. The attendance of members of classes is good throughout the session but it is increasingly difficult to get the initial enrolment numbers. There are several country dance classes run outwith the Society during the week and this is the probable reason. The juvenile classes are satisfactory and teams sent to local festivals did well. The Annual Dance was well attended and most successful. The children's displays held in Airdrie and in Coatbridge were, as usual, very popular and of a good standard.

**ANNAN.** Secretary, Mrs B. M. Richardson, The Bungalow, Summergate Road, Annan.—In spite of a fall in membership, interest and enthusiasm in the work of the Branch has been maintained; attendance at classes and dances having been good. The Branch has run 3 Adult Classes during the session and a general Summer Class. Monthly social evenings have been held and two outstandingly enjoyable evenings were St Andrew's Night, when members of the Dumfries Branch gave demonstrations, and the Annual Ball, when we were joined by members from neighbouring branches.

It was with feelings of deepest regret that we learned of Miss Stafford's intention to retire from teaching. She has been our principal teacher since the Branch was formed, fourteen years ago, and we owe her an incalculable debt of gratitude for her very fine teaching. We also lose, by her retirement, the invaluable services of Miss Currie, who is that rare and precious being—the perfect pianist, and who has delighted us with her playing for fourteen years.

**ARBROATH.** Secretary, Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath, Angus.—The Branch has a membership of 206 with 18 Life Members. All the centres at Arbroath, Brechin, Montrose and Kirriemuir had most successful Classes. Annual Balls and Christmas parties 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, Mr Ian L. G. Garrie, Larchfield, Auchterarder, Perthshire.—During the past session the membership totalled 34 including 4 Life Members, which was a decrease of 10 from the previous year. The average attendance at the weekly class was high and a happy atmosphere was maintained throughout. Miss C. R. Duff was in charge of the class and Mrs J. R. McFarlane was an efficient pianist.

Apart from normal activities a Whist Drive and two parties were held as was a dance which took place in the Aytoun Hall when enthusiasts came from far and near to dance to the music of Ian Powrie and his Band. Club members are delighted that he is now resident in Auchterarder and the members hope to enjoy his music on other occasions. On the financial side there was a credit balance of £8, 7s. 11d. on the year's working.



Mr James Martin, who has been President for a number of years and was a founder member of the Auchterarder Country Dance Club, intimated his resignation from office. This was received with much regret but it is hoped he will maintain his interest in the Branch. Miss Duff expressed warm appreciation of his services throughout the years. Keen members are looking forward to October when the Class resumes.

**AYR.** Secretary, Miss Jean W. S. Matheson, 48 Westwood Avenue, Ayr.—Branch membership 250 Ordinary and 39 Life Members. Throughout the session 2 Adult and 3 children's Classes met weekly with a team class meeting at regular intervals. Six Dances were held throughout the season.

The outstanding event of the year was the Autumn Week-end which took place on 27th/28th October, when we had the privilege of welcoming members from many Branches in England and Ireland as well as Scotland. Two very enjoyable social functions took place in the Conference Hall, Dam Park. Many appreciative letters were received from various Branches after the events. The classes taken by Miss MacArthur and Mrs Gudger were very well attended and we express our sincere gratitude to both ladies for their splendid work.

At the 1962 Ayrshire Music Festival the Branch was well represented by the Ladies Team and 6 Children's Teams, gaining certificates in every class entered. The Ladies' Team danced at the Festival Concert.

It is with regret we announce the retirement of our President Miss K. M. Wilson who has had a long and happy association with the Branch and Parent Society and extend a hearty welcome to our new President, Sir James Fergusson of Kilkerran.

**AYRSHIRE, North-West.** Secretary, Mrs N. Dunlop, Bradda, Fairlie.—In 1961-62, our programme of dances continued much as in recent years with regular informal dances in the various towns of the area and the more formal Christmas Ball in the Marine and Curlinghall Hotel, Largs, and the Easter and Summer Dance in Castlecraigs, Ardrossan. Newlands' Band gave us additional enjoyment and encouragement with its usual excellent music at all dances except the Easter Dance at which for the second time we had Jimmy Blair's Scottish Dance Band. Members from neighbouring Branches danced with us on several occasions. We were delighted to welcome them and hope they will visit us during the forthcoming season.

In Ardrossan, we held two Children's Balls and a Teenage Ball at Christmas time. All were successful and showed the enthusiasm engendered in our five children's Classes.

Our Adult Classes were not so successful. Although those who did attend found them stimulating and enjoyable, insufficient support caused a Beginners' Class and a monthly Demonstration Class to be stopped in mid-season.

All our teams, adult and children's, brought credit to the Branch and their instructors at the various festivals they entered and demonstration teams provided enjoyment to more general audiences at functions throughout the district.

With the Society's Annual General Meeting held in Ayr, many more members than usual were able to attend the Meeting, the social functions and the classes. All who travelled to Ayr enjoyed themselves and agreed that Ayr Branch was to be congratulated on the happy success of the week-end.

**BANFFSHIRE.** Secretary, Mrs Jean Mair, 11 Bryson Crescent, Buckie.—This past season our membership has increased and quite a few younger ones are taking an interest in the Country Dancing, and are attending the Classes. We had a good year and had our Annual Rally during November. The music provided by Ian Powrie and his Broadcasting Band was such a success and enjoyed by all, that we are looking forward to having him again in November. Our Branch Classes have been well attended this year and after a lapse of some eight years we were pleased to have Country Dancing back under further education.

Although all Classes did not take advantage of this change it nevertheless attracted some younger enthusiasts, and we hope it will continue to do so.



**BATH.** Secretary, R. C. Lidstone, Little Barn, Limpley, Stoke.—1961-62 was again a successful and happy season with the membership remaining constant.

The usual social programme of Dances took place during the season, the Summer Dance being held at the Pump Room as part of the Bath Festival. The Demonstration Team, amongst other activities, enjoyed a very happy week with the Bath Operatic and Dramatic Society in their production of "Brigadoon".

**BELFAST.** Secretary, Mr P. I. M. Fergusson, 434 Lisburn Road, Belfast, 9.—The Belfast Branch has continued to flourish during the year and membership of the Branch is still increasing. Unfortunately costs are also increasing and it has been necessary to increase the class fees for the coming year.

All the Classes in Belfast have continued to make steady progress and the Classes in Ballymena, Bangor and Helen's Bay are all thriving. Difficulties over getting suitable halls and lack of sufficient local support have caused the suspension of the Classes in Greenisland and Finaghy.

The various Classes have held informal parties which are always very popular and there were the usual dances in Ballymena and Bangor. In addition there was a Dinner Dance in Belfast early in January which was very successful from every point of view.

The two Branch Week-end Schools were held in the autumn and spring and we had Bill Little as the teacher at the Autumn School and Duncan MacLeod at the Spring School and both were very popular and helpful.

**BERWICK-UPON-TWEED.** Secretary, Miss D. D. Martin, 17 Castle Terrace, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—We have completed another successful season although we have suffered a drop in membership—80 Adults and 67 Children this year. The Children's Classes could have been much larger, but it was decided to restrict the numbers drastically this year otherwise the Classes tend to get rather unwieldy.

Our Annual Ball held in December was again very popular, and our New Year Party for members only, which is now a recognised feature of the winter programme, was very well supported.

At the beginning of November we had a visit from Mrs Gudger, who took two Classes for members at the Community Centre. Both Classes attracted a "full house," and were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Once again we ended the season with our Children's Class "Open Night" (this year in aid of the local Darby and Joan Club), our A.G.M. and a Branch Party, all of which were very well attended.

**BIRMINGHAM.** Secretary, Mr Peter J. Smith, 34 Wroxall Road, Solihull, Warwicks.—Membership has risen again to top the 300 mark for the first time at 301, including 34 Life Members.

The 1961-62 season will go down in history as the season in which the Branch ran its own Classes for the first time. This may sound strange to some readers of the *Bulletin*, but those who live in big cities will know of the difficulties encountered in trying to get suitable accommodation. Happily the new Y.W.C.A. has proved ideal and the classes have been a success socially if not fiscally and are sufficiently well established to continue. The 4th Annual Non-Competitive Festival, held in May, was larger than ever, and it becomes increasingly difficult to find room for the dancers, let alone the spectators. The music this year was provided by the Newlands Band from Ayrshire, and an enjoyable time was had by all. Socials and Dances have been held at roughly monthly intervals throughout the year and have all been very well attended. Our Spring Dance, in February, was an exceptionally happy occasion for us as we were able to invite Miss Milligan to be our Guest of Honour. This is the first time we have been lucky enough to have Miss Milligan in the locality at the time of a Dance, but we most sincerely hope it will not be the last. She was here for one of the two examinations for the Society's Certificates which she conducted in the course of the year. At them three members gained the Full Certificate and nine the Preliminary Test. One examination followed a Week-end Course arranged by the City Education Authority with the Branch's co-operation and with Miss Milligan instructing. Another Week-end Course arranged by the C.C.P.R. with the Branch's



co-operation was at Lilleshall with Mr Duncan MacLeod and Mrs Gudger doing the honours. A full programme has been planned for this coming season, and we should be delighted to welcome members of other Branches and Groups if they happen to be visiting the area.

**BOSTON.** Secretary, Miss Peggy O'Connor, 70 Jamaica Road, Brookline, Massachusetts, U.S.A.—Our Annual Pinewoods Week-end was held on July 21st/24th 1961, with 132 dancers attending and guest teachers from Montreal, Ontario, New York and New Hampshire. Classes at all levels were held weekly in September 1961, through to July 1962, with Marianne Taylor principal teacher and seven others teaching series of concentrated classes for beginners and advanced and Miss Jeannie Carmichael appearing as guest teacher from time to time.

Miss Milligan honoured us with two visits, in September and again in November during her trip to America last fall. She taught a regular class, a work-shop, attended a party given for her on November 11th and conducted certificate examinations, during which three members gained Preliminary Certificates and three their full Certificates. Other teaching activities have seen Mr and Mrs Charles Campbell and Mrs Barbara Little continuing their Children's Classes and Mrs Priscilla Burrage teaching a local choral group traditional Scottish country dancing for their production of *Brigadoon* last winter. Six dance circle parties were organised by Mrs Julie Smith.

At this report we are looking forward to the 1962 Pinewoods Week-end on July 20th/23rd with Mr Cornell Taylor Chairman for his second year, while three of our members are planning to attend the summer session at St Andrews in Scotland. We are extending heartfelt thanks to our outgoing President, Mrs Kay Campbell, who has led us so capably the past two years, and welcoming in our new President, Robert O. Smith.

**BRISTOL.** Secretary, Mr G. B. Bates, 75 Falcondale Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol.—The Branch was formed on the 10th March 1962 and soon attracted a number of people who were new to Scottish Country Dancing, and at the end of June the membership had risen to 87, of whom only 24 were formerly Headquarters and other Branch members transferred to the new Branch. Eight fortnightly beginners Classes have been held with an average attendance of 31. A highly successful Jumble Sale was held and the proceeds of this helped to establish a satisfactory financial state.

It is hoped to extend activities for 1962-63 by providing Classes for more experienced dancers and some Branch evenings for the benefit of all Branch members.

This season's Classes have been held in a rather small hall but a larger hall has now been obtained and this will be used in future.

**CAPE TOWN.** Secretary, Miss Jean Martin, 17 Irene Court, Irene Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town.—Membership for the session stands at 51 members and 2 Life Members.

We have had a busy year, having started a Beginners' Class, taken by Mrs Malcolm Foggo, in addition to our General Class under the leadership of Mrs Nancy Smith. The Beginners' Class has proved very popular and we hope will help the growth of the Club and spread the interest in Scottish Country Dancing.

Several successful parties were held during the year. We inaugurated a party for school-age dancers; this was voted an excellent venture and we hope to run one each year. We are most grateful to those teachers who take school-age Classes thus stimulating the interest in Scottish Country Dancing at an early age. The teachers concerned are Mrs K. Hunter, Mrs K. Gibson, Mrs L. Stewart, Miss B. Bosomworth and Miss M. Lamont, the latter teacher taking a class of deaf and dumb children.

A combined Cape Town Caledonian Society and Royal Scottish Country Dance Society party was held to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr Dick Butler, who has been a regular attender at our classes since their inception in 1950.

Our Annual Ball was again well supported by the other Cape Town Clubs and thoroughly enjoyed and at the end of the year a most enjoyable New Year's Eve Ball was held under the auspices of the Cape Town Caledonian Society.

We now seem to be established in the St Thomas's Parish Church Hall, Rondebosch—a most satisfactory arrangement as the hall is very conveniently situated and of adequate size.



**CARLISLE and BORDER.** Secretary, Miss R. I. Lattimer, 211 Brampton Road, Carlisle.—This has been in many respects a very satisfactory season, although attendance at the Classes has been somewhat disappointing and the total membership of the Branch has decreased slightly. The social functions held by the Branch, particularly the Highland Ball and the Week-end School and Dance, were all most successful and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended them. Our thanks are due to Mrs W. Wadsworth of Edinburgh who taught so admirably at the Week-end School in February and to Andrew Rankine and his Band for the most enjoyable music at the Ball. We are grateful too to the many members of other Branches and Societies (some from quite distant places) who have supported all our functions and contributed to their success—we could only wish that more of our own members would support Branch functions as enthusiastically and faithfully.

The Children's Class, under the tuition of Miss K. Rooney, has gone from strength to strength and teams of children from the Class were very successful at the Carlisle Musical Festival at the beginning of April. Our thanks are due to Mr J. Johnstone for once again teaching at the General and Advanced Classes during the season and to our two pianists, Mrs Dickson and Mrs Wilson.

