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BALANCE SHEET

and RELATIVE ACCOUNTS

as at 30th June 1964.

1963	£1,871	Balance at 1st July 1963	£1,871
	£1,871	Less Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	£1,871
	£0	Balance at 30th June 1964	£0
1964	£1,871	Balance at 1st July 1964	£1,871
	£1,871	Received during year	£1,871
	£0	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	£0
	£1,871	Balance at 30th June 1964	£1,871
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BALANCE SHEET

1963		LIABILITIES	
CAPITAL ACCOUNT			
	Balance as at 1st July 1963	£18,433	
£18,433	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	331	£18,764
LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND			
	Balance as at 1st July 1963	1,252	
	Received during year	606	
		1,858	
1,252	Less: Transferred to Revenue Account	208	1,650
FEES PAID IN ADVANCE			
	Summer School	7,142	
7,499	Subscriptions and Affiliation Fees	30	7,172
RESERVES			
	For Publications, Films and Records	4,600	
8,100	General	4,500	9,100
STAFF FUND			
4,419			5,972
426	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND CREDIT BALANCES		225

J. LUDOVIC LOCHHEAD, Convener, Finance Committee.

D. M. VAUGHAN, Treasurer.

£40,129

£42,883

23 BARNES STREET, AYR, 9th September 1964.—We have audited the books and accounts of the Society for the year ending 30th June 1964, and we certify that all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for our audit have been furnished to us, and that the foregoing Balance Sheet and Revenue Account, which are in agreement with the books of account, give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th June 1964.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the

1963		TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	
£1,821	Staff Salaries	£1,912	
435	Travelling Expenses and cost of committee meetings	483	
398	Printing and Stationery	295	
190	Postage and Telephone	182	
59	Audit Fee	59	
357	Office Accommodation	413	
32	Insurance	32	
64	Miscellaneous Expenses	115	
3,356		£3,491	
397	Less: Allocated to Summer School	373	
2,959			£3,118
806	„ BULLETIN		803
318	„ EXAMINATION EXPENSES		322
7,377	„ SUMMER AND AUTUMN SCHOOLS		7,568
20	„ GRANTS		20
297	„ EXTENSION WORK OVERSEAS		185
277	„ SUBSCRIPTION COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS		787
168	„ REPAIRS AND RENEWALS		40
	„ AMOUNT WRITTEN OFF:		
	Furniture and Equipment	£52	
204	Headquarters	200	252
2,309	„ BALANCE BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE CARRIED DOWN		2,681
£14,735			£15,776
TO RESERVE FOR PUBLICATIONS AND RECORDS			
£225	„ ALLOCATION TO PENSION FUND		1,350
1,000	„ GENERAL RESERVE FUND		1,000
550	„ BALANCE CARRIED TO BALANCE SHEET		331
534			
£2,309			£2,681

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT for

1963		TO STOCK IN HAND 1ST JULY 1963	
£5,524	„ PURCHASES		£5,620
1,319	„ SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT		1,836
568			1,036
£7,411			£8,492

as at 30th JUNE 1964

1963		ASSETS		
£3,200	HEADQUARTERS (at cost)		£5,502	
	Less: Amount written off to date		2,502	£3,000
	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT			
	As valued at 30th June 1954 and additions at cost		1,123	
485	Less: Amount written off to date		664	459
	MUSIC, BOOKS AND LEAFLETS			
5,620	As certified by Treasurer			5,618
	INVESTMENTS (at cost)			
	5% Defence Bonds		£3,000	
	City of Edinburgh 6½% Loan		3,000	
	City of Edinburgh 5½% Loan		2,000	
	County of West Lothian 5½% Loan		2,000	
	County of West Lothian 5½% Loan		500	
	County of East Lothian 5½% Loan		5,500	
	County of East Lothian 6½% Loan		1,500	
18,901	Edinburgh Savings Bank		2,800	20,300
	STAFF FUND			
	5% Defence Bonds		3,500	
	4½% Defence Bonds		1,175	
	Savings Account		98	
4,419	Current Account		1,199	5,972
397	SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS			221
	CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
	British Linen Bank Savings Account		7,142	
	British Linen Bank Current Account		121	
7,107	In Hands of Secretary		50	7,313
<u>£40,129</u>				<u>£42,883</u>

of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society for the year ended 30th June 1964, and have obtained / for the purposes of our audit.

account, give in our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations NORMAN MACKINNON & CO., C.A., Auditors.

YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1964

1963				
	BY ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS			
	Received from Branches		£3,497	
	Paid Direct		334	
£3,626	Life Members		208	£4,039
232	" AFFILIATION FEES			225
3	" DONATIONS			35
	" FEES FROM STUDENTS			
	Summer and Autumn Schools		8,230	
8,611	Examinations		308	8,538
1,024	" INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS			1,037
	" ROYALTIES			
	Books		351	
	Broadcasting Fees		57	
671	Gramophone Records		458	866
568	" SURPLUS ON SALE OF PUBLICATIONS			1,036
<u>£14,735</u>				<u>£15,776</u>
£2,309	BY BALANCE CARRIED DOWN			£2,681
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the YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1964

1963			
£1,514	BY SALES		£2,087
277	" SUBSCRIPTION COPIES (at cost)		787
5,620	" STOCK IN HAND 30TH JUNE 1964		5,618
<u>£7,411</u>			<u>£8,492</u>

**ESTIMATE of INCOME and EXPENDITURE
for the YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE 1965**

INCOME

Subscriptions	£3,800
Affiliation Fees	220
Royalties	700
Investment Income	1,000
Fees: Schools and Courses (<i>less</i> Expenses)	700
Surplus on sale of Publications	500
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	£6,920

EXPENDITURE

Staff Salaries	£2,200
Cost of Meetings, including Travelling Expenses	500
Printing and Stationery	350
Postage and Telephone	200
Office Accommodation	450
Audit Fee	53
Insurance	32
Repairs and Decorations	120
Miscellaneous Expenses	100
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	£4,005

Less: Allocation to Summer School 315

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	£3,690
Bulletin	900
Examination Fees, <i>less</i> expenses	45
Extension Work Overseas	300
Grants	35
Subscription Copies	650
Depreciation: Building	150
Equipment	50

RESERVES:	
For Publications and Records	—
For Pension Fund	500
For General Reserve	100
Surplus to meet Contingencies	500

£6,920

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Annual Report

1963 was a landmark in the Society's history when we had a retrospective and summary glance at the development of forty years. Inevitably in this year's report we must assess the measure of progress that has been made during the year under review, and at the same time look forward and examine the possible needs for any new measures which will ensure continued progress.

A wise step recommended by the Executive Council to the Annual General Meeting and consequently confirmed, was to lower the age of membership in the Society from eighteen to sixteen. It is too early to report on the outcome of this decision but it should help to lessen the gap between school and adult life—the period when so many young people lose interest in what they practised and enjoyed at school.

There are changing trends in recreation for all sections of the community but it is heartening to know that dance is continuing to hold its place. During the year various educational journals have stressed the importance of dance in education. Some of the articles have been controversial and critical, others have advocated a particular form but whatever have been the views, the interest is a very healthy sign of progress. There is no doubt at all that dance is popular.

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is fortunate in that it makes an undoubted impact on the curriculum of Colleges of Education and of Physical Education. This ensures that young teachers are equipped to maintain the interest in Scottish Country Dancing that has been started in so many of the schools or to create it by introducing Scottish Country Dancing. What is not so encouraging is that we do not seem to attract so many of these young teachers into the Society itself once they have left College. We must maintain the position that we have established in the colleges and try to make certain that our Scottish dances are an essential part of the programme of the new colleges in Scotland that are being opened this year.

A matter of great concern to the medical profession as well as to parents and teachers is lack of good poise amongst modern youngsters. There are many reasons for this but undoubtedly a form of dance which through its music and steps gives a lift to the whole being can do much to offset poring over desks in the intense study required by the modern educational system.

With this knowledge it is more than ever important that the Society through its teachers continues to promote Scottish Country Dancing in co-educational schools, girls schools and in boys schools where it is not so commonly practised but no less needed.

The Branch reports are in the main encouraging—some show a gain in membership, others a slight loss but all speak of happy hours of dancing. There are signs however that there is less active participation. To-day in this country we have as high a proportion of people interested in dance—ballet, ballroom and national—as in any other form of art. Many people watch ballet incessantly, many enjoy seeing Scottish Country Dancing on television but not nearly as many as we would like join our branches and actively participate.