**CARNOUSTIE.** Secretary, Miss B. McRae, 46 Burnside Street, Carnoustie.—Although membership fell slightly the Branch has had quite a satisfactory year. The weekly class continues to be most happy and thanks are due to our teacher and pianist. Some of our members attended the Branch dances held in the various districts. Our Annual Dance was held on 30th November—the music being supplied by Angus Cameron's Band. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. The Juvenile Class finished the session on the 14th March.

**CASTLE DOUGLAS.** Secretary, Miss C. E. Greggan, 9 Greenhall Road, Bridge-of-Dee, Castle Douglas.—During session 1961-62, the membership of the Branch rose to 71 Ordinary Members and 5 Life Members. A good attendance was maintained throughout the session, and members found the meetings enjoyable and beneficial. Branch teams competed in the Galloway Festival with commendable results.

A resurgence of interest in the Junior Link can be reported. There was a membership of 47 during 1961-62, and this was regarded as most encouraging.

The Branch were again granted the use of accommodation in the Primary School, Castle Douglas, for both the Adult and the Junior Link Classes, and wish to record their appreciation to the Stewartry Education Authority.

**CHELTENHAM.** Secretary, Mr W. B. Parker, 147 Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, Glos.—We are pleased to report a net increase in our membership of 62 bringing our total to 169 Ordinary Members and 13 Life Members. Our regular evening classes were divided into two Classes for Beginners, an Intermediate, an Advanced, a Highland and a Children's Class. All the Classes and the most successful and enjoyable Week-end School under Bill Ireland were very well attended.

Our Demonstration Team has again been in great demand for performances at many local functions, even as far afield as Tetbury. Larger Christmas and end of season dances were again a great success and we were pleased to welcome dancers from other branches and hope that we will see them again this year.

**CLACKMANNANSHIRE.** Secretary, Mrs J. O. Thomson, 25 Ann Street, Tillicoultry.—The Branch continues in good heart although there was a decrease in membership. Weekly Classes in Alloa, Dollar and Tillicoultry continue to be held and the end of term parties are very happy occasions. The Annual Branch Dance, held in the Town Hall, Alloa in November was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

**DERBY.** Secretaries, Mr and Mrs W. J. Allen, 3 Bramfield Avenue, Derby.—This Branch has continued from strength to strength and had a very successful season. The Annual Christmas Party and the Annual Birthday Party were enjoyed by a great number of people and it was with pleasure that we welcomed our friends from other Societies. This year we have arranged a Ceilidh for the Autumn and hope to have a very successful evening.



**DUMFRIES.** Secretary, Mrs Margaret Dickson, 5 Franklin Place, Troqueer Road, Dumfries.—Another very successful year with our membership increased from the previous year to 230. Classes and Social occasions have been well attended and Demonstration Teams have been kept very busy. Both Adult and Junior Link Teams have won Trophies at various musical Festivals.

In May this year a Team from the Branch travelled to Agrigento in Sicily to an International Folk Dance Festival. This was a successful and enjoyable tour. Mrs Henderson, Secretary for the past 7 years was given a presentation at the Guid Nychburres Dance in recognition of services rendered to the Branch.

**DUNBARTONSHIRE, West.** Secretary, Mr Thos. Savage, White Lodge, Craigendoran, Helensburgh.—We have again had a happy and successful year and our membership, although slightly lower than last year, stands at 189 members.

Our Branch ran a Couples Class and a General Class, both of which were greatly enjoyed by the members. The number of Clubs and Classes in our area has increased and the standard of dancing is generally high.

The Annual Ball in November, where the music was provided by Jim McLeod and his Band, was an outstanding success. The Branch also ran a Charity Dance in aid of the Scottish National Institution for War-Blinded. In conjunction with clubs throughout the district we held Informal Dances which proved most popular, dancers from all parts of our scattered area attended. The Junior Dance, which has now become an institution, was again well attended and the ability of these enthusiastic children is most encouraging for the future.

**DUNDEE.** Secretary, Miss Dorothy H. Nicoll, 13 Crombie Terrace, Craigiebank, Dundee.—It is disappointing to report a drop of 48 in our membership during the past year. We now stand at 263 Ordinary Members and 152 Life Members. Unfortunately we did not have sufficient numbers to form a Junior Class and there were no recruits for a beginner's group. The General Class was well attended and a Summer Term Class was also much enjoyed.

Teacher's Certificate Classes were held during the summer term. At the examination held in June, six candidates gained the full certificate. Miss Milligan and Miss Jarvis were the examiners.

Two social evenings, held in the College of Education, were well attended and greatly enjoyed as was the Annual Ball at which music was provided by the Olympians Dance Band. We were pleased to welcome members of neighbouring Branches at our Annual Ball and also at the informal dance held in May.

The Club, run in conjunction with the Branch, had a good season in their new surroundings with large attendances each evening.

In November, the death of our Treasurer, Miss Ethel Anderson, came as a great shock to all of us. Miss Anderson had been treasurer of the Branch for 24 years and during that period had carried out her duties with great enthusiasm and ability. We acknowledge with grateful thanks the untiring service she gave to our Branch and the R.S.C.D.S. We also regret the passing of another of our founder members—Miss Florence Latto—who was a Life Member of the Society and who taught one of our Classes for many years.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Branch, Miss Crighton, who has been Secretary for 25 years intimated her decision to retire. We would like to record our warm appreciation of Miss Crighton's untiring efforts for the Branch and the Society and to wish her well in her retirement.

**DUNFERMLINE.** Secretary, Miss Jean W. Laurie, 37 St Leonard's Street, Dunfermline.—The Branch have again had a very busy year although membership has dropped slightly to 170 Annual Members and 16 Life Members.

The following Classes were held—Junior Mixed, Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Teenagers and Demonstration, together with a Highland Class for Men, though numbers were, in some cases, lower than the previous year.

Since the beginning of the year the Demonstration Group have given several demonstrations locally as well as appearing in local concerts and entered teams at Perth and



Edinburgh. For the fourth year in succession the Silver Quaich returned to Dunfermline, the "B" yeam being the winners. We are again indebted to our pianist, Miss Anderson, and Mr Rennie, our piper for the help which we have received from them during yet another session.

On the social side we held three social functions. Our Christmas Dance and Highland Ball were very successful and to the latter function we were happy to welcome dancers from Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling, Kirkcaldy, Perth, Balloch and surrounding districts.

One of the highlights of our session was the visit of Miss Milligan, who delighted the audience with a very interesting and happy account of her recent visit to the United States and Canada. Miss Milligan concluded her visit by teaching members several dances from the newly-published book. On that occasion also we were highly honoured to have present with us Lady Elgin, in her dual capacity as President of the Society and Hon. President of the Dunfermline Branch.

**DUNS and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Miss Margaret A. Rae, Penrhyll, St Abbs, Eyemouth.—Whether we regard our "May Week-end," some call it "The St Abbs Week-end" as the start of a new session or the finish of the old makes little difference. It has certainly become one of the highlights of our programme. It was grand having Miss Milligan, Miss Anderson, Mrs Gudger and Mr Johnstone with us as instructors.

Dances throughout the year were held at Aytoun, Chirnside, Earlston, Eyemouth and Duns. It gave us particular pleasure to welcome a team of dancers from Glasgow to our Ball in Duns. The surroundings and conditions, except for midges, were ideal for an Open-Air Dance in Duns and as at all our other dances we were pleased to see so many from the Berwick-on-Tweed Branch.

**EAST LOTHIAN.** Secretary, Miss J. J. Storie, "Altmont," 2 Station Road, Haddington.—The membership during the past season reached 229 which is the highest the Branch has yet reached.

Dances were held throughout the County and were well attended. The Ball was also well attended and proved very successful.

Mrs Lesslie paid her usual visit and the instruction given by her was greatly enjoyed.

**EAST SURREY—WEST KENT.** Secretary, Miss Joan M. Harmer, 20 Godstone Mount, Downs Court Road, Purley, Surrey.—The Branch membership continues to show a steady increase. Classes in connection with the Branch are held in Beckenham, Croydon, New Malden, Norwood, Reigate, Sanderstead and West Wickham. Two Branch dances were held during the year as well as a Hogmanay Dance and also weekly socials have been held by the Branch Classes. The Summer dance took the form of an open-air dance. Again a very successful One-Day School of Dancing was held at which we were very fortunate in having Mrs Gudger and Mrs West to teach. Mixed and Ladies Teams were entered for the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival, the Mixed Team was awarded an Honours Certificate and retained the Rose Bowl for the third successive year. Both ladies teams gained Honours Certificates and one team was also joint winner of the Ladies Cup. In the childrens' section, the Girls Team from Merstham was awarded an Honours Certificate and the Mixed Team won the Clermiston Trophy.

**ECCLEFECHAN.** Secretary, Miss J. M. G. Kerr, Tullich Lodge, Middlebie, Lockerbie.—

**EDINBURGH.** Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 11 Sydney Terrace, Edinburgh, 7.—Membership has fallen again this year, but the Branch is as active as ever. Seventeen Classes were run during the autumn and spring terms, and six in the summer term. Over eighty demonstrations were given during the year; the most notable of these being on 30th June at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, when the dancers had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh by the Branch Chairman, Mr J. B. C. Brown. Six broadcasts of "The Kilt is My Delight" were made, including two each from Blair and Glamis Castles.

A Branch team took part in the first International Folk Dance and Music Festival in the Isle of Man. The team spent a most enjoyable but energetic week on the island. Another team visited the Wexford Festival in Southern Ireland.



“An Edinburgh Fancy—1961” was presented during the Edinburgh Festival and was again an artistic and material success. By the time this appears in print, “An Edinburgh Fancy—1962” will have taken place.

The Branch Social Functions were successful and happy occasions with visitors from other Branches joining with our members. In November, the Branch will have the pleasure of being host to the Society on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting and Autumn School. All of the events will be held in the Assembly Rooms and Music Hall, and four popular Bands have been engaged for the Functions. All of our visitors are assured of a warm welcome.

A Scottish Concert is to be held in the Usher Hall on Saturday, 3rd November. Taking part with our dancers will be The Falkirk Caledonia Choir, The Atholl Players and Steven Hastie, Solo Fiddler. Friends from other Branches will be welcome. Tickets will be on sale in September.

**ELGIN.** Secretary, Mr Crawford Herald, Craigmhor, Mayne Road, Elgin.—While there has been a slight decrease in the membership of the Branch for the year just finished it has been encouraging to find that there was an increase in the attendances at the classes despite the prolonged severe winter. The Monthly Social Evenings were well attended by Branch members and members from Classes from the surrounding districts. The session was most successful and enjoyably concluded by a dance run by the British Legion but which was organised and arranged by the Branch. Ian Powrie and his band provided the music at the dance which was very well attended by our Branch members and also by members from adjacent branches and classes.

**FORFAR.** Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 125 Glenclova Terrace, Forfar.—Branch activities followed the same pattern as previous years but there was a slight decrease in membership. The Children's Classes are proving most successful. The Parents' Night held at the end of the session was well attended and much appreciated. The usual socials and parties were welcomed by the members and our Annual Dance was the high light of our social year.

Letham Centre, attached to the Branch also continues to flourish. In November, we held a Class on Book 21 and it was well attended by enthusiastic dancers from Angus. Everyone enjoyed Miss Arnott's teaching and Miss McLauchlan's playing, and gave those who found the journey to Ayr impossible, something to remember.

At the examination held in Dundee our Chairman Elect gained her Teacher's Certificate.

**FORRES.** Secretary, Miss M. M. Ross, Morven, Castle Street, Forres.—Membership has fallen slightly and is now 79 plus 3 Life Members. Despite the decrease in numbers the year was a satisfactory one socially and it was gratifying to see a steady attendance at Classes after Christmas when there has previously been a tendency to drop.

The Country Dancing season was marked by an opening Rally held in one of the local hotels in September and this was well attended by members and friends from neighbouring branches and classes.

Demonstrations have again numbered 21. It is hoped that during the month of July a team will appear three times on Grampian Television in the Forres Top Town Show.

Our Mixed Team was awarded a Certificate of Merit in the Morayshire Music Festival in April. Miss J. Banks deserves the highest praise for her patience in teaching the Class and for giving up so much of her spare time to train the Demonstration Team.

**FORT WILLIAM.** Secretary, Miss Joan M. Henderson, 37 Carn Dearg Road, Fort William.—The Branch had a very uneventful year the highlight being the Annual Dinner Dance which was held in February. This was declared a great success and attracted many dancers from neighbouring Clubs.

The Demonstration Team received and accepted a number of invitations.

Some members attended a Week-end School at Oban in March.

**FRIOCKHEIM.** Secretary, Miss Ella K. Robb, 45 Millgate, Friockheim, Angus.



**GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET.** Secretary, Mrs Annie Mackay, 6 Bridge Terrace, Gatehouse-of-Fleet.—Gatehouse has had a successful and happy session with the membership slightly decreased. To our teachers and pianists we owe a deep debt of gratitude. We had our Christmas Party and the end of the season dance, both dances being well attended. Teams were again entered in March for Newton Stewart and Dumfries Festivals.

**GLASGOW.** Secretary, Miss Margaret M. C. Prentice, 263 Churchill Drive, Glasgow, W.1.—The Society suffered a severe loss in the sudden death in December of Mr Percy Thomson, a Life-member, first Secretary of our Branch and a well-known and much respected figure at our social functions.

We are glad to report a session of quiet progress. Membership remained steady. Our Syllabus of Classes was substantially the same as last year. Attendance during the first part of the session was very satisfactory, but the very severe weather during the first few weeks in the New Year seriously affected attendance during the second term. Both our Children's Classes were well attended.

We had three Spring Classes, one of which—a Ladies' Highland Steps and Solo Dancing—was particularly successful.

Very satisfactory results were reported from both our Certificate Classes, in which our own Members were joined by candidates from the surrounding Branches.

Our Demonstration Team had a busy winter. Besides appearing at many social and sporting functions, we had the pleasure of making our contribution to the programme for the twice-nightly show in the Alhambra Theatre during the "Stars for Spastics" Week. Recently we have had several happy broadcast programmes with the B.B.C. Scottish Variety Orchestra.

Our Week-end School at the Palace of Art early in December was particularly happy. Miss Milligan, just home from her wonderful American Tour, headed a very efficient team of instructors, whose enthusiasm promoted an excellent atmosphere, thoroughly enjoyed by the dancers. We were delighted to be joined on this occasion by so many friends from other Branches.

Attendance at our social functions improved this year. In addition to our Annual Ball and Spring Ball, six Branch Dances were held. In May, we organised in the City Chambers a Ball promoted by the Glasgow Muscular Dystrophy Group, as a result of which the funds of this organisation benefited by £50.

Plans are already under way for next session, which we hope will be just as happy.

**HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE.** Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.—It is rather disappointing to report a decrease in our numbers, in spite of the fact that we welcomed many new members to the Branch. Our membership now stands at 535, including 31 Life Members. The drop may be partly due to the fact that we were forced to increase our class fees, but we hope that next year we shall be back to our former strength.

The various Classes continued as usual, and the Branch functions were fairly well supported, except for the Ball, when the attendance was below standard. There is an almost continuous round of parties in the many districts, with the result that there is not the same urge to travel, even for a special function. There is still considerable enthusiasm for dancing throughout the Branch, so in spite of minor setbacks we look forward to next session with happy anticipation.

**HAMILTON, Ontario.** Secretary, Mrs Ross Burke, R.R.I. Ancaster, Ontario, Canada.—The stimulating presence of Miss Milligan set the tone for a most active season. All four Hamilton candidates received full certificates in the October examinations. Branch membership now stands at 111, with 3 Life Members. The Annual Branch Week-end was held at the Garden Centre at Vineland for the first time. About 120 participants including guests from groups in Canada and the U.S., were attracted by the fine accommodation and especially by Miss Milligan, sharing with us her delight in Book 21. Monthly dances were very successful this year. A new Branch Class was started in November in the neighbouring town of Burlington, with a Class for children begun in December. Six weekly Classes now include Advanced and Demonstration on alternate Mondays, Burlington on Wednesdays, General Class on Thursdays, Children on Saturday mornings.



Members of the Branch attended the Annual Balls held by all other groups and Branches, and took part in all Week-ends, Hamilton teachers taking Classes at every Week-end, in Canada and the U.S.

The Annual Ball in April was distinguished by the attendance of our Patron, the Hon. J. Keiller Mackay, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario and Mrs Mackay, and visitors Mr and Mrs Hugh Macpherson of Edinburgh. It was a grand evening for the Branch long to be cherished and remembered. The Scottish Country Dance Section of the Hamilton Kiwanis Festival saw 34 teams competing for 5 trophies; the Jean C. Milligan Trophy, the Muriel F. Hadden Trophy, the Jean Matheson Trophy for Children, given in memory of the late beloved first teacher of the Branch, and the Hamilton Branch Founders Trophy for Children. The Branch Ladies Team took second place, adults "A" the Rousseau (Ancaster) children first place, children 7-9.

**INVERNESS.** Mrs Marjorie J. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—Although our Membership showed a decrease during this last session, the three Classes held each week were reasonably well attended, though the weather conditions were not always being too kind to us.

Our Monthly dances were quite successful and were enjoyed by Members and friends from outlying districts.

The Annual Ball, held in the Caledonian Hotel Ballroom at the end of April, proved once again to be a very happy function, with a large gathering of enthusiastic dancers from Inverness and various points north.

We now look forward to the next session having an increase in membership and a revival in enthusiasm throughout our area.

**KILMARNOCK.** Secretary, Miss A. Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—The Branch enjoyed its usual busy season. Membership has decreased a little but enthusiasm amongst our members is as keen as ever. Two most enjoyable dances were held during the winter, one in November and one in May. The May dance is always more popular and the sale of tickets has to be limited. Classes begin again in October and a dance has been arranged for 30th November, when we hope to have the support of our friends again.

**KIRKCALDY.** Secretary, Miss N. J. Arnott, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.—Although membership has fallen, quite a number of new members have joined the Branch, including Beginners.

Classes were well attended during the first half of the session. Two Combined Classes' nights were held before Christmas, to which members were invited to bring a friend. These were greatly enjoyed, and Beginners were appreciative of willing help given by more experienced dancers.

The Annual Dance was held on 23rd February, and though fewer than usual were in attendance, it was still an enjoyable occasion.

Requests for demonstrations have kept team members busy with practices. In October, they danced at Kirkcaldy Traders' Exhibition during Jimmy Shand's half-hour programmes. In January, they danced before the American Curlers at a concert in Cupar and during the evening of the Harry K. Brown's (Ford Dealers) Staff Dinner and Dance. At a fête on 19th May, a team danced on the terraced lawn of Leslie House Eventide Home, to the recording on the Branch's tape recorder.

Already arrangements are being made for session 1962-63, and we look forward to welcoming old and new friends in our Classes.

**KIRKCUDBRIGHT.** Secretary, William John Thomson, The Stell, Kirkcudbright.—A slight decrease in membership was reported. Our Christmas Party and our summer socials were a great success. Our Dance this year was held in January, and it was voted one of the best dances we have ever had.

**LADYSMITH.** Secretary, Miss L. V. Bland, 24 Battery Road, Ladysmith, Natal, South Africa.—The Club has maintained its position, holding one class weekly. Open socials to stimulate interest in country dancing are held regularly and attract many people.

The Demonstration Team has shown its versatility at local functions and further afield. The Club has unfortunately had to say farewell to the Chairman, Mr J. Hoatson,



and Secretary/Teacher Mrs A. S. Reid, both of them having done a great deal for the Club.

At a meeting held on 28th February 1962, Mr W. L. Moss was appointed by the Committee to carry on with the teaching of the class.

**LANARK.** Secretary, Mrs M. P. Cuthill, Braeside, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark.—The Branch has had an enjoyable and successful season, despite a decrease in membership. A Week-end Course was held in November, the Classes being taken by Miss Molly Mackay, Glasgow. Our Annual Ball which took place in February, was an outstanding success, and we had the pleasure of welcoming members and friends from many other branches. In June, a team from our Childrens' Class, trained by their teacher Mrs Andrew Jamieson, took part in the Lanimer Celebrations, and gave much pleasure to those attending. This year we were pleased to welcome back a former pianist, Mrs Campbell, and our thanks are due to her and our Teachers for their valued services to the Branch.

**LEAMINGTON SPA and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Miss Nancy Allibon, Trafford Lodge, 5 St Mary's Road, Leamington Spa.—In our first year as a Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. we are pleased to report a membership of 78 Annual Members and 4 Life Members. Classes have been held monthly with Mrs C. Broome as teacher and Miss E. Richfield as pianist.

A Spring Dance was held at Leamington College in April and attended by 150 dancers from a wide area. Demonstrations have been given at several local functions, and at Leamington Spa Music Festival the Mixed Team gained second place, and the Ladies' Team tied for third place in their respective Classes.

A members' evening was held when transparencies of Scotland were shown, and the season finished with a Summer Dance for members and friends.

**LEEDS.** Secretary, Mr P. J. Clark, 3 Ridge Mount, Leeds, 6.—The inaugural meeting of the Leeds Branch was held in June. About fifty prospective members attended the meeting.

The Branch has already made provision for Classes to begin in September, and it is hoped that these will be well attended.

If there are any Society members in the Leeds district who have not received details about the new Branch, the Branch secretary will be pleased to forward these on request.

**LEVEN.** Secretary, Miss M. Duncan, 8 Robertson Avenue, Leven, Fife.—The Branch has enjoyed another successful session with a slight increase in membership. The Class under Miss Mowat's instruction was well attended throughout the year.

Our Dances held in December and March were most enjoyable, though not so well attended as in previous years.

We look forward to the new session beginning in October.

**LIVERPOOL.** Secretary, Mr Kenneth Macaulay-Jones, 15 Eric Road, Wallasey, Cheshire.—The year 1961-62 has yielded some surprises, the first of which being an unpleasant one. At the beginning of the season the number of people enrolling for membership of the Branch had dropped to 50 odd. A policy of intensive propaganda was decided upon, and accordingly letters to various organisations, including Liverpool University Students' Union, and the various local Education Authorities, were despatched, giving a short history of the Society and details of this Branch's activities. Advertisements were inserted into the local evening newspaper. The result was immediate and quite dramatic. Within two months we had gathered nearly eighty new members, including about twenty Associates (those under eighteen). Not all had the stamina to remain for the season, (not an unmixed blessing in view of the size of our hall), but the total number of what may be termed dancing members, using the term in its widest sense, was fairly steady at around 100. Also as a direct result of our advertisement, we received very useful publicity from the Liverpool Weekly News, consisting of four half-columns of reportage, and a front page photograph of a class in progress.

We held our Annual Dance during the Summer term, and received the most gratifying support from our members. A successful one day course (efficiently arranged by the C.C.P.R. to whom our thanks), was held in November, and I think those who attended both learned and enjoyed. As a Branch we enjoy very happy relations with the various



officials and people with whom we have dealings, and I should particularly like to mention Miss Lewis (headmistress of St Edmund's College, to whom we are indebted for the use of the Hall), Miss Erskine, (C.C.P.R. representative) and our two pianists, Mrs Lindsay and Miss Graham.

**LOCKERBIE.** Secretary, Miss A. M. H. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—The total membership of the Branch this session was 62 which included 6 Junior Members.

Several social evenings were held during the winter and members from other Branches in the district attended. These were much enjoyed by all present.

The Demonstration Team was again invited to dance at a local function and as on previous occasions the selection of dances was well received.

On the whole this has been a very successful session.

**LONDON.** Secretary, H. G. Draper, 43 Rochester Road, Northwood, Middlesex.—The Branch activities followed the pattern established in previous years. Thirteen Classes were run in Central London including Demonstration and Certificate Classes. In connection with the latter Class we were pleased to have Miss Milligan visit us again to take the examinations for the Preliminary and Full Certificates.

Dances and the Annual Ball held during the year were socially very successful but attendances generally were somewhat reduced.

Week-end Schools organised at Bisham Abbey and at Pulborough proved to be very popular as also did a week's holiday in Arran with social dancing in the evening.

The Branch programme for next year will be on similar lines to previous years and any members visiting London will be welcome to take part.

**LONDON, Ontario.** Secretary, Miss Catherine P. Thom, 66 Thorncrest Crescent, London, Ontario, Canada.—The Branch, which developed from the London Scottish Country Dancing Group, has enjoyed a very encouraging first year. It has matured rapidly, and now, with Miss M. Wood as Chairman, faces the future with confidence and eager anticipation. The system of Classes has yet to be fully developed and is impeded by a lack of suitable accommodation. Branch membership is now over eighty and it is hoped that next year's report will double this figure. In the past season there were two "General" Branch Classes, a Basic Class, a Children's Class and a Class for which the Branch supplied teachers, organised by the Education Authority. In addition, one of our teachers did pioneering work among students and his colleagues at the University and prepared the London Branch Team which won the premier award at the country dance festival in Hamilton, Ontario. The festival is now the highlight of the year for those interested in the art in this region of Canada. Mr Ian Macfarlane of Toronto, formerly of Glasgow Branch, was again the adjudicator and had his usual busy, but successful, day with over thirty children's teams and about a dozen adult teams.

London is fortunate in being the home of Stan Hamilton and "The Clansmen," one of the great Scottish Country Dance Bands, of which the Scottish Country Dance world is destined to hear much more. Stan Hamilton is the official Branch musician, and was also a member of the successful Branch competition team. His band has now recorded two sets of dances which will soon be distributed in several countries.

The environment for good dancing is here, the spirit is here and the talent is here, we just need more members.

**LORN, Argyll.** Secretary, Miss Marie MacGillivray, 8 Hazledean Terrace, Oban, Argyll.—The Branch now has a membership of 135, an increase of 17 on last year's number.

Once again our Adult Class has proved very popular with an enrolment of 54 members, and our three Children's Classes attracted 96 youngsters in all. A new venture for the Branch was the Preliminary Test Examination Class held during the winter. Nine members enrolled and, of these, 7 were successful in the examination taken by Miss Milligan in April.

During the year, four "small" dances were held, the most successful being the one in July when we welcomed dancers from other areas together with many spectators. Our Annual Dance in December, with music by Lindsay Ross's Band, was also much enjoyed.

In March, we held a Week-end School and were supported by a large number of members from other branches. The Classes and Dances were well attended and all proved



most enjoyable. Classes were taken by Miss Jean Milligan, Miss Esme Stewart and Mr Bill Clement and our visiting accompanist was Miss Mary Dalgleish. Cameron Kerr's Band provided the music for the Friday Dance and on Saturday we had a local band—Colin Campbell's. In view of the success of this Week-end, we propose to make it an annual event, and members from other Branches will be made most welcome.