We have become a nation of watchers rather than doers. It should agitate us deeply that so many over thirty-five years of age have given up dance as an exercise, a recreation and a most neighbourly form of social relaxation. For all those who are reluctant to realise the values of social dancing we should refer them to Homer who described the art of dance "The sweetest and most perfect of human enjoyments."

Annual General Meeting and Autumn School.—The Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting was held in Aberdeen on Saturday, 2nd November 1963. As usual, Aberdeen famed for its hospitality rose to the occasion and the Executive Council offers its warmest congratulations to all those who helped to make the week-end such an enjoyable one. A Ball was held in the Beach Ballroom on Friday evening and an Informal Dance on Saturday. Before the Annual General Meeting the representatives were entertained to a Luncheon and Civic

Reception in the Beach Ballroom and after the meeting tea was provided for all those attending. The classes held in the morning were well attended.

Membership.—The Society now has 94 Branches, 224 Affiliated Groups. During the year three new Branches have been formed—Bramhall (Cheshire), Mornington Peninsula (Australia) and Vancouver, B.C. The total membership is approximately 20,000.

Subscription Copy.—The subscription copy for 1964-65 is a choice of any book from 6-22, any pocket edition or Four Set Dances (1st Series). Members are reminded that the financial year started on 1st July—no book will be sent to a member until the choice has been indicated.

Examinations.—During the year examinations have been held in the following Branches: Boston (Mass.); Deep River (Canada); Dumfries; Dundee; Edinburgh; Forres; Glasgow; Hamilton (Ontario); Leeds; London; Newcastle; New York; Renfrewshire West; Rochdale; Tees-side; Toronto and Winnipeg.

Examinations were also held in Concord (Mass.); Craiglockhart R.C. Training College, Edinburgh; Dunfermline College of Physical Education, Aberdeen; Ilkley College of Housecraft; Jordanhill Training College, Glasgow; Kilmarnock (Ayrshire Education Authority); Moray House Training College, Edinburgh; Neville's Cross College, Durham; Notre Dame R.C. Training College, Glasgow; Nova Scotia, Ottawa; San Francisco; Scottish School of Physical Education, Glasgow and Summer School, St Andrews.

In the Preliminary Test there were 337 passes and 37 failures. In the Teachers Certificate there were 233 passes and 21 failures.

Summer School.—The Society's Summer School from 20th July-17th August was as usual fully booked. An average of 200 students attended each week. There were members from Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland and U.S.A. The Executive Council takes this opportunity of thanking Miss Milligan and her staff of teachers and pianists for all their hard work during the four weeks of the School.

Branch Reports

ABERDEEN. Secretary, Miss A. O. Cumming, 19 Mile End Avenue, Aberdeen.—Throughout the year 3 Adult and 4 Children's Classes met weekly. The Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all Teachers and Pianists who worked so hard to make a success of these classes.

In September a very successful Refresher Class on Book 22 was run by Miss Yeats.

The highlight of the season was the Autumn Week-end, in connection with A.G.M. held in Aberdeen on 1st and 2nd November 1963 when the Branch had the pleasure of playing host to representatives of many Branches from all over the British Isles as well as from Overseas. The spectacular Ball on the Friday and the Dance on the Saturday were most successful socially. The classes offered were also well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Branch was represented at the 1964 S.C.D. Festival in Aberdeen by 3 Adult and 8 Children's Teams. Two of the Adult Teams won diplomas and trophies in their sections.

As usual the Branch has been asked to supply teams to dance in Union Terrace Gardens throughout June 1964.

The Scottish Country Dance Club completed its 13th year. Many pleasant social evenings were spent and a profit was left at the end of the session.

The local Branch was honoured by being represented by Miss Elma Donald at the Cannes Festival in February 1964.

ADELAIDE. Secretary, Mrs May Sinclair, 147 Esplanade, Brighton, South Australia.—Classes continue to be well attended this year despite the fact that we are without the services of a full-time instructress. A letter has been sent to all Branches and Groups in Australia to find out the likely response from members if it should be possible to arrange a short intensive Certificate Class to be conducted by an examiner approved by the Society. From the replies received it is clear there is a genuine interest in such a Class, if only the great distances involved permit arrangements to be made which will prove generally acceptable to the examiner and prospective members of the Class.

Four sets of dancers took part in this year's Adelaide Highland Games held in Adelaide in March and gave a very good display. Our thanks to Mrs M. Goldie for her tuition. A Demonstration Team has also danced at various functions and proved to be very popular.

AIRDRIE, COATBRIDGE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs Catherine Hook, 42 McKenna Drive, Airdrie.—There was a considerable decrease in our membership which was a great disappointment. The Children's Classes decreased also. We did not have an Annual Dance but our two informal dances were well supported. The Airdrie and Coatbridge Children's Classes combined for the Annual Display which was a great success. A Team from Coatbridge entered for the Lanarkshire Festival. Several former members have promised to rejoin our Class in the new session, so with the hope of an increased membership including some new members, we look forward to a successful 1964-65 session.

ANNAN. Secretary, Mrs B. M. Richardson, The Bungalow, Summergate Road, Annan.

ARBROATH. Secretary, Mr George G. Sinclair, 5 Waverley Terrace, Arbroath.—In spite of a slight drop in membership to 162, which includes 18 Life Members, the Branch had a very successful year.

Weekly Classes were held at Arbroath, Brechin, Kirriemuir and Montrose centres during the session.

All the Classes were well attended and the social spirit was much in evidence.

Annual Balls were held at the four centres and were well supported and enjoyed by many members and visitors from neighbouring centres.

We are hopeful of an increase in our membership in the new session.

AUCHTERARDER. Secretary, Mr Ian L. G. Garrie, Larchfield, Auchterarder, Perthshire.—The past session saw a slight decrease in membership which now totals 6 Life Members and 30 Ordinary Members. In contrast with the previous winter, the weather being comparatively mild, helped to maintain good attendances at the Class.

The session was inaugurated by a visit to Pitlochry Festival Theatre. Members of the Class and friends saw a comedy called *The Foursome Reel*. They then had supper at the Theatre.

Once again the Class members enjoyed expert instruction from Miss C. R. Duff in learning new dances and participating in old favourites. Mrs J. R. McFarlane and Mr A. Kindness provided music of a high standard.

Our usual Christmas and end-of-session parties were held and much enjoyed. Ian Powrie and His Band provided music for our Annual Dance in the Aytoun Hall, which proved a great success.

AYR. Secretary, Miss J. Galloway, Pearl Cottage, Monkton, Ayrshire.—Season 1963/64 went in very quickly. The usual Branch Classes, for both adults and children, received their customary support. Of the several dances held throughout the season two in particular were a complete sell-out and all proved most enjoyable. At our Autumn Week-end School we were indebted to Mrs Wadsworth and Mr Little for their splendid tuition and happy Classes. The Branch was well represented in both Adult and Children's sections at the local Music Festival and it was a great pleasure to be able to field a Mixed Team again. Once again our Teams have been in great demand and have given much pleasure on a variety of occasions. At the Certificate Class held in Kilmarnock under the auspices of the Further Education Committee and taken by Miss Grace MacArthur a high percentage of our candidate members gained either the Preliminary or Full Certificate. Financially we have made a slight profit this year and our membership stands at 260—a drop of four from the previous year.

Our name town is a popular holiday resort, and from time to time Society members who are on holiday here get in touch with us. We welcome these inter-Branch contacts and are delighted to have an opportunity of meeting members from other Branches and affiliated Societies. We look forward to meeting many more members in this way.

AYRSHIRE, East. Secretary, Mrs M. R. Wood, 1 Elizabeth Crescent, Cumnock.—The past year has been disappointing as our membership has decreased again, and we have had to keep to our once monthly meeting, however we are hopeful that the new session will show an improvement.

AYRSHIRE, North-West. Secretary, Mrs N. Dunlop, Bradda, Fairlie.—With the membership continuing to fall, 1963-64 was in some ways a disappointing season. Dances held throughout the area were not as well attended as they might have been but this has led to a serious review of the annual programme and it is hoped that in 1964-65 our members will find the revised version attractive and stimulating.

Two dances which were successful in every way were the Christmas Ball held in Largs and the Easter Dance in Ardrossan. At both we were joined by dancers from other Branches and the latter, which was run specifically to raise money and at which "our own" Newlands' Band generously give its services free, considerably boosted Branch funds.

Another venture which helped replenish our bank balance was a Festival of National Dancing held on three successive evenings early in December. This was brilliantly organised and produced by Mr Alastair Aitkenhead with contributions from schools and private Classes throughout the district.

Our Adult Class in Saltcoats continued, as did Children's Classes in Largs, Saltcoats, Stevenston and Dalry.

At the end of the season, Mr H. K. McConnachie, our Hon. Treasurer, resigned. For over 14 years he has skilfully kept us out of debt and even when keeping a tight grip of the purse strings was a very popular member of Committee. His resignation was accepted with sincere regret.

BANFFSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs H. Leslie, 11 Rathburn Street, Buckie, Banff.—We are sorry membership has decreased but glad that we have young members taking an interest in the Society. Classes were held successfully throughout the winter in various places. Quite a few Rallies were held in the county during the season and we had a good attendance from our local Class. Our County Rally was held in Macduff and was very successful.

BATH. Secretary, Mr R. C. Lidstone, Little Barn, Limpley, Stoke, Nr. Bath.—After the financial disasters of last year the Branch was forced to abandon the more formal occasions which had proved to be so costly, and to revert to more informal dances.

With the help of many of our members who so kindly provided food, and washed up, those evenings have proved not only to be financially rewarding but most enjoyable, and attendances are increasing on each occasion.

The Week-end Courses at Dillington were again well attended as well as dances at Poole, Shepton Mallet and the many Bristol functions.

BELFAST. Secretary, Miss Kitty Lawlor, 14 Windsor Avenue, Belfast 9.—The Branch celebrated its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Year with a Dinner Dance, when a presentation was made to the retiring Honorary Secretary, Mr P. I. M. Fergusson. The year has been active and progressive. Two new Classes have been added, making a total of six weekly and three fortnightly Classes, as well as Classes held weekly at Bangor, Ballymena and Helen's Bay, all of which were well supported. Two Week-end Schools were held at Portrush, when Mrs West of Elgin and Mr Alistair Aitkenhead of Saltcoats were very popular teachers. One of the new Classes formed in the Branch has been for advanced dancers, and from this Class Teams have been trained and sent out to demonstrate on many occasions. Dances have been held at Holywood and Bangor, and Class Parties were frequent occurrences.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Branch held in May, the officers were re-elected for the 1964-65 session, as follows:—Chairman, Miss H. Hall, J.P., Honorary Secretary, Miss Kitty Lawlor, Honorary Treasurer, Mr James Strange and Representative to the Executive Council of the Society, Miss L. Kane.

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED. Secretary, Miss Frances D. Thomson, 25 Ord Drive, Tweedmouth, Berwick-upon-Tweed.—The Branch has again had a satisfactory year with only a very slight drop in membership. All Classes were well supported throughout the session.

Our Annual Ball in December and the New Year Party were both a great success, and were attended by friends from other Branches. A new venture to hold Monthly Social Evenings proved very popular.

Once more the Children's and Teenagers Classes held an "Open Night" for parents and friends, and was an outstanding success.

BIRMINGHAM. Secretary, Mr Peter J. Smith, 34 Wroxall Road, Solihull, Warwicks.—This year has seen a slight increase in membership to 319. All our Classes are functioning satisfactorily and it is most gratifying to see our own R.S.C.D.S. Class becoming more self-supporting every year. There is a settled order of things more or less now in the social calendar and the variation happens in the people and Bands we have visiting us. Thus we welcomed to our Week-end School at C.C.P.R. Lilleshall a new face in Mr Bill Little who joined with Mrs Gudger in persuading us that we could be better if we tried harder. For our Annual Dance we had an old friend in Andrew Rankine to play for us, as he did for one of our Saturday evening Socials when he happened to be in the area. He also played for our first Joint Ball arranged with the Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society. This was a huge success and, we sincerely hope, will be the forerunner of many more such happy co-operative efforts. Our by now well established Non-Competitive Festival attracted even more support and well over 200 dancers stayed to dance in the evening to the music of Jimmy Blair and his Band.

There were no examinations this year, we seem to have them in alternate years, but there was a small Class working towards both parts of the Certificate. The Demonstration Group was active throughout the year. A Mixed and a Ladies Team were both well placed at the Nuneaton Festival, and the Team also drank a welcome "pinta" publicly after working up a thirst on behalf of the Milk Marketing Board.

Our thanks are given most sincerely to all our teachers and pianists and to those whose help behind the scenes is sometimes forgotten. We must also thank the Y.W.C.A. here in Birmingham for the continuing use of their excellent facilities, though we are still trying to work out whether it was a compliment or not to be told that our behaviour was exemplary at the Hogmanay Dance held there.

BOSTON. Secretary, Mrs Wendy McIntosh, 21 Venner Road, Arlington, Mass. 02174, U.S.A.—The Boston Branch ended the season with 125 members, 13 over last year. Average attendance on Monday night Classes was up too, from 40 to 60. Using two halls, Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced Groups could be combined for the most effective teaching. Mrs Marianne Taylor, the principal teacher, was assisted by 7 certificated teachers.

We greatly enjoyed Bobby Watson's Highland Dance Workshop, July 9th and Miss Milligan's Teachers' Workshop, November 9th. One hundred and forty R.S.C.D.S. members from the U.S. and Canada attended our annual Pinewoods Dance Camp last July 19th-21st where Bobby Watson was a welcome addition to the teaching staff.

Our Demonstration Team entertained at only five functions, a rather quiet year. We have been asked to appear, together with other R.S.C.D.S. Teams from the East Coast, at the International Pavilion at the World's Fair, August 16th.

A number of dance circles and Class parties marked our social season, climaxed by the Boston Highland Ball, May 9th. Under the able chairmanship of David Kendall, this event attracted 125 R.S.C.D.S. members from all over the U.S. and Canada. Stan Hamilton's Band from London, Ontario helped make it a most pleasant occasion. We hope to make this an annual affair.

We are pleased that our founder, Miss Jeannie R. B. Carmichael, has returned to Boston and is part of our group again.

It is interesting to note that several of the certificated teachers have set up Children's Groups in our area and some of the students have attended our dance parties.

BRAMHALL. Secretary, Mr Frederick Charles Norris, 14 Regent Close, Bramhall, Cheshire.—Although only about 7 months old, our Branch is keen and enthusiastic with an average attendance at our General Class on Wednesday evenings in the 50's. An informal Scottish Country Dance Social was held just before Christmas. This was well supported and refreshments were provided by the ladies of the Branch. To celebrate our formation as a Branch we held a dance in March attended by about 160, when we were very pleased to welcome Mrs Gudger as guest of honour. Scenic and floral decorations were provided by Messrs. K. Penney and B. Stewart, Mrs E. Todd and Mrs L. Smith. The Children's Class, held on Saturday mornings, is energetically attended; over 30 members, we hope, for our Adult Class in the future! The Demonstration Class has been in existence for 3 years—first as Bramhall S.C. Dancers and now as a Branch Team. They

danced on Television last year at the Free Trade Hall (in conjunction with the Goyt Valley Team) and at Belle Vue, Manchester, in addition to festivals and numerous other engagements. Their Highland solos and duets are much in demand.

BRISTOL. Secretary, Mr G. B. Bates, 75 Falcondale Road, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.—The growth in membership this year has not been sustained but it has been a year of consolidation. We have run three grades of Adult Classes fortnightly which have been well supported and our weekly Children's Class is now well established. We have also started an Associated Group in Patchway with a Weekly Class. Our Demonstration Team has been in demand and has performed at a variety of functions including Sherborne Girls School in Dorset. Our four informal social dances have been well supported not only by members but by other dancers in the area.

In February we ran our Week-end Course with Mr Andrew Grant. The Saturday was general and the Sunday for teachers and potential teachers.

Our Annual Ball was this year held at the Victoria Rooms which will be its regular home and Jimmy Blair's Band with the excellent facilities at the Victoria Rooms helped to make it a very happy event. We were honoured by the presence of the Sheriff of Bristol and his lady and visitors from a wide area including Exeter.

The season ended with our usual informal dance at Severn Beach which was again very successful. The proceeds of jumble sales and the like again helped to ensure a credit balance in the year's working.

We have plans for further expansion next year including a weekly social dancing Class. All our usual functions including the annual course in February will take place. The second day of the course is designed especially for teachers and includes advice and instruction in teaching technique. We would welcome members from other Branches as such courses are very rare.