Demonstration Teams were again kept busy, especially during the summer months. As well as the normal weekly open-air displays, the teams gave demonstrations on 23 other occasions. A Scottish Concert in aid of the British Empire Cancer Campaign was organised by the Branch in August and on that evening we had the assistance of other local artistes.

**MANCHESTER.** Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester, 16.—We suffered a slight drop in membership this year—we have 216 Members and 14 Life Members. Nevertheless, we have had a busy and enjoyable season, with five classes running from September through to the Easter vacation, including a Highland Class and an extra General Class, started as an experiment, which lasted from the start of the season until the beginning of December.

Our teams were busy again this year, and danced at 64 demonstrations during the season. We attended Festivals at Leeds and Southport once more, and met many of the friends we always meet at these happy occasions.

Our parties were well attended and most enjoyable. The Annual Ball was again a popular evening and we are still looking for a larger Hall for this date, as we need more room to dance than the present one gives.

For the second consecutive year, we held a Concert in a Manchester hall with our friends in the Prince Charles Edward Pipe Band of Manchester. The hall was full that evening, and it was a very happy and enjoyable occasion.

We were unfortunate in not being able to organise our teachers' week-end course last year, but I am glad to say that Miss Milligan has kindly consented to pay us a visit in the autumn and we are all very much looking forward to seeing her again.

May 1, through the medium of this *Bulletin*, say to all our friends who have been disappointed this year in not being accepted for our course, that we hope to have the next one in a much bigger hall (always if Miss Milligan is willing, of course) and hope to include them all next time.

We still hear occasionally from friends abroad to whom we first wrote when sending our Historical Booklet and I should like to send the best wishes of this Branch to them and ask them to keep on writing. We shall answer all their letters.

**MOFFAT.** Secretary, Miss Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—The Branch has had another satisfactory year with good attendances at the Classes throughout the session.

The annual social functions were held at Christmas and Easter in the Academy Hall and Moffat House Hotel respectively, and both evenings proved most enjoyable.

**MONTREAL.** Secretary, Mr Ian C. P. Hodgson, 4565 Coolbrook Avenue, Montreal, 29, Quebec.—The Montreal Branch had as usual a busy and enjoyable season. We have welcomed into our fold several new members from across the waters but we have also lost some old friends who have gone their various ways so our membership remains more or less the same, but the faces continue to change.

We were very happy to welcome Miss J. C. Milligan on her visit to North America last fall and although the time spent with us seemed to go all too quickly, we were fortunate to obtain three full and three preliminary certificates.

The fifth Annual Country Dance Week-end at Otoreke was a great success and we had our usual fine weather which helped to make the whole week-end very enjoyable for the 100 dancers who attended. Our Annual Dinner and Dance was held in February and is becoming one of the Social Occasions of Montreal. This year for the first time we organised a Fall Ceilidh as a warm up for the forthcoming season. This was held at a Golf Club and dancing took place both outside on the grass and later indoors after a Steak Dinner had been consumed. This event was well attended and it is hoped to make this an Annual affair.

The Branch Team has carried out numerous demonstrations throughout the year including four appearances on the local Television stations.



The Branch is always happy to welcome any visitors and suggests that those visiting Montreal at any time come prepared to dance.

**NAIROBI.** Secretary, Mrs Nisbet Stirling, P.O. Box 245, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.—Kenya is passing through very troubled times and there is a great deal of despondency amongst the Europeans in the country. Because of this, we have concentrated on having lots of activities for our Members and by the attendance at all the extra functions it would seem that we have succeeded in dispelling some of the gloom for them.

A new venture which we introduced for the first time was an evening of films and discussion, so as to get a chance of talking about the Society as a whole, with no dancing at all. We also had the opportunity of hearing Mrs Cathy Lockhart's racy account of her visit to Headquarters when she met H.M. The Queen and Prince Philip.

This year's Ball was a most ambitious effort. We had a completely new decor which added very much to the atmosphere and we also had two Demonstration Teams dancing together which was most effective.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Branch Week-end at Nyeri which lies on the slopes of Mt. Kenya. Sixty dancers travelled 100 miles to get there and spent the week-end together at the Outspan Hotel, with a Buffet Dance on the Saturday evening and Scavenger Hunt on Sunday morning. The Branch had booked the entire Tree of Treetops Hotel and on Sunday afternoon the 22 lucky people set off in three land rovers, complete with White Hunter. It was a wonderful experience watching elephant, buffalo, rhino and a host of smaller animals under floodlighting throughout the night. It wasn't until the early hours of the morning that we at last retired to the comfortable beds in the tree rooms which in many cases had branches passing up through the floor. Treetops is where Her Majesty became Queen on the death of her father.

Throughout the year the Branch has held three Beginners Classes, two Intermediate Classes, a Book 21 Class and Demonstration Teams Class. This latter Class had its last session in the Ballet Practice Room of The Cultural Centre and it was evident that the floor and continuous wall mirrors had produced a noticeably higher standard than ever achieved before.

We have continued holding our Monday Nights of Social Dancing in St Andrew's Church Hall and a Buffet Supper Dance once a month at The Caledonian Sports Club Hall and have been happy to welcome Scots Guards and Gordon Highlanders into our midst on these occasions.

**NETHER LOCHABER.** Secretary, Mrs Joan W. Clark, Loch Leven Hotel, North Ballachulish, Onich.—This year, while total membership remained steady, the Branch was delighted to welcome a number of new young members and the season passed very happily. A Women's Team danced at local ceilidhs and at the Fort William Agricultural Show—after the display of prize animals!

The Annual New Year party was as usual most enjoyable and a very successful late night was held, Alasdair Downie himself playing and other members coming from Banavie, Fort William, Kinlochleven, Glencoe and Inverlochly (whose late nights our members had in turn enjoyed). Two members only unfortunately were able to accept Oban Branch's invitation for their Week-end School, but returned filled with fresh enthusiasm after Miss Milligan's inspired teaching.

**NEWCASTLE and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Mrs Mary F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—Our membership was down on last year by 12, and is now standing at 356. We were happy to enrol 78 New Members and 4 Life Members.

The usual Classes have been held and were well attended. Two Classes were extended from April to June.

This year, as an experiment, two of the informal dances were held at the Gosforth Central Hall and two at the Durant Hall. The experiment was a success and the same arrangement has been made for the coming season.

The Highland Ball was held as usual in the Sutherland Dental Hall. This year we were fortunate to secure, at short notice, the services of a band new to this area—namely Newlands Scottish Country Dance Band from Ayrshire. This year the Ball was honoured



by the presence of Dr and Mrs Bosanquet, who enjoyed being with us, albeit only as spectators.

The two Brighton Dances were again successful and all who attended enjoyed themselves. Next season we have booked Jimmy Shand's Band for the November Dance and John Johnstone for the March Dance.

All our demonstrations have been well received. Several teams were entered for the Darlington Non-Competitive Festival and all did reasonably well. Once again teams were entered for the Carlisle Festival and for the second time brought back the Carlisle Highland Association Silver Cup for the best all-round performance in the Adult Section.

Mrs Wadsworth and Mr Little were the teachers at the Otterburn Week-end; they arranged some instructive and very enjoyable Classes and we are much indebted to them for the hard work and energy they put into the week-end.

**NEWTON STEWART.** Secretary, Mrs J. C. R. Blain, 15 St Couan's Place, Newton Stewart.—The year was a very successful one and we were pleased to welcome as our new teacher Mrs Nimmo.

The attendances on the whole were good throughout the session.

We had our usual Christmas Party when we invited members of the local Evening School Continuation Country Dance Class.

Our Annual Ball in February was a great success and we were pleased to welcome members from neighbouring branches.

We entered a team in the Galloway Festival and although there were a few beginners in the team, they did very well.

The Junior Classes for 6-12 year-olds still proves popular. They entered 2 teams in the School Festival at Stranraer and did extremely well.

Our sincere thanks for the success of our Class is due to our teacher Mrs Nimmo and our pianist Miss Agnew also the teachers and helpers of the Junior Classes.

**NEW YORK.** Secretary, Mrs Sadie Lapiner, 39-23 49th Street, Long Island City 4, N.Y., U.S.A.—The year was an active one, highlighted by Miss Milligan's biennial visit. The week-end school she conducted in October was most rewarding and gratifying for all who attended. Stan Hamilton and the Clansmen of Ontario, Canada, provided the lilting music for the Saturday evening dance party, as they had the year previously.

Miss Milligan awarded preliminary certificates to a young lady from Upstate and to two Branch members, one of whom went on to win her full teaching certificate.

The Demonstration Team performed at Columbia University's World Dance Festival, the annual convention of the physical and health education teachers' association of New York State, and at special events of folk dance circles. Under the auspices of the Board of Education, a full evening's dance recital at the American Museum of Natural History was shared with a local Hungarian group. In addition, a club was afforded a "cultural evening" and there was a programme of both Scottish dance and song at an international trade fair.

A journey to a Greenwich Village cabaret theatre capped a more traditional Burns Night celebration. The spring party and the July roof party atop McBurney Y.M.C.A. were delightful diversions.

Miss Jeannie Carmichael, Director, appointed three of her New York teaching lieutenants to this year's Pinewoods Week-end staff. Four of the Branch attended St Andrews Summer School in 1962.

**N.W. CRAVEN.** Secretary, Mrs W. Nock, "Greensleeves," New Village, Ingleton, via Carnforth, Lancashire.—Our membership has slightly increased during the past year, although unfortunately, we have lost a few through their leaving the district. We are sorry Mrs Cook has resigned from our Committee, but we wish her the best of health in the future and are very glad she will be ready to give her advice as she has done in the past. We have held five successful Branch dances during the year at Ingleton, Bentham, Kirkby, Malham and at the Ingleborough Hotel and our Kirkby Lonsdale members held one for us also. Our Bentham dance with band was our most successful and we propose to hold another on 27th October 1962. The one at the Ingleborough Hotel was next and we propose to hold another there next March.



**NORWICH.** Secretary, Mr Archibald Clark, 43 Eaton Road, Norwich, Norfolk.—Although our membership decreased slightly in numbers and our Accounts showed a marked deficit on the season's working we can report continued full enjoyment by members at all the Classes and another successful Annual Christmas Dance.

Next season we shall adopt various measures to try to step up our intake of new members. We also propose to seek to strengthen our economy by restyling our programmes so as to offer more time given straightforwardly to actual dancing and lessen the emphasis on pure tuition. In so doing it would appear that we shall be fulfilling the current general demand.

**NOTTINGHAM.** Secretary, Miss M. K. Dickson, 2 Marlborough Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.—Despite many "comings and goings" within the Branch there is no sign of a decline in the popularity of Scottish Country Dancing in Nottingham, as once again we have increased our membership.

Each Wednesday, with the exception of the first in the month, we have held 4 Classes nightly, i.e., Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced and Highland, and in addition a period has been given over to general social dancing. This has proved to be very popular. A series of Teaching Practice Classes have been held on alternate Thursdays, and in February we started our first Children's Classes, a really rewarding venture. All these activities have been made possible by our team of hard working teachers and Pianists.

On October 20th/21st the date of our Annual Week-end Course, we were delighted to welcome many old friends to Nottingham and to make many new ones. There were 157 registered for the course and we greatly appreciated the tuition of Mrs M. E. Gudger, Mrs W. Wadsworth and Mr Andrew Grant during the sessions. Our change of rendezvous for Saturday lunch was an unexpected surprise but an extremely pleasant one.

Our teams under the leadership of Miss Ann Prior have given many delightful demonstrations throughout the season; for one week in January displays were given nightly during the visit of the Scottish Tourist Board.

Our opening social event in October was the President's Party at which there was a record attendance. During the session the monthly evenings of Social Dancing have been very popular. To end our season we had a wonderful night of dancing to the music of Andrew Rankine's Scottish Dance Band at the Locarno, where we were joined by enthusiasts from neighbouring Branches and Associations.

We were very thrilled to have Miss Milligan visiting the Branch again, at times we seem very remote from Headquarters but this is soon remedied by such a visit. To old and new members the opportunity to be in Miss Milligan's Class for even a short period and to have the chance of hearing her describe in her inimitable way, happenings both past and present within the Society, is an evening well spent.

We have enjoyed a happy year within our own Branch, and also, by travelling further afield to courses and dances run by others we have strengthened our chain of Scottish Country Dancing friends.

Should you be in Nottingham for only a short period or just newly arrived, and would like to dance, do come and join us for an evening at the Elms School, off Cranmer Street, Nottingham.

**PEEBLES.** Secretary, Miss Jean C. Euman, 42 George Street, Peebles.—Classes were well attended during the past session throughout the county.

In February we held a dance in the Minden Hotel, Peebles, which was attended by members from Peebles also Broughton and West Linton.

In April a team of dancers from our class entertained at a coffee evening held by the Peebles Rotary Club.

**PERTSHIRE.** Secretary, Miss Catherine Angus McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—Our membership, 268 Ordinary and 85 Life, shows a decrease on previous years.