CAPE TOWN. Secretary, Miss J. Martin, 17 Irene Court, Irene Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town.—The Branch continues to run a General Class and a Beginners' Class each week and we are grateful to our teachers, Mrs N. Smith (General Class) and Mrs K. Hunter and Miss M. Lamont (Beginners' Class) for their interest and enthusiasm shown in conducting the Classes.

In addition, a number of dances were organised and all were well attended by our own members and members of the several Scottish Country Dance Clubs in the environs of the Cape Peninsula.

In July we assisted the Nurses' Trust Fund by sponsoring a dance in aid of their funds. This function was held in the spacious lounge of the Nurses' Home of Cape Town's biggest hospital, Groote Schuur, and proved a great success both socially and financially.

Our Annual Children's Party was held in August, when we were hosts to approximately 120 enthusiastic children, who wasted no time in getting on to the floor. We are grateful to Mrs Kay Gibson for assuming the role of "Master of Ceremonies" at this annual event.

In October we held a successful "At Home" to which representatives of all local Scottish Country Dance Clubs were invited.

We should like, through the medium of *The Bulletin*, to extend a very warm welcome to any Scottish Country Dancers who may be visiting Cape Town, to join us any Thursday evening from March to October at St Thomas's Parish Hall, Rondebosch.

CARLISLE and BORDER. Secretary, Miss R. I. Lattimer, 211 Brampton Road, Carlisle.—This has been, in terms of activity, a most successful season, although once again the Branch membership has dropped by 13 to 64 Annual Members and 12 Life Members.

For the first time it was decided to run a residential Week-end Course in April at Dalston Hall, near Carlisle, and the enthusiasm with which this innovation was received exceeded all expectations and the letters of appreciation and enquiries that have already been received about next year's course prompt one to predict that it will become an annual event. The course was attended by dancers from a very wide area, including not only our friends from the Newcastle Branch, but people from Berwickshire, Roxburghshire, Clackmannanshire, Cheshire and Lancashire, and of course, quite a number from all over Cumberland and Westmorland. We are extremely grateful to the two course teachers, Miss Nancy Arnott and Mr Bill Clement, whose Classes were much enjoyed. A second Week-end Course (not residential) was run earlier in the year, in October, at which Miss Margaret

Anderson was the instructress—this too was well attended, both by our own members and by people from other Branches, and proved extremely popular.

Dances were run during the season at Langholm, Longtown, Carlisle and Dalston, the latter two, run in association with the two Week-end Courses, being extremely successful. The Highland Ball, held in March, with music provided by Jimmy Blair's Scottish Country Dance Band, was most enjoyable, though numbers were slightly smaller than usual due to a number of similar functions being held on the same night.

Attendance at Classes was very disappointing throughout the season and it is hoped that it will improve in September. Our thanks are due to all our teachers and pianists, and in particular to Mr Andrew Manwell who, in addition to teaching the General Class, trained the Festival Teams who competed with such outstanding success at Edinburgh, Dumfries, Carlisle and Newton Stewart, the Mixed Team winning trophies for the best performance at each of the first three Festivals and the Eightsome Reel and Mixed Foursome Reel Teams coming first in their respective classes at Newton Stewart and Dumfries. A Certificate Class has just commenced and it is hoped that quite a number of members will be successful in passing the preliminary examination.

We are extremely sorry this year to lose our President, Lady Graham, who, having been President of the Branch for 8 years, now feels that she should give up that office. We should like to express our sincere thanks for the great interest she has taken in all the activities of the Branch over the years. In addition, in January the Branch regretfully said goodbye to its Vice-President, Mr W. Malcolm, who had served on the Committee for several years and who was leaving the district. It is with regret also that we have to report that our Treasurer for the past 3 years, Mr A. Waring, intimated at the end of the season his desire to be relieved of that office due to his many other commitments. Mr Waring has been a most excellent Treasurer and his retirement will be a great loss to the Branch.

CARNOUSTIE. Miss B. G. McCrae, 46 Burnside Street, Carnoustie, Angus.—The Branch has had a well attended General Class during the year and membership increased. We again held a Juvenile Class and this was small but very enjoyable.

Our Annual Dance held in December was very successful and we had a very happy evening with friends from other Branches. Several of our members attended dances held by neighbouring Branches during the winter months.

CASTLE DOUGLAS. Secretary, Mrs P. Wallace, 2 Gordon Drive, Castle Douglas.—During session 1963-64 the membership of the Castle Douglas Branch was 70 Ordinary Members and 6 Life Members. Attendance was fairly good, and much of the credit for the successful session is due to the teachers who once again conducted varied and most enjoyable Classes. As in past years, Branch Teams competed in the Galloway Festival, and this session for the first time Teams were also entered for the Carlisle Festival. Good marks were obtained at both festivals. Demonstrations have again been given throughout the year.

It had been hoped to arrange for Miss Milligan to visit during the session, but this did not prove possible because of her many other commitments. However, arrangements are now in hand for a visit to Castle Douglas in October.

A most successful Junior Link Class was held, with a membership of 60, an increase on the previous year.

Once again the Branch were very fortunate to have the free use of excellent accommodation in the Castle Douglas Primary School for all the Classes.

CHELTENHAM. Secretary, Mr Ian Matheson, 22 Keynsham Road, Cheltenham.—Membership remained substantially constant and the Branch has been very active and successful with Classes and social functions. Four Adult Classes were regularly held and Junior and Senior Classes were well attended. A fortnightly Steps and Technique Class continued this winter and was most valuable and stimulating. The Branch is most grateful to Duncan Macleod who travelled from Glasgow to conduct a Week-end School in February; this was enthusiastically enjoyed by our own members and the Branch was delighted to welcome dancers from neighbouring Branches and Societies. The proceeds of the first monthly dance (nearly £20) was given to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. A Children's Tea Dance in April was enjoyed both by children and older members. The

vigour and enthusiasm of the Branch may perhaps be judged by the large number of dancing parties, indoors and outdoors, arranged by members to entertain friends. Demonstration Teams were active and enjoyed giving displays on a number of occasions.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE. Secretary, Mrs J. O. Thomson, 25 Ann Street, Tillicoultry.—Although there has been a decrease in membership during the past few years, there was an improvement this year which we hope is the start of an upward trend. The Branch Classes held in Alloa, Dollar and Tillicoultry were enjoyed by members and each held successful end-of-term parties. The Annual Branch Dance was held in Alloa Town Hall with an increased attendance.

DEEP RIVER, Ontario. Secretary, Miss Christine Donald, Box 156, 60 Forest Avenue, Deep River, Ontario.—We have now completed our first year as a Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. The season started well with the two day visit of Miss Jean Milligan in September. On the first evening she examined the candidates for their teaching certificates; five Preliminary Certificates and one Full Certificate were gained then, and two further Full Certificates were awarded at St Catherine's, Ontario in October. We thank Miss Milligan for the charming and friendly manner in which these examinations were held. The following evening an informal dance was held in Miss Milligan's honour, at which she taught new dances from Book 22. Such was her enthusiasm, that several new members were inspired to join the Club.

However due to the transient nature of this "atomic town," we were unfortunate to have a drop in our membership for our first year as a Branch. But our 43 members were enthusiastic and we had a successful season. A weekly two hour informal evening of dancing was held throughout the autumn and winter. For the first two months, a Beginners' Class was held at the beginning of the evening, but later the newcomers were able to join in with the more experienced dancers. A St Andrew's Night Dance and Burns Supper were held, both most successfully. The season ended with the Caledonian Ball on April 11th, at which we were very pleased to welcome many friends from other Clubs, who helped to swell our diminished ranks.

Throughout the year a small nucleus of dancers has given many demonstrations to other clubs and societies, and has appeared twice on the local television network. This publicity seems to have aroused a lot of outside interest, and we hope to have an increase in membership next year. As yet our Demonstration Group is still in the early stages, so we intend developing it into a regular Advanced Class with the emphasis on preparing dances for demonstration.

DERBY. Secretary, Mrs D. Dixon, Linden House, 152 Shardlow Road, Alvaston, Derby.

DUMFRIES. Secretary, Mrs Margaret Dickson, 5 Franklin Place, Troqueer Road, Dumfries.—This year has again been a very successful one. Although membership has decreased very slightly Classes were very well attended and enjoyed by everyone.

A very successful Certificate Class was held and all candidates gained their certificates. Both Adult and Junior Link Teams excelled themselves on the various musical festivals and as usual Demonstration Teams were kept busy. The Team who travelled to Bocholt, Germany in July 1963 were given a tremendous reception and the dancers enjoyed a most successful tour.