The Children's Classes were well attended, 3 were run instead of 4 for 3 terms of 11 weeks. Saturday seems to be our best day for them. After a few setbacks due to inclement weather, flu epidemic, etc., Miss Nancy Arnott from Kirkcaldy taught Book 21 to a large class in the Salutation Hotel. Miss Arnott's first visit as a Teacher was very much enjoyed and her praises are still being sung. On the social side, two Dinner Dances were held,



one at Christmas and the other in March, these were well attended by local and visiting members. The Club still continues to meet twice weekly. The Branch still takes an interest in the Musical Festival where Aberdeen Queen's Cross won the Society Statuette. Mr Duncan Macleod adjudicated and Miss Kitty McLauchlan played—both were accorded a warm welcome. Mr J. Williamson has succeeded Mr Harding as President and also still retains his place as one of the six elected members. The Branch was honoured when the Secretary was invited to meet The Queen and Prince Philip upon their visit to Headquarters on 28th July last.

**PETERHEAD.** Secretary, Miss Isobel Chalmers, 13 Grange Gardens, Peterhead.—The Branch has had another satisfactory year with the membership remaining the same—52 Life Members and 46 Ordinary Members. Our Treasurer Miss C. Angus, left to be married and Miss A. Taylor took her place.

We are most fortunate in having the services of Miss M. Collie, teacher, and Miss D. Kinghorn, pianist, to whom we express our thanks for their untiring efforts.

We were honoured by a visit from Miss Milligan on the 27th February. Two candidates, Miss M. Smith and Miss S. Grant tutored by Miss M. Collie, were put forward for their First Preliminary Certificate and both were successful.

During the evening Miss Milligan taught two new dances and gave us a most interesting account of her recent tour of Canada. It was a most memorable occasion for us and much enjoyed by dancers and spectators.

Several of our members travelled to Fraserburgh where they spent a delightful evening. We of course managed to have our usual enjoyable parties.

Successful Classes have been conducted by Branch members at Mentlaw, Maud and Stuartfield.

**PORTRUSH.** Secretary, Miss L. Faulkner, Kantara Hotel, Portrush.—Portrush Branch continues to flourish with a membership of approximately 50. Many social evenings and a social week-end in Donegal were greatly enjoyed by the members.

**RENFREWSHIRE, West.** Secretary, Miss M. E. Barron, 24 South Street, Greenock.—In spite of a slight decrease in membership, classes were fairly well attended. Several dances were held during the season and the Annual Ball, with the Newlands Band providing the music, once more proved a great success.

The Demonstration Team fulfilled several engagements.

**RICHMOND.** Secretary, F. Rutherford, 25 Frenchgate, Richmond, Yorks.—An enjoyable year with the monthly socials being a little better attended. The highlights were the Annual Dinner Dance and Annual Ball.

**ROCHDALE.** Secretary, Mrs Olive Ashworth, 75 Deeplish Road, Rochdale, Lancs.—We have had a very successful year, having run two well attended Classes during the autumn, winter and summer terms.

A One-day School was held in October which was supported well by our own members and visitors from other branches. The tutoring for the Advanced Class was in the able hands of Mrs Gudger. Miss Clarke, Mrs Greenwood and Miss Howarth were in charge of the Beginners Class.

The outstanding event of the year was our Annual Ball which attracted dancers from several nearby Counties and was enjoyed immensely by all who attended. David Findlay and his Olympian Band supplied the music.

We were sorry to lose the services of our Secretary, Miss Waddell, who left the district last October when she retired.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Milligan to Rochdale again in November when nine of our members will be taking their examinations for Teachers Certificates.

**ROXBURGHSHIRE and DISTRICT.** Secretary, Miss M. E. Grieve, Braefit, Newcastleton.—The Branch has enjoyed a successful year in spite of a fall in membership, which it is hoped to overcome next season.

Dances have been well supported, and an encouraging number of teams was entered, especially in the Children's Section, for the Border Musical Festival in May.



The date of the Annual Ball has been changed to the autumn and the one held last year in Selkirk was much enjoyed by members and friends.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Secretary, Miss H. M. Deakin, 2283 Jackson Street, San Francisco, 15.

**SHEFFIELD.** Secretary, Mrs E. Bagguley, 36 Northern Common, Dronfield Woodhouse, Sheffield.—We have had an enjoyable and successful season, although the financial results have not been as good as last year. We have 105 members plus 3 Life Members, a small increase on last year.

Five Classes were held in the Branch, and our teachers also undertook instruction at evening classes under Local Authorities. We held 2 Elementary, 1 Intermediate, 1 Advanced and a Teachers' Certificate Class. Of the 6 candidates who took the Teachers' Certificate examination, 5 passed, and when Miss Milligan took the exam a large gathering of stoooges attended and enjoyed the instructive criticism.

Informal dances were well attended and a capacity crowd came to the Annual Ball.

Our Demonstration Teams danced at N.E.M.A.S.S. and Leeds Festivals and at St Andrews and Ecclesall Church Garden Parties and a sports meeting. A Junior Team was successful in winning the Caldwell Trophy for the second year in succession.

Enthusiasm is such that we are able to hold a Class for social dancing weekly throughout the summer.

We look forward to another good season.

**ST ANDREWS.** Secretary, Mrs T. C. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, St Andrews.—President Miss A. Kaye, Miss I. Redford delegate to the Executive Council and Mr A. Ireland (ably) in charge of Funds—Although some new members joined, the balance showed a drop in membership for 1961-62, but the total numbers still necessitated the holding of 2 Classes (taken by Miss Kaye and Miss M. Brown). The Teaching Class (taken by Mrs Caithness) is maintained and demonstrations were given during the year. By request we are accepting Junior Associates for the Classes 1962-63 (those who have left school but are still under 18 years of age).

Mr Bobby Crowe provided the music and gives full satisfaction to both "Teachers and taught."

**SOUTHPORT.** Secretary, Miss Betty M. Griffiths, 67 Hall Street, Southport.—Again we can report an increase in membership, now past 200 for the first time in our history; and a further Class started within our area and taught by one of our younger members. May this outward growth continue.

Congratulations to a member from Cleveleys on gaining her Preliminary Test Pass at St Andrews, and good wishes to our 5 entrants this year. We sorely need more teachers if expansion is to continue.

Our Festival was again a successful and happy event. We are trying to arrange for a larger hall for this year's Festival on 17th November, as we do *not* like having to refuse anyone who wants to come and take part. Mrs Gudger has again conducted a one-day school for us, and also paid 3 special visits to our advanced class, all of which we greatly appreciate. Socially, various class dances have been enjoyed. We arranged separate end-of-term parties for the Elementary and Intermediate Classes, making the choice of programme much easier, and more enjoyable for the dancers. Our "outdoor" Midsummer Dance was unfortunately driven indoors by cold winds—but we had a good time anyway.

Last Autumn, our Branch representative, in a motoring accident, was fortunately saved from serious injury by the wearing of seat-straps. We are thankful he has completely recovered. Whit week-end brought a double loss—Kathleen Moss, a loyal Branch member for many, many years, married and left the town. A tragic loss was the sudden and unexpected death of our Branch pianist, Miss Elizabeth Peel. She had played for us ever since the Branch was founded and the first Class held. Her knowledge of the "Books" was invaluable to teachers, and her willingness to play for demonstrations anywhere, any time, a great asset. "Peelie" will be greatly missed. Fortunately for us, a most capable deputy was found for the remainder of the season. Our thanks to "Jim" for his music, and to *all* teachers and pianists, for a happy season.



**STIRLINGSHIRE.** Secretary, Mrs M. W. MacLaren, Coneybrae, Bridge of Allan.—Membership was 240—Annual Members 218, Life Members 22. There was a decrease of 55 on last year but the lack of numerical strength in no way affected the enthusiasm.

Seven Classes were run by the Branch in Stirling and District. There were fewer in the Beginners' Class, which was disappointing; the Intermediate and Advanced Classes though, were very successful.

The Demonstration Team was very much in demand again this year and as a result of their efforts several donations were added to Branch funds.

The season ended with a most successful dance in the Albert Hall during Stirling Festival Fortnight when dancers from far and near joined us.

**STIRLINGSHIRE, East.** Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—We started the session with thirteen Adult Classes. Due to a drop in membership we finished the year with nine Classes. Eleven Classes for young folk were held in Falkirk, Grange-mouth and Banknock. It augurs well for the future that four hundred young people of all ages are so interested in Scottish Country Dancing.

Six Class Dances were held during the session. In February, the Members' Dance proved a most enjoyable function.

Demonstration Teams were much in demand. A team gave a varied programme of dances on the occasion of the Stirling Caledonian Strathspey and Reel Society Concert in March.

Twelve teams were entered for the Country Dance section of the Central Counties Musical Festival ranging from the Infant Competition to the Adult Class. It is of note that the Adult teams—Ladies and Mixed—gained the highest marks of the Festival.

**STOCKPORT.** Secretary, Mr Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—Another enjoyable season has been added to our records, though the Junior and Advanced Classes did not receive sufficient support to cover their cost. The competence and patience of our teachers and pianist have again been instrumental in affording us many happy hours of rejuvenating recreation, and they have well earned our grateful appreciation.

As usual, our three parties provided an abundance of pleasure, also augmenting our funds; but the highlight of our social functions was our first supper dance, and we are obliged to our treasurer, Mr Saxon, for advocating the venture. The melodious rhythm rendered by the Rattray Band made dancing "reelly" delightful, and Dr Skinner discharged his duties as M.C. in a masterly manner. We duly appreciate the support accorded us by 18 members of Buxton Branch, involving a journey of over twenty miles. As a consequence of its success it has been decided to make it an annual event, and our next supper dance is being arranged for Friday, 8th February 1963, in addition to three parties in St Andrews Schoolroom.

The seven displays performed by our Ladies' Demonstration Team were much enjoyed both by the dancers and their audience. A Demonstration Class has been formed, which meets on alternate Thursdays during the season.

Twelve new R.S.C.D.S. members have been enrolled, bringing our present complement to 48. We welcome this evidence of increased practical interest in the valuable work of the parent body.

Films depicting Scottish dancing are to be shown at our A.G.M. on Monday, 8th October, and the proceedings will be enlivened with some general dancing.

**STONEHAVEN.** Secretary, Miss Lilian E. Cameron, 56A High Street, Stonehaven, Kincardineshire.—In spite of greatly depleted numbers, the season was a happy one. The lack of finance was uppermost in the Committee's mind, but thanks to the wholehearted support of all districts at our Annual Ball, the season ended with no deficit—a most satisfactory state of affairs. Further efforts to increase membership will be made by everyone. The Secretary attended a Scottish Country Dance Ball in Orpington, Kent, in April, and was agreeably surprised at the interest and enthusiasm shown down there. Where do they get their men?



**STRANRAER.** Secretary, Miss Betty Teunion, 2 Oxenfoord Terrace, Stranraer.—Our third year of existence as a Branch has not quite fulfilled our hopes. The disturbing factor was not, as formerly, lack of accommodation, but an unlooked for decrease in membership.

Two Adult Classes were held and also the Children's Class. The latter, which was so successful last year, suffered a setback in the second half of the term from the unusual amount of sickness amongst school children.

Throughout the year our Demonstration Team has performed at a number of town and country functions and in July they will be taking part in our local "Scottish Week."

Our monthly parties, highlighted by the Annual Ball in December and the end-of-session dance in April, were happy and enjoyable occasions.

**SYDNEY.** Secretary, Miss M. V. Willis, 209 Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney, Australia.

**TEES-SIDE.** Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees.—It is pleasing to be able to report a further increase in membership this season and we earnestly hope to be able to continue this upward trend in the coming season. Weekly Classes of four levels were enjoyed from September to April and monthly Social Dances provided an opportunity for us to put our previous months' work to the test. This system seems to work rather well and provides us with constantly changing programmes which keeps us all interested. The larger more formal dances however were not neglected and we were pleased to welcome a limited number of new members to our New Year Ball. The weather at that time was at its worst and we were fortunate in being able to complete the programme after a rather late start. The End-of-Season Dance was in smaller premises and was restricted to Branch members only. Bands from Scotland were engaged for these functions.

In November we organised a Festival of Scottish Country Dancing at which Mrs Corson gave the appraisals. This was a most successful venture leading through from Children's Teams to Adult Teams. The day culminated with an informal dance in the evening. We hope to repeat this next season.

Highland Classes were also a feature of our programme and these were again well attended.

During the year Demonstration Teams have been out in all weathers at many and varied functions spreading and enhancing the name of the Branch and Society.

If any dancer should be passing our way we would be pleased if they would give us a call, there may be something on that they could join us in for an hour or two.

**TORONTO.** Secretary, Miss E. Joan Williams, 183 Glenview Avenue, Toronto, 12, Ontario.—Toronto Branch has had a most successful and busy year. Our membership was increased to 308 including 5 Life Members and 77 Junior Associate Members. Two new groups became associated with the Branch during the season and they and the other groups were very active in all our events. Our Branch classes were again well attended.

Our year's activities, which included seven monthly dances, a Ball in November, a Collingwood Week-end held on Thanksgiving week-end, were highlighted by a visit from Miss Milligan. Miss Milligan taught at our Collingwood week-end, and was a guest of honour at our Ball and at our first monthly dance. Two of our members received their Full Certificates for teaching and five others their Preliminary Certificates.

We are in the midst of planning another Collingwood Week-end to be repeated on Thanksgiving and making arrangements for our Annual Ball to be held on November 9th; two events in what promises to be another active year.

**WEST LOTHIAN.** Secretary, Miss Martha Y. K. Cunningham, 81 Douglas Drive, Bo'ness.—The past year has been a satisfactory one socially and financially with a slight increase in membership which now stands at 295 plus 29 Life Members. Classes were held at Armadale, Bathgate, Blackburn, Bo'ness, Greenrigg, Linlithgow, Stoneyburn and Uphall.

Our 25th Birthday celebration took the form of a Dinner Dance held in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh and was attended by almost 200 members.

Miss Miller, our Secretary and Treasurer for so many years, has been obliged to resign owing to ill-health. At the A.G.M. of the Branch tribute was paid to the excellent work done by Miss Miller during her time in office.



**WHITEHEAD. N. Ireland.** Secretary, Miss G. A. Streight, Cable Road, Whitehead, N. Ireland.—Branch had a very successful season, with an increased membership. This, we feel, is largely owing to our teacher, Miss L. Kane.

We began the winter session with a party for members and intending members. We had visits from Mr Ingram's Classes at Killead and Queen's University, Belfast; also from Grayabbey Class, and some old friends from the now defunct class at B.M.K.

Visits were paid to Mrs Kingsley's Class, Ballymena, and to a dance in Ballyhill organised by the Killead Class.

We found it impossible to arrange our Annual Ball as we could not get a night at the Hotel to suit Miss Brady's orchestra, but we will try again this autumn.

**WINCHESTER.** Secretary, Mrs E. C. Lane, 2 The Willows, Brambridge, Eastleigh.—The Branch has had another happy season with membership fairly stable and Classes well attended, due mainly to the efforts of our teacher, Miss Elizabeth Bell.

Our Annual Ball in June was a tremendous success with visitors coming from 18 surrounding towns and as all tickets were sold, we were able to give a generous donation to the Hampshire Association for the Care of the Blind.

Demands for demonstrations still pour in and we are always well received when we are able to accept. This year we competed in the Bournemouth Music Festival for the first time and gained an honours certificate.

The season closed with a very happy evening at Wonston Manor, where we danced on the lawn until dusk and after supper in the barn. We are most indebted to Mr and Mrs J. H. Gray for this wonderful finish to our season.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.** Secretary, Miss Helen Gardiner Jones, The Flat, Penn Vicarage, Wolverhampton.—The Branch's Annual General Meeting on 14th June brought to a close a very lively and interesting year. Though membership showed no increase, there seemed to be a more constant attendance at classes and an increased solidarity in the group. This may have been due to the fact that in the middle of the session we found ourselves without accommodation and without a pianist all at one fell swoop, a situation that roused everybody's determination to see that the Branch survived.

Other groups' social fixtures have become such a problem that we have decided to drop our own Annual Dance now and concentrate on the teaching side of our activities, with a Beginners' Day in October and our Annual Day School in February. The 1962 Day School was a tremendous success, when we were delighted to welcome to Wolverhampton, Miss Milligan and Mr Innes Russell who gave us a quite unforgettable day, besides which all our other ploys pale insignificantly.

## Affiliated Groups—Great Britain and Ireland

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

**Amersham and District Scottish Association.**—H. GORDON KEITH, Chantry, Weedon Lane, Amersham.

**Banbury and District Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—Mrs OWENS, 105 Broughton Road, Banbury, Oxon.

**Barnard Castle Glaxo Laboratories Sports and Social Club (Scottish Country Dance Section).**—Dr G. C. SAYER, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham.

**Barnes Green, Muntham Scottish Country Dance School Group.**—Mrs K. ANDREWS, Muntham School House, Barnes Green, Nr. Horsham, Sussex.

**Barnstaple Caledonian Society of North Devon.**—Mr J. A. SIMPSON, 4 Taw Vale, Barnstaple, N. Devon.

**Beckenham St Mary's Dancers.**—Miss A. M. SAWARD, 7 Uplands, Beckenham, Kent.

**Bedford Scots Society of St Andrew.**—W. G. TOMLINSON, 277 Cardington Road, Bedford.

**Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club.**—Miss P. D. MACGREGOR, Forge Hill, Bovington, Herts.



**Bexleyheath, Bostall Park Scottish Dancing Group.**—Mr J. A. MATSON, 2 Marley Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent.

**Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.**—Mr D. G. YOUNG, 10 Finstall Close, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

**Bournemouth Caledonian Society.**—F. M. MCMUNAY, Flat 4, 2 Beaufort Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth.

**Bournemouth Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss PATRICIA SMEE, 4 Cecil Road, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset.

**Bradford, St Andrew's Society of Bradford Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—IAN R. LAMBIE, 6 Chatsworth Road, Pudsey, Yorkshire.

**Bramhall Scottish Country Dance Club.**—JESSIE G. NORRIS, "Inglenook," 14 Regent Close, Bramhall, Cheshire.

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

**Brighton, Hove and District Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr J. E. BARTLETT, 110 North Road, Portslade, Sussex.

**Broadstone Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs OTTER, Southwood, Broadstone, Dorset.

**Buxton and District Caledonian Association.**—Mrs JEAN MAIN, 3 Devonshire House, Bath Road, Buxton, Derbyshire.

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

**Camberley Reel Club.**—Mrs M. H. BROWN HOVELT, Frogmore Park Cottage, Blackwater, Camberley, Surrey.

**Cambridge Scottish Society.**—Miss A. SYME, 36 Shelford Road, Cambridge.

**Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.**—THE SECRETARY, c/o Lloyds Bank Limited, Trinity Street, Cambridge.

**Cardiff Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. BARCLAY BROWN, 134 Ty Glas Road, Llanishen, Cardiff.

**Charing Eight Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss C. TOWNSHEND, Shackleford, Pilgrim's Way, Charing, Kent.

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

**Chelmsford and District Scottish Society.**—Mr R. PARSONS, 22 Shrublands Close, Chelmsford, Essex.

**Chester Caledonian Association.**—Mr C. N. RIBBECK, 10 Dee Hills Park, Chester.

**Chester St Andrew Society.**—R. I. WOOD, "Rumah Kayn," Heath Road, Upton Heath, Chester.

**Chesterfield and District Caledonian Association Dance Class.**—Miss A. MCDUGALL, 4 Riverside Crescent, Holymoorside, Chesterfield.

**Chesterton (Staffs) Scottish Dance Society.**—Dr J. A. W. BROWN, The Mount, Chesterton, Newcastle, Staffs.

**Chichester Scottish Country Dancing Class.**—Mrs C. E. CRAIGIE, Broom Cottage, West Wittering, Sussex.

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

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

**Crowborough Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss D. M. ASLEY, "Coolmore," Church Road, Crowborough, Sussex.

**Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. CHAPER, 26 Longdale Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.

**Darlington, Paton & Baldwin's Reel Club.**—Miss G. A. TOSSELL, Paton & Baldwin's Limited, Darlington.

**Derbyshire, Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mr WILLIAM MUIR, 3 Church View, Loscoe, Derbyshire.



- Derwent Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss MARGARET HENDERSON, 11 Cromwell Terrace, Fitz Road, Cockermouth.
- Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group.**—Miss C. S. OBBARD, Tregoning, High Street, Dunster, Somerset.
- Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. TORRANCE, Kelvinside, 29 Baldwin Avenue, Eastbourne.
- Eastleigh Scottish and Northern Counties Association.**—Mrs P. EDWARDS, 100 Market Street, Eastleigh, Hants.
- Edinburgh University New Scotland Country Dance Society.**—Mr P. J. H. HALLS, Holland House, Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, 9.
- Enfield and District Scottish Association.**—Mr D. E. GOUNDRY, 35 Chaiseside, Enfield.
- Epsom and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr E. COOPER, 47 Higher Drive, Banstead, Surrey.
- Farnham Scottish Dancing Club.**—Mr C. LOWSON, Tamarisk, 78 Lynch Road, Farnham, Surrey.
- Gainsborough Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss K. L. SIMPSON, 164 Lea Road, Gainsborough, Lincs.
- Gossops Green Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs J. E. TAYLOR, 24 Dower Wall, Gossops Green, Crawley, Sussex.
- Goyt Valley Scottish Dancing Club (Cheshire).**—Mr W. I. McLELLAN, 11 Far Ridings, Romiley.
- Guildford Blue Bonnets Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr N. V. SMITH, 28 Maple Grove, Guildford, Surrey.
- Harrogate Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. J. BARHAM, 5 Harlow Avenue, Harrogate.
- Harwell, A.E.R.E. and District Caledonian Society.**—The HON. SECRETARY, c/o The Recreation Association, Building 161, A.E.R.E., Harwell, Berkshire.
- Hastings and St Leonards Reel Club.**—Miss AUDREY C. BARBER, 78 St Helen's Road, Hastings, Sussex.
- Hayling Island Scottish Country Dance Circle.**—Mrs B. J. SPARKES, "Bali Ha'i," Sandy Point, Hayling Island, Hampshire.
- Henlow, R.A.F. Henlow Scottish Country Dancing Society.**—Flt.-Lt. H. GRAHAM FLEGG, M.A., D.C.Ae., 16 Northern Avenue, R.A.F. Technical College, Henlow, Bedfordshire.
- Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr H. D. JAMES, 22 Moor Farm Lane, Hereford.
- Hertfordshire Highland Games Society.**—Mr A. H. M. MACRAE, A.C.A., 47 Selvage Lane, Mill Hill, London, N.W.7.
- North Herts Reel Club.**—Miss PAT ALLAN, 26 Hampden Road, Hitchin, Herts.
- Horsham High School Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss GLADYS M. STUBBS, 29 Friday Street, Warnham, Sussex.
- Huddersfield St Andrew's Society.**—Mrs J. R. HORSFALL, 10 Goldington Drive, Oakes, Huddersfield.
- Ilkley College of Housecraft Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss M. DONALDSON, Ilkley, Yorkshire.
- Isle of Man Caledonian Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr W. J. CRENNELL, Odeon Private Hotel, Broadway, Douglas.
- Isle of Man Ramseian Scottish Dance Group.**—c/o Mrs C. D. SHIMMIN, "Sea Haven," Vollan Crescent, Lazayre, Isle of Man.
- Isle of Man, The Manx Folk Dance Society.**—Mr P. D. DEVEREAN, 7 Belgravia Road, Onchan, Isle of Man.
- Jersey, The Caledonian Country Dance Party.**—Mrs E. C. BADDELEY, 3 Westbourne Terrace, St Saviour, Jersey, C.1.
- Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. BULMER, 86 Exley Road, Keighley, Yorks.
- Kings Lynn Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr JOHN V. SMYTH, King Edward VIII School, Kings Lynn.
- Larkhill Garrison Officers' Club.**—THE SECY., c/o School of Artillery, Larkhill, Wilts.



**Lewisham, Lee Thistle Club.**—Mrs J. HONEBONE, 51 Quentin Road, Lewisham, London, S.W.13.

**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.**—HON. SECRETARY, University Union, University Road, Leeds, 2.

**Leicester Caledonian Society.**—Mr W. A. CAMPBELL, 106 Colchester Road, Leicester.

**Lillington (Community Centre) Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs G. E. GOODE, 91 Wathen Road, Leamington Spa, Warwicks.

**Lincoln Caledonian Society of Lincoln.**—Mrs J. GOODSON, 65 Hartsholme Drive, Swanpool, Lincoln.

**Lincoln Scottish Association.**—Mr R. W. DODDS, The Little Grange, Heighington, Lincoln.

**Loyne Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. F. EVANS, Hest Bank Farm, Hest Bank, Lancaster.

**Luton Scottish Reel Club.**—Mr H. CUNIE, 42 Bramtwood Road, Luton, Beds.

**Lymm Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. W. BUCHANAN, 64 Briony Avenue, Hale, Altrincham, Cheshire.

**Maidenhead Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Miss M. D. W. WALL, Elton, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead.

**Malvern Scots Club.**—Mr A. H. MORTON, 33 Blackmore Road, Malvern, Worcs.

**Manchester, The Scottish Dance Party.**—Mrs M. ROBERTS, 22 Holmfield Avenue, Manchester, 9.

**Mansfield District Caledonian Society.**—Mr JAMES B. HORNE, 4 Bentinck Street, Mansfield, Herts.

**Market Harborough Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr M. J. COLTMAN, 98 Northampton Road, Market Harborough, Leics.

**Newbury and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs J. LAPWORTH, 7A Donnington Square, Newbury.

**North Staffordshire Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss A. COX, 235 Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Newcastle, Staffs.

**Northampton Town and County Scottish Association Dancers.**—Mr J. C. RODHOUSE, 17 Edinburgh Road, Northampton.

**Northwich and District Scots' Society.**—Miss L. DAVENPORT, 60 Moreton Street, Winnington, Northwich, Cheshire.

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

**Nuneaton and District Scottish Society.**—Mr R. J. GOSDEN, Turtle Hill, Nuneaton, Warks.

**Plymouth Caledonian Society of Plymouth and District.**—Rev. W. J. E. TREGENNA-PIGGOTT, O.B.E., 1 Greenbank Villas, Plymouth, Devon.

**Portadown Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs A. CROOKES, 20 Elm Park, Richhill, Co. Armagh, N. Ireland.

**Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. MCKAY, 91 Jellicoe Avenue, Alverstoke, Hants.

**Portsmouth St Andrew Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr ALEX. K. MUNRO, "Canmohr," 43 Grant Road, Farlington, Portsmouth.

**Preston and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr T. SMITH, 64 Tullesh Road, Ashton, Preston.

**Reading, St Andrew's Scottish Dancing Society.**—Mr KENNETH A. WALLACE, 176 Peppavel Road, Cavershaw, Reading.

**Richmond Caledonian Society.**—Mr I. WINNING, 2 James Cottages, Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey.