DUNBARTONSHIRE, West. Secretary, Mr Thos. Savage, White Lodge, Craigendoran, Helensburgh.—Membership now stands at 191 members which shows a slight rise from last year. During the year we ran a Couples' Class which is proving most popular. The Classes and Clubs throughout our scattered district are in a very healthy condition and several organised most successful Informal Dances on our behalf.

Our Annual Ball, Couples' Dance and Junior Dance were all up to the usual high standard.

This year we ran a Charity Dance in aid of the Scottish National Institution for War-Blinded and were able to send them the sum of £62, 10/- for their funds.

DUNDEE. Secretary, Miss Dorothy H. Nicoll, 13 Crombie Terrace, Craigiebank, Dundee.—Membership again shows a decrease and now stands at 362 including 152 Life Members. During the year one General Class and a Technique/Demonstration Class were held but enrolments were disappointing. There was also a Summer Term Class and a most successful Certificate Class. Six candidates were presented for the Preliminary Certificate and two for the Full Certificate. All were successful, reflecting great credit on the instructor.

Children's Classes were started in outlying housing schemes and the response was such that seven Classes were held in place of the original four envisaged.

Social evenings in October, November and May were well attended and greatly enjoyed, and at the Annual Ball in March we were happy to welcome members from neighbouring Branches.

Our Week-end School in February was enjoyed by Branch members and many others from Dundee and we again had Miss Milligan as principal instructor; Miss Esme Stewart taught a Class in Highland Steps and Mr Mechan a Class in Technique.

Numerous demonstrations were given and Teams also took part in broadcasts.

DUNFERMLINE. Secretary, Mrs E. Law, 39 Cleish Place, Dunfermline.—The Branch has once again had a busy year, although the numbers attending Classes have given rise to continuing concern, the membership during this period being 14 Life Members and 113 Annual Members. We have continued to run the Children's, Beginners' and General Classes and Demonstration Group.

The Demonstration Group has been very active and has given many demonstrations over the season—locally and further afield at Falkirk and Falkland, where we took part in a mass demonstration with other Branches on the lawns at Falkland Palace which are an ideal setting for such an occasion.

The Branch were honoured to be asked to send a representative with the Team visiting Cannes in February of this year, when Mrs Ella Walker was chosen.

Teams were again entered at Perth Festival when the Branch were successful in retaining the Premier Award—the Quaich—for yet another year, but it was disappointing to find no other team entered in the ladies' sections.

On the social side we held a Christmas Party instead of the usual Dance, owing to the difficulty of obtaining a hall of sufficient size, and this and the Children's Party were very successful. The Closing Ball was a happy occasion when members and friends from Perth, Glasgow, Edinburgh and other districts joined us.

Early in the season we held a Coffee Evening and Film Show to raise funds for the visit of the German Folk-Dancing Group, and at the moment we are making the final arrangements for their tour. We are indebted to the other Branches who have so readily volunteered to give hospitality to the visitors.

DUNS and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Margaret A. Rae, Penrhyll, St Abbs, Eyemouth, Berwickshire.—In spite of the loss of two regular Classes our membership remains the same. Dances held in Chirnside, Duns, Earlston, Eyemouth and Reston were well attended and the use of the Berwickshire High School Hall made a welcome change of venue for the Duns dances. Although the numbers attending the Residential Week-end were a little down the course was as successful and enjoyable as ever. The teachers were Miss Milligan, Mrs Gudger and Mrs Wadsworth. Miss Milligan's account of her travels in America was most interesting and very much appreciated.

EAST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss J. J. Storie, "Altmont", 2 Station Road, Haddington.—The membership of the Branch continues to be satisfactory.

The Dances held in different parts of the County were well attended, the Class and Dance held in December being particularly successful. The Class, on this occasion, was taken by Miss Milligan and proved very enjoyable.

The Annual Ball held during the festive season, was a very happy function.

EAST SURREY, WEST KENT. Secretary, Miss J. M. Beale, 67 Bennetts Way, Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.—Branch membership has again increased in numbers including several Life Members. Classes have been held in connection with the Branch in Beckenham, Croydon, Gossops Green, Horley, New Malden, Reigate, Sanderstead, Upper Norwood and West Wickham. A Demonstration and Advanced Technique Class was run by the Branch. Many demonstrations have been given during the year and Social Dances in connection with the Classes have been held regularly.

Two Branch dances have been held at one of which Andrew Rankine and His Band played for us. Both dances were a great success. The Hogmanay Dance was held in Croydon and the New Year was welcomed in the traditional style.

One of the highlights of the season's activities was the One Day School held in June where dancers came from as far afield as Bournemouth, Colchester, Eastbourne, Enfield and Windsor, to enjoy the expert tuition of Miss Milligan, Mrs Kemp and Mr Ireland. The benefit derived from their instruction will be experienced for a long time.

Teams competed in the Highland Games at Clapham Common in May, the Sevenoaks Three Arts Festival and the Folk Dance Festival at Enfield in June. The Robertson Cup was won at Clapham Common and the Ladies Cup was retained at Sevenoaks.

EDINBURGH. Secretary, Mr Alex. Falconer, 11 Sydney Terrace, Edinburgh 7.—Membership shows a slight drop this year, but Classes have been well attended. A wide range of Classes was offered, including a Training Class for the Society Teaching Certificate. At the examination held in December, eleven of the twelve candidates were successful. Over eighty demonstrations were given during the year! As the importance of Edinburgh grows as a conference centre so also do the calls for demonstrations of Scottish Country Dancing for these largely international gatherings. Two of the largest during this year have been the Accountants Congress and the International Commission on Large Dams. For the latter, a special concert of Scottish Dancing was arranged in Leith Town Hall. A special concert was also arranged for the Secretary General of the South East Asia Treaty Organisation on behalf of the Scottish Office.

"An Edinburgh Fancy—1963" (the tenth annual production) was presented during August and drew the customary large audiences. The 1964 version will be staged during the second week of this year's International Festival. The artistes taking part will be Moira Anderson, Niven Miller, Duncan MacIntyre and dancers of the Branch.

The Annual Ball will be held on Thursday, 25th March 1965 in the Assembly Rooms, George Street. Members of other Branches who may be interested in attending, are asked to note the date in their diaries, and to write for further details in January.

The policy of running a series of Informal Dances has proved most successful, and will be continued in the coming year. We look forward to playing host to the visiting party of German Folk-Dancers in August, and have arranged an interesting programme including a concert in Princes Street Gardens, and a visit to the Tattoo.

ELGIN. President, Mr H. Rose, "Mardon", 15 Main Street, New Elgin, Elgin.—The Branch had a satisfactory year with membership remaining the same. Our monthly social evenings are still popular and many of the dancers from Branches and Classes travel some considerable distance to attend.

The Annual Ball, held in April in the Town Hall, was a most enjoyable function and well supported. Music was provided by Ian Powrie and his Band.

FORFAR. Secretary, Mrs D. W. Bruce, 125 Glenclova Terrace, Forfar.—Branch membership has taken another tumble. In spite of this, 2 Adult Classes have been run successfully during the winter months. The monthly socials have been very popular both with our own members and neighbouring enthusiasts. Our Annual Dance in February was a great success but a Summer Dance held in September was poorly supported.

A Children's Class was run throughout the winter. Eight Junior Associates have graduated to the Adult Classes and have fitted in admirably.

FORRES. Secretary, Miss M. M. Ross, Morven, Castle Street, Forres.—This year the Auldearn Village Class was run by the Forres Branch. This Class was very well attended and had a membership of 34. The Forres membership this year was 60 plus 8 Life Members and with the Auldearn Class the total Branch membership now stands at 94 plus 8 Life Members.

As usual the season opened with our Rally in September and this occasion plus the Christmas and End-of-Class Socials were well supported.

Two Children's Classes have been held each week from September to April and this has been most successful—56 children attending between the ages of 5 and 14 years. Four Teams from these Classes were entered in the Non-Competitive Section of the Moray and Nairn Music Festival.

For the first time in the Branch history it has been possible to run Certificate Classes. On 17th July 1963 eight candidates sat, and passed, the Preliminary Test and on 26th June 1964 nine candidates sat their Teacher's Certificate and six passed. The examiners on both occasions were Mrs Corson, Edinburgh and Mrs West, Elgin. Miss J. Banks was the teacher of both Classes.

We now look forward to the visit from the German Folk-dancers on 2nd September. A social evening has been arranged for this group and they are to spend the night with members of the Branch.