**Romford Scottish Association.**—Mr R. A. MACDONALD, 88 Parkside Avenue, Romford, Essex.



- Rugby Scottish Society.**—Mrs R. W. T. COLEMAN, 18 Vicarage Road, Rugby.
- Sandbach and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr P. CARLIDGE, 6 Hope Street, Sandbach, Cheshire.
- St Andrews Scottish Country Dance Club, Little Hampton.**—Mrs S. FLEGG, 50 St Floras Road, Littlehampton. Sussex.
- St Annes-on-Sea, Balgownie Dancers.**—Miss M. SINCLAIR, 22 Cavendish Road, St Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire.
- Scarborough Caledonian Society.**—Mr S. MCINTOSH, Hay House, 79 Cross Lane, Scarborough, Yorks.
- South Devon, Salcombe Scottish Dance Club.**—Mr D. McDONALD-ASHFORD, "Armada," Malborough, Kingsbridge, South Devon.
- South-East Essex Scottish Reel Club.**—Mrs R. W. SMITH, "Cromarty," 3 Highwood Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.
- South-East Herts Scottish Country Dancing Society.**—Mr P. R. DIXON, Greenacre, Much Hadham, Herts.
- Southend-on-Sea, The Allan Dancers.**—Mrs JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex.
- Southampton Scottish Association.**—Mr W. L. THOMAS, 127 Shirley Road, Southampton.
- Southampton University Scottish Dancing Association.**—Mr A. K. G. JAMES, Glen Eyre Hall, Southampton.
- Southsea Reel Club.**—Mr S. A. COTTRELL, 5 Chelsea Road, Southsea, Hants.
- Stafford and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr M. G. THOMPSON, The Hayes, Longton Road, Stone, Staffs.
- Stone Scottish Dancing Group.**—Miss P. A. BARNETT, 42 The Filley Brooks, Walton, Stone.
- Stourbridge and District Scottish Society.**—Mr G. PRINCE, 46 Quarry Road, Cradley Heath, Staffs.
- Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Association.**—Mrs N. A. WOODMAN, 4 Warwick Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon.
- Sutton Coldfield Country Dance Society.**—Mrs A. C. D. MALCOLM, 67 Frederick Road, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.
- Swansea, St Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr R. ALAN KERR, A.C.A., 20 Le Breos Avenue, Uplands, Swansea.
- Tarporley Reel Club.**—Mrs A. M. ALLAN, Countryside, Bowmere Road, Tarporley, Cheshire.
- Taunton Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. J. POOLE, Kilmarnock, Colin Road, Taunton.
- Teddington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. M. MCKINNON, 59 Fifth Cross Road, Twickenham, Middlesex.
- Tees-side Caledonian Society.**—Mr IAN BAILLIE, 2 Honister Grove, Acklam, Middlesborough.
- Wakefield Caledonian Society.**—Dr P. SLATER, 11 Westfield Road, Wakefield.
- Wallington Scottish Association for Wallington, Carshalton and District.**—Mrs M. M. MILLEDGE, 74 Gordon Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.
- Walthamstow Scottish Country Dance Section of the Walthamstow Folk Dance Club.**—Mr A. GEDDES, 117 Forest Road, Walthamstow.
- Wellington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr A. RENNIE, L.D.S., 196 Holyhead Road, Wellington, Salop.
- Westbury Scottish Club.**—Mr PETER E. JACKSON, Highland House, 54 Station Road, Shirehampton, Bristol.
- Westmorland, St Andrew Society.**—Mr G. P. MACDUFF, 4 Mints Feet Road, Kendal, Westmorland.
- West Somerset Yeomanry Reels Club.**—Mrs M. D. FINLAY, 7 Foster Close, Wells, Somerset.
- West Suffolk Scottish Dance Club.**—Mr R. GRENVILLE CLARK, 76 Hardwick Lane, Bury St. Edmunds.
- Wigan Caledonian Society.**—Mr C. GAMBLES, 13 Lindsay Terrace, Aspull, Nr. Wigan.



**Wilmslow Guild Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. POOLE, Ipplepen, 36 The Broadway, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

**Workington, St Andrew's Country Dancing Society.**—Mr JAMES GRAY, 15 Monkhouse Road, Workington, Cumberland.

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

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

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

## Affiliated Groups—Overseas

### CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA

**Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr J. L. DIXON, c/o P.O. Box 12, Entebbe, Uganda.

**Khartoum Scottish Country Dancing Club of Khartoum Caledonian Society.**—Mr I. F. ANDERSON, c/o Barclays Bank Limited, D.C.O., Sharin, El Gamhoria, Khartoum.

**Nakuru Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Miss M. HARDAKER, P.O. Box 591, Nakuru, Kenya Colony, East 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, South Africa.

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

### NORTHERN RHODESIA

**Lusaka Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss J. E. SWEETAPPLE, P.O. Box 8037, Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia.

**Ndola Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs E. K. M. JACKSON, B.Sc., M.R.C.V.S., P.O. Box 2080, Ndola, Northern Rhodesia.

**Nkana/Kitwe Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. NIXON, P.O. Box 1349, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.

### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

**Highlands Presbyterian Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr IAN S. STUTCHBURY, P.O. Box H.G.19, Highlands, Southern Rhodesia.

### WEST AFRICA

**Gambia Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. MACPHERSON, P.O. Box 418, Bathurst, Gambia, South Africa.

**Sierra Leone Caledonian Society, Dancing Section.**—Mrs OLIVE CAFFRAY, c/o The Technical Institute, Congo Cross, Freetown, Sierra Leone.

### ASIA

**Aden Caledonian Society.**—Mr M. ROSS, P.O. Box 52, Aden, Persian Gulf.

**Bahrein, The Scottish Country Dance Group of the Bapco Club.**—CAROL D. DAVISON, Box 91, Awali, Bahrein, Persian Gulf.

**Calcutta, St Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.**—St Andrews Church, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, West Bengal, India.

**Ceylon Scottish Country Dance Association.**—SECRETARY, P.O. Box 223, Colombo, Ceylon.

**Madras Caledonian Society.**—HON. SECRETARY, P.O. Box 351, Madras, 2, India.

### AUSTRALIA

**Bon-Accord Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. BROWN, 325 Onslow Road, Kenton Park, Western Australia.

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

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



**East Carrington Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss G. MACINTYRE, 19 Jubilee Street, East Carrington, Western Australia.

**Melbourne, Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Miss C. COULL, 56A Eskdale Road, Caulfield, S.E.7, Victoria, Australia.

**Monaro Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. G. WHEELER, Keeper of the Rolls, Box 339 P.O., Cooma North, New South Wales.

**Newcastle Colleges Strathspey and Reel Club.**—Dr H. DUEWELL, Newcastle University College, Tighe's Hill, 2.N., New South Wales, Australia.

**Newcastle Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr J. WATERS, 49 Henry Street, Merrewether, New South Wales, Australia.

**Victoria Celtic Dance Group.**—Miss NAN HOGG, 57 Rooks Road, Nunawading, Victoria, Australia.

**Perth Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Dr A. L. BURNFORD, 73 Bruce Street, Nedlands, Perth, Western Australia.

## CANADA

**British Columbia Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss MARY SCHOOLBRAID, 3223 West Avenue, 3rd, Vancouver, 8, British Columbia.

**Vancouver, The Prince Charles Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr WILLIAM KERR, 4258 Ontario Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

**Victoria B.C., The Victoria Scottish Country Dance Society.**—ELIZABETH LAIDLAW, 919 Vancouver Street, Victoria, British Columbia.

**Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society.**—JANET SMELLIE, 626 3rd Avenue, N.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

**Ontario, Deep River Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Deep River Community Association, Deep River, Ontario, Canada.

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

**Ontario, London Ontario Scottish Country Dance Group.**—JOHN L. MONCRIEFF, 291 Dundas Street, London, Ontario, Canada.

**New Glasgow Scottish Country Dance Group.**—J. R. H. SUTHERLAND, c/o *The Evening News*, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia.

**Ontario, The Oakville Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss M. THORN, 288 Riverside Drive, Oakville, Ontario, Canada.

**Ottawa, Carleton University Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Miss H. GIFFORD, 998 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, Canada.

**Ottawa Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr V. E. HENDERSON, 93 Glen Avenue, Ottawa, 1, Canada.

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

**Nova Scotia Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr GEORGE C. DALZELL, Bank of Nova Scotia, Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia.

## EUROPE

**Finland, Helsinki Scottish Country Dance Society of Helsinki.**—Mr J. W. O. SMITH, British Embassy, Helsinki, Finland.

**Hague, Delft Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. Van Zon, Exlostraat 73, The Hague, Holland.

**Italy, I Cavalieri di Lerici.**—J. C. KNIGHT, via Gerini 37, Lerici, La Spezia, Italy.

**Sweden, Stockholm, The Academic Celtic Society.**—Mr LARS GAREN, St Paulsgaten 35B, Stockholm, SO.

**Sweden, Stockholm Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr N. Kulsdom, Gustaf V's, Forskningunstitut, Stockholm, 60.

**Switzerland, Basle Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr C. ROBERTSON, 26 Steinen-torstrasse, Basle, Switzerland.

## MALAYA

**Selangor Scottish Reel and Country Dancing Society.**—Mr H. V. STROUD, P.O. Box 452, Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.



**NEW ZEALAND**

**Braeburn Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. LANE, 125 Thorp Street, Noturtia.

**Cambridge Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss D. BOCK, 35 Bowen Street, Cambridge, New Zealand.

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

**Hamilton Caledonian Society.**—Mrs W. G. MORRIS, P.O. Box 493, Hamilton, New Zealand.

**Hamilton Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs M. STRANGWICK, 28 Boundary Road, Hamilton, North Island, New Zealand.

**Hastings, Hawkes Bay and District Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs J. SETON, 306 Jervis Street, Hastings, New Zealand.

**Hastings Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs A. E. MORRIS, 202 Beresford Street, Hastings, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

**Hastings, St Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss E. MCNAUGHT, 800 Victoria Street, Hastings, New Zealand.

**Herne Bay Scottish Country Dance Society (Knox Scottish Country Dancing Club).**—G. BURGESS, Flat 16, 7 Cracroft Street, Parnell, c.4, Auckland.

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

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

**Napier Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss C. JACKSON, P.O.B., 296 Napier, New Zealand.

**Nelson Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. PATTERSON, 244 Waimea Road, Nelson, New Zealand.

**Nelson, New Zealand Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs M. M. CLANCEY, 15 Surrey Crescent, Palmerston North, New Zealand.

**Owairaka Reel and Strathspey Club.**—Miss J. M. VALLANCE, 180 Mt. Smart Road, Auckland, S.E.5, New Zealand.

**Spreydon Reel and Strathspey Club.**—Mr W. G. ROWLANDS, 214 Lyttleton Street, Christchurch, New Zealand.

**Taradale Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs MADGE LAING, Tomoana Cottages, Tomoana, Hastings, Hawke's Bay.

**Waipukura Reel Class Club.**—Mr D. MACKENZIE, 5 Wellington Road, Waipukura, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

**Waipukura Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr M. M. LOGAN, Lindsay Road, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

**Wanganui, The Athol S.C.D. Club.**—Mrs J. MACGEE, 19 Depa Street, Wanganui, East New Zealand.

**Wellington and District Association of Scottish Country Dance Clubs.**—Miss M. BROWN, Box 702, Wellington, New Zealand.

**Wellington Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. BROWN, Box 702, Wellington, New Zealand.

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

**NORTH BORNEO**

**Sandakan Scottish Country Dance Club.**—P.O. Box 96, Sandakan, North Borneo.

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Capital District Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs JOHN B. WARNER, JNR., 2865 River Road, Schenectady 9, N.Y. State, U.S.A.

**Cincinnati, The Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs A. KINDNESS, 4040 Huston Avenue, Norwood, 12, Ohio, U.S.A.

**Concord Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr ALAN A. SMITH, Revolutionary Road, Concord, Mass., U.S.A.

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



**Montclair Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Professor C. W. DUNN, 114 Summit Avenue, Upper Montclair, New Jersey, U.S.A.

**New Hampshire Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs C. BLANCHARD, R.F.D., Antrim, New Hampshire, U.S.A.

**San Francisco Reel and Strathspey Club.**—Miss JOAN YATES, 1720 Leaverworth Street, San Francisco.

**Swarthmore Scottish Country Dance Group.**—ROBERT E. McNAIR, 32 Dartmouth Circle, Swarthmore, Penna, U.S.A.

**St. Andrews Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. A. McCARTNEY, 1612 Dalecarlia Avenue, N. W. Washington, 16.

#### WEST INDIES

**Jamaica Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss G. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 679, Kingston, Jamaica.

Will Affiliated Groups kindly inform Secretary, 12 Coates Crescent, Edinburgh, of any change in name and address of their Secretaries.

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 28th October 1961

**Minutes of the Thirty-second Annual General Meeting** held on Saturday, 28th October 1961, at 2.30 p.m. in the County Hall, Ayr.

**Present.**—The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, and an approximate attendance of 400 members of whom 96 were delegates.

Before the business of the meeting, the Provost of Ayr welcomed the delegates and members to the town and expressed the hope that a pleasant and profitable week-end would be enjoyed by all. Lady Elgin thanked the Provost and expressed on behalf of the Society her appreciation for the hospitality that had been shown by the town. Owing to pressure of business the Provost was unable to wait for the rest of the meeting.

The President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich, and Miss J. C. Milligan, co-founders of the Society.

**Apologies.**—Apologies for absence were received from the Duke of Hamilton, the Duke of Atholl, the Countess of Galloway and Miss Gray Buchanan, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society.