LOCHABER. Secretary, Mrs Elizabeth Barrett, "Molendinar", Argyll Road, Fort William, Inverness-shire.—This Branch was formerly known as Fort William Branch. Over the years since the Branch was formed the area around the Burgh has developed and there are now several flourishing Country Dance Classes in the district. It was decided to invite the members of these Classes to a meeting with a view to their becoming members of the Society. There was a good attendance at the meeting and most of those present wished to become members of the Branch. It was therefore agreed to change the name of the Branch to "Lochaber" to include the whole area. It is intended to hold monthly social evenings and several successful functions have already taken place.

FRIOCKHEIM. Secretary, Miss E. K. Robb, 45 Millgate, Friockheim, Angus.

GATEHOUSE-OF-FLEET. Secretary, Mrs Winnifred V. Bryden, 7 Fleet Street, Gatehouse-of-Fleet.—There has been a slight decrease in the Branch membership this year but Classes were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

In March we were delighted to welcome Miss Milligan who gave instruction at Week-end Classes when we were joined by members of neighbouring Branches. This was followed by a very successful Annual Ball.

Both Adult and Junior Link Teams had successes in Newton Stewart and Dumfries Festivals. We are grateful to our instructor, Mr Little, and to Mrs Parkhill who devotes much of her time to work with our Junior Link.

GLASGOW. Secretary, Miss Margaret M. C. Prentice, 263 Churchill Drive, Glasgow, W.1.—We are glad to report again a slight increase in membership with steady attendance at Winter and Spring Classes and very successful results at both Certificate Classes.

The calendar of Branch Dances and Balls followed the usual pattern. Each dance was well attended and highly successful socially.

The Demonstration Team has had a busy session and is now completing arrangements for a week's tour in Northern Bavaria in September. The number attending the Demonstration Team Class has encouraged us to experiment with two Graded Classes next session.

Last year's Refresher Course for Teachers, requested by the Further Education Department of Glasgow Corporation, led to a 5-week Course for Pianists, which we were happy to plan and to staff. As a result we are now invited to consider a combined course for teachers and pianists.

Again we are indebted to Miss Milligan and a competent staff of visiting teachers for the success of a very happy Week-end School in the Palace of Art, where we were delighted to welcome an increasing number of members from other Branches. We were also happy to extend hospitality to individual members and to groups visiting our city.

At present we are busily engaged with arrangements for next session's Annual General Meeting, happy in the prospect of the opportunity to invite so many members to join in our activities.

HAMILTON and CLYDESDALE. Secretary, Miss M. A. Lyon, 4 South Park Road, Hamilton, Lanarkshire.—There has been a small increase in the Branch membership which now stands at 542, including 35 Life Members.

It is disappointing to report that in spite of such a large membership, we were forced to join two of our Classes because of lack of support, especially from Beginners. All our usual functions were carried on, but both the Ball and the Christmas Party were transferred to the Lesser Hall. In spite of all the difficulties, we were delighted to learn that we finished the year with quite a substantial balance. This was mainly due to very careful guarding of our finances, and also to the generous help given by some Class members.

We are sorry to lose the services of Miss Marshall Cassels, leader of the Band which has supplied the music for practically all our functions during the past nine years. We offer our best wishes to Miss Cassels for a long and happy retiral in the Lake District. We are pleased to retain the other members of the Band, under Mr Macmillan's leadership, and look forward to dancing to their music next season.

HAMILTON, Ontario. Secretary, Mrs N. Graham, 262 West 2nd Street, Hamilton, Canada.—A very busy season was concluded for the Hamilton Branch at its Annual General Meeting on April 30th 1964. The Intermediate Class, while somewhat erratic as far as attendance was concerned, was nevertheless very productive under Mrs Shore's capable guidance. An Advanced Class was held for ten weeks and served as a training ground for demonstration dancers. Children's and Teen-age Classes expanded and are in a very flourishing state.

Burlington. The Burlington group continues to be a vital and vibrant part of the Branch. Sustained enthusiasm and hard work added up to a most successful season, greatly enjoyed by its members.

The Annual Branch Ball in the Royal Connaught Hotel in April was a splendid affair, and was attended by over 200 guests, including many friends from out of town. In October the Branch sponsored an interesting Scottish Country Dance Week-end at Prudhomme's Garden Centre, Vineland, Ontario, attended by guests from widely separated parts of North America. The presence of Miss Jean Milligan greatly added to the excitement of that week-end, when dancing skills were polished and old acquaintances renewed.

Strong publicity and an aggressively planned autumn membership drive augur well for a strong Branch in the 1964-65 season.

INVERNESS. Secretary, Mrs Marjorie J. Bennie, 79 Old Edinburgh Road, Inverness.—We are pleased to report a slight increase in our membership this last session.

With some reluctance the Committee decided not to continue with the Class held on Wednesday evenings, however the members of this Class enrolled in the Tuesday and Thursday evening Classes.

The attendance throughout the session was reasonably well maintained and the Classes were most enjoyable.

This last session was remarkable for the number of visitors who attended the Classes.

Our monthly dances were well supported and our friends from the Country Classes helped to make the evenings very happy occasions.

A Coffee Morning organised by the Committee and Branch members held last November was well attended and was very successful.

KILMARNOCK and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Allan, 41 Irvine Road, Kilmarnock.—Classes remained much the same as last year. Two most enjoyable Branch dances were held and were supported by members and Country Dancers from all over the District. Demonstrations were given in the District and were appreciated. Classes resume again in October and we hope to have all our Members with us again.

KINLOCHLEVEN. Secretary, Mrs Duncan, 12 Loch Eilde Road, Kinlochleven.—We had a successful season with a stable membership. Our members enjoyed many late nights "both home and away" with other Clubs in the area.

KIRKCALDY. Secretary, Miss N. J. Arnott, 50 Boglily Road, Kirkcaldy.—Although numbers have fallen slightly, a few new members have joined the Branch. Owing to insufficient numbers we were unable to run a Beginners' Class but Beginners received special tuition before joining a General Class.

The "Combined Night" on 30th November was again a success, when members were invited to bring along a friend, and Beginners benefited from dancing with more experienced dancers. The Annual Dance was held in the New Philp Hall in February, to the excellent music of Bobby Crowe and his Band.

Requests for demonstrations have meant hard work for teacher and Teams! A Team danced during Traders Exhibition in October, and on the terraced lawns of Leslie House Eventide Home during a fête in May. Miss Arnott managed to bring 6 Teams together for an evening display in the grounds of Falkland Palace during Church Week. Tow Teams came from Dunfermline Branch, one from St Andrews Branch and three represented Kirkcaldy. Those present will long remember the wonderful setting at the Palace grounds for the dancing. Mr Clement's playing on the pipes and Jim Crawford's Band also added to the display. There is still a demonstration to be given before an American Doctor of Psychology and 18 of his students in August, and a request to take part in a concert being organised by the Town Council for the visit of Ingolstadt pupils in September.

Arrangements for next session are already in hand and we look forward to welcoming old and new friends in our Classes.

KIRKCUDBRIGHT. Secretary, Mr W. Thomson, The Stell, Kirkcudbright.

LADYSMITH. Secretary, Miss L. V. Bland, 24 Battery Road, Ladysmith, Natal.

LANARK. Secretary, Mrs M. P. Cuthill, Braeside, Hyndford Bridge, Lanark.—Like many other Branches, we are much concerned with the decrease in Class attendances; the exception being our Children's Classes which were most encouraging. Membership remained static and we had an additional three Life Members. Branch functions, including our Annual Ball were well supported and much enjoyed.

An appeal was made to the Branch by the Lanark Town Council, in an effort to raise funds for the Lanimer Celebrations. A late Spring Dance was held and the proceeds of £30 handed over to the Lanimer Committee. This, together with the Annual Display by a Team from our Children's Class was gratefully acknowledged and accepted. At a later date the children were invited by the Lanimer Committee to a party, in appreciation of their services.

LEAMINGTON SPA and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Christine M. Rowe, 79 Leam Terrace, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.—Our Branch of the R.S.C.D.S. shows continued enthusiasm in its third year, despite a very slight fall in membership. We have had regular attendances at our fortnightly Advanced and Beginners' Classes, but the comparatively small number of members at the monthly meetings has sometimes been disappointing. Despite this, interest in Leamington is still keen, and we hope to once again increase our membership during the year ahead.

We have been pleased to welcome dancers from a very wide area at our successful Autumn and Spring Dances, which are now firmly established as annual events in the district. In return, Leamington enthusiasts have travelled many hundreds of miles throughout the season, paying reciprocal visits to dances organised by other Branches.

During the year the Branch has been represented at Courses and Schools held at Cheltenham, Durham, Pulborough and Wolverhampton, and spurred on by these, we have decided to hold our own Day School on October 17th.

Demonstrations for charity and other functions have been given, and we again entered Teams for the Festivals at Leamington and at Witten.

The season finished with a new venture, a highly enjoyable "domestic" Dance at Southam, organised jointly by Leamington R.S.C.D.S. and Rugby Scottish Society.

Old friends, new members and visitors are always welcome.

LEEDS. Secretary, Mr P. J. Clark, 3 Ridge Mount, Leeds, 6.—During the past year our membership has increased to 258 which includes some 50 Life Members. In addition there are 57 Junior Associates.

The series of Classes on Tuesday evenings at Kirkstall C. S. School have proved very popular. There has also been the Saturday Children's Classes and a Teachers' Certificate Class which was a new venture. Our thanks are due to all our teachers and pianists who worked so hard to make the Classes successful.

We were very pleased to welcome Miss Milligan and Mrs Gudger on their visit to Leeds, to examine the Teachers' Certificate candidates. Two members gained their Full Certificate and fourteen members obtained the Preliminary Certificate.

The Leeds Day Course was very well attended. Its success was due to the excellent tuition of Mrs Wadsworth and Mr Grant. There has been the usual monthly social dances with two of the more formal nature and a most enjoyable ceilidh.

We extend an invitation to newcomers or visitors to join our activities.

LEVEN. Secretary, Miss M. Duncan, 8 Robertson Avenue, Leven, Fife.

LIVERPOOL. Secretary, Mr Kenneth Macaulay-Jones, 15 Eric Road, Wallasey.—New members were conspicuous by their absence this season, and overall membership dropped by a third. This was due in part to competition in neighbouring parts and also to a general decline in interest in this type of dancing. We, in the city, have you-know-who and their followers to contend with and young people's energies are being directed to other channels, or should one say Caverns?

As a result of our diminished following, we held one weekly Class during the spring and summer terms. This was well worth-while, and within our restricted compass, we enjoyed a most happy and successful season. Our social arrangements included the usual

Christmas and Summer Dances and our annual one-day course, organised by our friend Miss Erskine of the C.C.P.R. was outstandingly successful. Best wishes Miss Erskine, on your retirement.

LOCKERBIE. Secretary, Miss A. M. H. Richardson, 56 Park Place, Lockerbie.—The membership of the Branch this session was 36. Though this showed a considerable decrease from last session the weekly Class was carried on as usual under the expert tuition of Miss Oliver.

Two small social evenings and a Highland Ball were held during the winter and these proved to be most enjoyable evenings.

LONDON. Secretary, Mr H. G. Draper, 43 Rochester Road, Northwood, Middlesex.—Despite a slight fall in attendance in Beginners' Classes, the Branch was able to maintain the usual pattern of Classes during 1963-64 and organised as well an outstandingly successful one term Ladies' Highland Solo Dance Class. Applications for membership of the Certificate Class had to be restricted. Miss Jean C. Milligan visited the Branch twice during the year to examine candidates for the Society's Teaching Certificates.

In addition to the usual Week-end Schools the Branch arranged an evening's instruction for Certificated Teachers and a One-day School, both of which were conducted by Miss Milligan with great acceptance.

It is pleasing to record our continued friendly association with The English Folk Dance and Song Society and the Anglo-Scottish Dance held annually in Cecil Sharp House has become very popular. The regular "members" dances continue to be well supported and the "guest" dance and ball drew encouraging support from all parts of south-east England. A series of open air dances organised by arrangement with the London Council so exceeded the hopes and expectations of both the Branch and the County Council that two separate series have been organised for the following summer.

LONDON, Ontario. Secretary, Miss Shirley Westgate, 20 Holborn Avenue, London, Ontario, Canada.—The Branch has completed another successful year and now has a membership of 144, an increase of 40 over last year's total. Undoubtedly, the highlight of our year was Miss Milligan's visit in October. She was her usual inspired self and gave us two evenings of stimulating instruction.

Classes have been held weekly at the Beginner and Intermediate levels, and a Children's Class was also maintained on a weekly basis. A Teachers' Candidates' Class with six members has started under the tutelage of John Christie and will continue during next season.

Our monthly social dances were well attended and have been financially successful, and our Annual Ball in April was a fitting climax to the year.

In March, a very successful One-day Workshop was held in the London Teachers' College at which guest teachers from the Toronto and Hamilton Branches gave instruction at the Basic, Intermediate and Advanced levels. This event, which was co-chaired by Jim Miller and John Christie, will, we hope, become an annual event.

Our Demonstration Teams have been active during the year. Particularly rewarding have been their visits to the hospitals and to the old people's homes. Teams of children from Woodstock and St Thomas have appeared on a local television programme.

Already arrangements are being made for next season and we look forward to welcoming old and new friends to our Classes.

LORN, Argyll. Secretary, Miss Catherine McCulloch, 17 Argyll Square, Oban.—The Branch membership shows a slight increase compared with last year's figure, there being now 105 Ordinary and 15 Life Members, a total of 120.

The Adult General Class proved an extremely popular one with a large number of dancers in attendance each night. A short Technique Class was arranged prior to the General Class each week and although the number attending this Class was small, steady progress was made. A new feature was the "end-of-term" party arranged by a Committee drawn from the Classes and this was much enjoyed by all and particularly by the Branch Committee who appreciated having a "night off." The Children's Classes unfortunately showed a drop in numbers.

Two dances were held during the summer months at which we welcomed an even greater number of visiting dancers and spectators and we also had a most successful Annual Dance

in December at which we were pleased to welcome Ian Powrie and his Band together with dancers from other clubs in the vicinity.

Three members attended the Week-end School organised by the Duns Branch, two members attended the Summer School and nine travelled to Aberdeen for the A.G.M. and Autumn School. The Classes and dances on all these occasions proved extremely enjoyable.

Our Week-end School in March was once again a success. The number of members from other Branches who attended increased on this occasion to 70. Classes were taken by Miss J. C. Milligan, Mrs M. Corson and Mr C. Mill with Miss M. Dalgleish as visiting accompanist. Ian Powrie's Band provided the music for the Friday Dance and Colin Campbell's Band for the Saturday Dance. Classes and Dances were well attended and much appreciated. Our next Week-end School will be held on 12th and 13th March, 1965.

The Demonstration Teams, in addition to taking part in the weekly open-air displays during the summer months, appeared on 10 other occasions.

A special collection taken at one of the summer displays resulted in the sum of £19, 10s. 3d. being donated to the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

MANCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs Helen Lee, 35 Lindum Avenue, Manchester, 16.—Membership of the Branch is much the same as last season; we have 220 members and 20 Life Members and almost all of these members attend Classes. Our Classes are graded as always from Beginners through Advanced to our Demonstration Class, which sends out Teams to all parts of Manchester and districts, and danced at 46 demonstrations during this season, including festivals and garden parties. Scottish country dancing has become the fashion at garden parties these last few years and judging by the numerous requests we receive, it would seem that no self-respecting garden fête would be complete without Scottish dancing and a piper! Our parties and the annual Ball were very well attended this year and much enjoyed by members and non-members alike. Last month we held our fourth annual Scots' Night in conjunction with the pipe band and were glad to see that its popularity had not waned and that it was as successful as ever.

In November we arranged another of our Teachers' Week-end Courses and as Miss Milligan was unable to get back from America in time, we were lucky enough, with Miss Hadden's help, to have Mrs Lesslie consent to conduct the course for us. If you are reading this, Mrs Lesslie, we want you to know that everyone enjoyed the Week-end very much indeed and many have written us to wish you luck in your new life on the other side of the world.

We are all sorry to lose the services of Professor Oliver, who has been our President for many years and I should like publicly to thank him for all he has done for the Manchester Branch. He will not easily be replaced.

We are looking forward to next season's dancing and send our best wishes to all our friends.

MOFFAT. Secretary, Miss Shaw, Glen Annan, Moffat.—Classes were very well attended throughout a happy and enjoyable season, our numbers remaining much the same.

Parties were held at Christmas and Easter in Moffat House Hotel, both evenings proving most successful.