**Chairman's Remarks.**—The Countess of Elgin extended a warm welcome to all attending the meeting. She pointed out that once again the Society had had a very successful year, the highlight being the visit to Headquarters of Her Majesty The Queen and Prince Philip. The visit was a great honour to the whole Society and everyone at Headquarters that day had a wonderful time. The Queen was truly interested in the work of the Society and Prince Philip kept everyone laughing, but made some very shrewd and helpful remarks as well. Directly after the visit, the portrait of Miss Milligan, commissioned by the Society, was formally presented and now hangs in the members' room at Headquarters. Lady Elgin continued by thanking all Branch officials for their work during the year, also the Headquarters' sub-committee members. She particularly thanked the committee and members of the Ayr Branch for their warm hospitality and excellent arrangements over the week-end. The President ended her remarks by quoting the latest statistics regarding the Society membership—88 Branches, 196 affiliated groups and over 18,000 members—by thanking Miss Hadden for all her work, and by wishing Miss Wotherspoon every success in her new appointment in America.

**Minutes.**—The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 5th November 1960, having been circulated in the *Bulletin* were approved and signed.

**Confirmation of Appointment of President and Honorary Vice-Presidents.**—Mr Sharpe (Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council) proposed the appointment of the President, The Countess of Elgin, and the Honorary Vice-Presidents, The Duke of Hamilton, The Duke of Atholl, The Countess of Galloway, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich, and Miss Gray Buchanan. This was seconded by Miss Adams (Glasgow) and unanimously approved by the meeting.



**Appointment of Honorary Vice-President.**—The President proposed the appointment as an Honorary Vice-President of the Society of Major-General The Lord Thurlow, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

**Election of Office-Bearers.**—*Chairman:* Mr G. Sharpe being the sole nominee for this office was elected. *Vice-Chairman:* Mrs F. D. Lesslie (Edinburgh) was elected by vote. *Six Elected Members:* The following were elected by vote: Miss L. G. Browne (Aberdeen), Dr D. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire), Miss J. Matheson (Ayr), Mr W. Murray (Inverness), Mrs W. Wadsworth (Edinburgh) and Mr J. Williamson (Perth).

**Adoption of Annual Report.**—Mr Lochhead (East Lothian) proposed the adoption of the Annual Report. This was seconded by Mr Murray (Inverness) and approved by the meeting.

**Adoption of Annual Accounts.**—The audited accounts for the year ended 30th June 1961, circulated with the *Bulletin*, were presented by Mr Sharpe, Convener of the Finance Committee.

In the Revenue Account, subscriptions showed a substantial increase. Investment Income had reached the satisfactory figure of £575 while Royalties showed increased income from gramophone records. The surplus on Society Publications amounted to £455.

On the expenditure side, administration expenses had increased while depreciation of £51 on Furniture and Equipment and £250 on Property had been charged against Revenue. The balance on Revenue Account was £1,520 and after making appropriations to Reserves totalling £1,250, the net surplus for the year amounted to £270.

The Balance Sheet showed total assets at 30th June 1961 of £34,782 but excluding Summer School Fees and the investments held for Pension Fund, the net assets at 30th June 1961, belonging to the Society amounted to £25,653, an increase of £1,441 over the previous year.

Mr Sharpe then examined the estimates for 1961/62, explaining the changes with those of the previous year.

Mr Spence (Lorn, Argyll) proposed the adoption of the Accounts, Mr Ireland (St Andrews) seconded and this was approved by the meeting.

**Appointment of Auditor.**—The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Dr Currie (North West Ayrshire), seconded by Mr Wallace (East Surrey, West Kent) and approved by the meeting.

**Resolutions.**—*From the Executive Council:* (a) That the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Constitution and Rules should be altered as follows:—

(1) Page 4, paragraph iv (1)—add after 'President,' 'Vice-President' to read: 'The Office-Bearers of the Society shall be President, Vice-President, Honorary Vice-Presidents, Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting of the Society in the manner aftermentioned.'

(2) Page 10, Rules II (1) (a)—add, after 'In the absence of the President' 'The Vice-President of the Society, whom failing' to read: 'The President of the Society shall preside at the General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President of the Society, whom failing the Chairman of the Society, whom failing the Vice-Chairman, shall act as Chairman of the General Meeting.'

(3) Page 10, Rules II (1) (b)—add, after 'President,' 'Vice-President' to read: 'In the absence of the President, Vice-President, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, a Chairman shall be appointed by the majority of those present and entitled to vote.'

Resolutions (1), (2) and (3), taken together, were moved by Mr Sharpe (Chairman) on behalf of the Executive Council, and were seconded by Mr Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire). Miss G. MacArthur (Ayr), seconded by Miss J. Matheson (Ayr) moved that, in parentheses, the words 'Office to be held only by a co-founder of the Society' be added after 'Vice-President.' The Proposer and Seconder of the Resolution agreed to this addendum and the amended resolution was carried unanimously.

(b) That in the event of the above Resolution being accepted by the Annual General Meeting, Miss Jean C. Milligan should be appointed as Vice-President of the Society. Mr Hardie (Dunfermline) on behalf of the Executive Council moved the resolution which was seconded by Miss MacArthur (Ayr) and carried unanimously.



*From North-West Ayrshire Branch:* (c) "That the Executive Council considers the desirability of canvassing support for nominations for positions on the Executive Council." Dr Currie proposed this resolution, seconded by Mr Aitkenhead (both of North West Ayrshire), and it was agreed that the matter would be raised at the next meeting of the Executive Council.

*From Dundee Branch:* (d) "That a larger portion of the subscription be retained by Branches and that the present allowance of 6d. be increased to 1s. Mr Mechan seconded by Miss Davidson (both of Dundee Branch) proposed this resolution.

At this stage, Lady Elgin was obliged to leave the meeting to catch a plane and the Chair was taken by Mr Sharpe.

Mr Lochhead (East Lothian) proposed the direct negative and that the *status quo* be maintained and was seconded by Mr Spence (Lorn, Argyll). On a vote by a show of hands the necessary two-thirds majority was not obtained and the *status quo* was maintained.

**1962 Annual General Meeting.**—The Chairman announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh on 10th November 1962.

**Vote of Thanks.**—Mr Brown (Edinburgh) on behalf of all those present most sincerely thanked Lady Elgin for so charmingly and competently taking the Chair at the meeting and regretted that she had had to leave before the end. He also thanked Mr Sharpe for presiding so ably in Lady Elgin's absence. He asked the meeting to join with him in expressing his great appreciation of the hospitality extended to the Society by the members of Ayr Branch throughout the week-end, and for the most excellent arrangements which had made the Autumn School such a success.

## Summer School, 1962

ST. ANDREWS is often described as the "Mecca" for Scottish Country Dancers. True maybe, but don't let this fool you! It is no hallowed shrine before which the faithful bow down gently murmuring adulation. It is a living force. A force generated by everyone there. From Miss Milligan at the top, right through to the veriest beginner, all make a contribution to its success. What does one get out of the Summer School? Exactly what one puts into it, no more and no less. It is as simple as that.

Summer School 1962 was a tremendous success because it had the right ingredients—over two hundred sociable folk, giving as well as taking. Visitors from America, Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Holland, Ireland, Switzerland (not forgetting our friends from a small Scottish colonial outpost called England), made this a truly international occasion. Many languages could be heard drifting across the dining-hall of the new Lumsden Wing.

A very fine building this, although to some a little clinical—regular visitors missed the charm and warmth of University Hall. Lumsden is very new and tends to smell of functionalism and modern planning, rather than of people and history, but it will develop a character of its own in time when it has been "lived in". The Summer School was the first to occupy it in any number—what better start for any hall? The opening of this new wing created some novel changes—MEN residing in the "Nunnery". The School was able to accept more residents than previously possible but this created overcrowding at social dancing in the evening. Even with the old dining-hall as an overspill dance-floor, it was still rather a question of playing "sardines."

Miss Milligan was again in excellent form. Her vitality, drive and enthusiasm are shattering to behold, even to those with half her years. Mr Bobby Watson was also in form—other people being more concerned about his defaulting knee than he seemed



himself. He is a joy to watch, but are his demonstrations a mixed blessing—one wonders how many men despairingly retire from Highland classes as a result! Good pianists are a rare fruit, yet once again St Andrews produced an excellent crop. For this Harvest much Thanksgiving! Preliminary and Final Tests resulted in a high proportion of passes this year, proving that the choice of candidates for these classes was sound. Other classes were kept at full pressure by a happy band of teachers whose variety of methods, to achieve the same ends, was both instructive and stimulating. In short, the course ran smoothly, despite all the panics of prior weeks. Well done, Miss Hadden! You sit quietly in the shadows, but your work is valued.

This year saw the introduction of a new class—beginners for Ladies Highland. To take this, Miss Milligan appointed a “Sassenach,” thereby killing two birds with one stone—filling a long-felt want on the one hand and, on the other, scotching (pun intended) the rumour that St. Andrews is a closed shop. Too many ill-founded rumours grow up from nowhere, both about the Society’s activities and its Summer School. It is deeds, not words, that put an end to them.

The weather for the first fortnight was exceptionally kind and whilst rain impeded the Test Match, St. Andrews basked in sunshine. Many bathed; some just sunbathed; all enjoyed the gentle scenic beauties. A certain demon for punishment organised Volley-ball matches on the beach, thereby proving that some folk have more energy than sense. This year saw the usual crop of minor injuries, from heat stroke and sunburn to muscle-bound calves, ankles and thighs. Mr Watson even complained of a unique right-left foot, induced by the twisted humour of a Mr William Murray. Bandages and elastic stockings were in evidence, particularly amongst the ladies. Could it be that the charm of a certain medico in the town has made surgery visits a feminine must? Who knows?

Miss Milligan’s eternal dancing plea for “controlled abandon” has often met with mixed reactions. Summer School 1962 saw controlled abandon demonstrated so naturally that one wonders how many really noticed it. The Swiss team from Zurich and a French couple from Paris demonstrated not only dances from their own country, but dances from all over the world. Their dancing was accurate, their steps precise . . . but, oh, what fun, what joy, what a love of life they had. *There* was controlled abandon. It is a sobering thought that it takes our friends from foreign lands to show us how to unbend without causing a riot on the ballroom-floor. Perhaps it reveals a weakness in our national make-up. Do we get too mathematical in our dancing? Do we dance like robots working to a strict formula? Are we, in fact, losing our sense of proportion—leaving our heads in command rather than allowing our dancing responses to come from the heart? Summer School 1962 helped to find the answers.

Social Dancing between 5 and 6 p.m. had nothing whatsoever to do with Scottish Country dancing, as those who attended quickly discovered. All sorts, types and styles, but all fun to do. How many men (including good Scottish dancers) found that their waltzing was not all that could be desired? How did everyone respond to different rhythms from other lands far away? Surely the true Scottish Country dancer should be able to say, “Yes, I have done all sorts of dancing. I like doing all kinds of dancing. But best of all I enjoy Scottish Country dancing. That’s why I attend the Summer School.”

Picture that last Saturday afternoon—all sunshine and colour. Picture the greens of Wardlaw lawns surrounded by trees. See the vivid red coats, the blue dresses of the Swiss; the kilts, jeans, skirts of a gathering audience; here and there the staff in gay aprons, the chef in white hat. . . . Four pipers solemnly marching . . . action . . . movie cameras whirring . . . shutters clicking . . . laughter. Then dancing—spontaneous and impromptu.

Gaiety in the evening too at University Hall with humorous items leavening serious demonstrations. Appeals for a favourite dance—then another and yet another—time standing still for the final fling. But presentations to Miss Milligan, Miss Hadden and Miss Colman heralded those imminent departures and subdued farewells. Paths diverged, but over all came an echo—“Haste Ye Back.”



## Scottish Dance Pumps

It is well known that foot movements in Scottish National Dancing are of great importance, to perform them correctly is possible only when wearing suitable footwear. For years the traditional "Ghillie" hand-sewn pumps with their elaborate lacing gave satisfaction to the dancers, being flexible, snugly fitting and hard wearing. The making of these pumps required the skill of craftsmen, but with the advent of modern machines these craftsmen became scarce, until now there are too few to meet the greatly increased demand for pumps and the price of them has risen considerably. To meet the demand, new methods were employed to manufacture in quantities, and although pumps were made similar to the traditional ones in appearance, very often they did not have the required flexibility.

Many ladies have tried ballet shoes where the upper leather is pleated under the toes to form part of the sole, reaching the ball of the foot, better for "pointing" certainly, but the upper leather being thinner, unfortunately wears out quickly.

In the present days of progress the above problems have been solved by some manufacturers and now there are new pumps on the market for ladies and men of rather unique construction. In appearance they are similar to the traditional hand-sewn model, very light, even more pliable and very hard wearing, also very important they are already shaped for easy "pointing" enabling perfect performance of highland dancing.

The same manufacturers produce for ladies, pumps of classical design, very light, flexible, tough soles and elastic binding round the edge of the uppers, providing an excellent grip. These pumps are most becoming to the wearer as they have no unsightly tapes and "nylons" are safer.

After long research, success has been achieved and a high standard of pumps is available, both in the basic traditional and classical styles, at reasonable prices. Manufacturers are still seeking improvements and in particular the really non-slip sole. There are leathers which have excellent non-slip properties, but after short periods of use, because of dirt and floor polish sticking to the soles, they lose their non-slipping properties until recleaned. Only one remedy is known, to sponge them with ordinary water which soaks into the leather and prevents slipping for at least 10 to 20 minutes, this depends on climatic and floor conditions. The non-slip factor is difficult to solve, but manufacturers are still hoping for an eventual success.

T. S. DAVIDSON.

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