MONTREAL. Secretary, Mrs P. S. Morrison, 3561 Durocher Street, Apt. 4, Montreal, 18, P.Q.—The Montreal Branch has had an active year. Six Adult Classes and three Children's Classes are now held each week. The Branch Team has given several demonstrations including an appearance in the International Folk Dance Festival held annually in Montreal, an ideal opportunity for us to meet other groups which perform dances from many countries.

In the Fall Miss Milligan was the guest of honour at a social evening held at the Black Watch Armoury. There were no candidates for the Teachers' Certificates but we now have a Teachers' Class and hope to have candidates for any future visit by Miss Milligan.

There was a varied social programme during 1963-64. In July we held a garden party at the home of Mr Alasdair Fraser. The Annual Ball in February and the Otoreke Week-end in June were both well attended by members from Montreal and other Branches. In addition there were six inter-group social evenings sponsored by the R.S.C.D.S. which led to greater co-ordination of the various groups in Montreal. Throughout the year members

travelled to events at Deep River, Ottawa, Toronto and Boston thus keeping in touch with the activities of other branches.

We are sorry to have lost some old friends, in particular Margaret and John Bowie who are now living in Vancouver, and Pat Hodgson and family who are in Stockport, Cheshire, but we look forward to welcoming new arrivals in Montreal during the coming season.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA (Australia). Acting Secretary, Miss E. Oldham, 366 Doncaster Road, North Bolwyn, E.9.

NAIROBI. Secretary, Mrs J. H. Marshall, P.O. Box 245, Nairobi, Kenya.—This year has seen the granting of Independence (Uhuru) to Kenya. It is now a nation which is self-ruling. Membership of the Branch has continued to fall but not at such a rate as in the two previous years. Those people who remain have maintained the good work and high standard. New members have been particularly enthusiastic.

The venue of the Annual Ball has had to be changed from the City Hall on account of Uhuru. This did not prevent the Ball from being as well attended as ever—well over 100 dancers took part. Our Minister, playing the bagpipes, led the Grand March round the hall. He then played the Eightsome Reel while everyone danced. During the Interval he gave selections.

A most enjoyable Branch Week-end was spent at Nyeri. This is the delightful place where Lord Baden-Powell passed his last days. The dance was one of the most pleasant of the year and included a demonstration by the Demonstration Team. Next day a number of members went to the world famous Tree Tops Hotel and had a wonderful view of over a hundred elephants at very close quarters.

The attendance at Classes naturally has fallen off due to members leaving the country. But the Monday night dances at St Andrews Church Hall and the monthly Buffet Supper dances at the Caledonian Sports Club have been successes.

NETHER LOCHABER. Secretary, Miss J. M. Mackintosh, Nether Lochaber Hotel, Onich, Fort William.—Our membership was again down this year but in spite of this, Classes continued throughout the winter. The Ladies' Team danced at several Ceilidhs during the summer and also at an open-air display in Fort William on the eve of the Ben Nevis Race. The Annual Party was held in Loch Leven Hotel in January—this, as usual, was most enjoyable.

NEWCASTLE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Mrs M. F. Cooper, 16 Westfield Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.—I am happy to report that this year we have increased our total membership by 41. We enrolled 102 new members and we have 69 Life Members; total membership being 385. Attendance at Classes has not been as good as we would have wished, some Classes being very small. Our Children's Class has dropped in numbers, but we feel it is well worth while to continue this Class. The usual informal dances were held during the season and were enjoyed by those who attended. One dance was held at the Plaza Ballroom, Tynemouth which was well attended. The children's party was held as usual but the numbers attending were smaller. The 1964 Highland Ball was held for the last time in the Sutherland Dental Hall. All the tickets available were not sold, but those who came to the Ball enjoyed themselves. Next year this dance will be held in the New University Hall, and as the hall is larger we hope more people will attend. This year we were very happy to have a visit from Miss Milligan. She spoke to us at our social evening on Friday and on Saturday took two Classes for us at Firfield School. This Week-end gave many people the opportunity of meeting Miss Milligan for the first time. Miss Esme Stewart also taught on the Saturday. In the evening many people attended a dance at the Old Assembly Rooms. This was an outstanding success. The Demonstration Class is now run as an Evening Institute Class and this has saved the Branch quite a sum of money. Several demonstrations have been performed during the year and for three nights our Teams were dancing at the Sunderland Empire. The Bavarian tour went off well and at Otterburn Hall Week-end we were happy to see a film depicting some of the lighter moments of the tour. Otterburn Hall Week-end was the usual pleasant gathering. This year our teachers were Miss Anderson and Mr Jackie Johnstone. To finish this report I would like to thank the teachers and pianists for so ably performing their duties, and also to all the Conveners of the various sub-committees for running our many functions so well, and thus contributing to the success of the season.

NEWTON STEWART. Secretary, Mrs J. C. R. Blain, 15 St Couan's Place, Newton Stewart.—Unfortunately our membership fell considerably this year, but in spite of this those who did attend Classes enjoyed them.

We held our Annual Ball on December 6th 1963, to which we welcomed members from the neighbouring Branches. This year we had Courtney's Band and we all had a very enjoyable evening.

We also held a Christmas Party to which we invited our friends.

The Festival was held in Newton Stewart this year on 19th March 1964 at which we were very fortunate to have Miss Milligan as the Adjudicator. Some of our members attended the Class held at Gatehouse by Miss Milligan on 20th March. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Our Junior Classes still flourish, and we are pleased that there was a slight increase in their numbers. They entered three Teams in the School Festival held at Stranraer and they all received First Class Certificates.

Our sincere thanks go to all those who contributed in any way to the running of the Classes.

NEW YORK. Secretary, Miss Eleanor Murray, 777 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn 30, New York, U.S.A.—Miss Milligan's visits highlighted the year. In October, she conducted a most instructive Week-end School for local and out-of-town dancers. When she returned a few weeks later, the Branch's Thursday Class was privileged to have her all to itself. Following the Week-end School, Miss Milligan examined eleven candidates for the Preliminary and one for the Teaching Certificate. All were successful. She permitted three of the "prelims" to sit the second examination in November, and they were granted Full Certificates.

Membership and Class attendance reached all-time highs and a second Beginners' Class was established. Series of adjunct Highland Dance Classes were conducted from time to time. The second annual dance Week-end at Holiday Hills, Pawling, N.Y., May 22-24, came off very well despite unseasonably hot weather. The fine teaching staff consisted of Robert Campbell, Oakville, Ontario; Jeanetta McColl, Boston, Freddy Sverdlove-Estelle Reed, New York; and David Williams, Winnipeg.

There were the traditional dance parties through the year and a rather novel one on Leap Year Day. Among others, the Demonstration Team gave programmes at Vincent Lopez' "Salute to Scotland," a ceilidh of the New York Philo-Celtic Society, the International Photography Fair, local Scottish Games and the New York World's Fair. August 16 will be "Scottish Nationality Day" at the World's Fair. The gala programme will include Andy Stewart, Sally Logan, Stan Hamilton and "The Clansmen," massed pipe bands, Highland dancing and Country dancing, with Teams from the Boston and New York Branches and the Thistle Guildry and Kearny groups performing the latter.

N.W. CRAVEN. Secretary, Mrs Winifred Nock, "Greensleeves," New Village, Ingleton, via Carnforth, Lancashire.—Our membership remains the same for as fast as we get new ones, others leave to take up work elsewhere. However, we wish them luck and hope that they will join the local Branch or Group. Our year has been very successful financially and we again had the pleasure of demonstrations by Mr Derek Haynes and the Loyne Group. Our dance with band will be held on 31st October at Bentham Town Hall and we hope for a good attendance of our friends. During this season we had four County Council Classes running at Ingleton, Settle, Kirkby Lonsdale and Sedbergh and a summer session at Ingleton. We wish good luck to our entrants for Teachers' Certificate and hope our two other members going to the Summer School will have a very good time. Many of our members attended days of dancing and Festivals in the surrounding areas and some attended Week-end courses.

NORWICH. Secretary, Mr Andrew M. Swan, 41 Catton Grove Road, Norwich.—The Branch has had another satisfactory year with much the same ingredients as before. Smaller but keen Junior and Adult Beginners' Classes, a sizeable and well attended General Class, several successful demonstrations, another inspiring visit from Miss Milligan and, of course, the ever enjoyable Annual Dance at Christmas with McBain's Band.

NOTTINGHAM. Secretary, Miss M. K. Dickson, 2 Marlborough Road, Woodthorpe, Nottingham.—During 1963-64 our membership has remained steady and we have increased our number of Life Members to 15. Our 10 Certificated Teachers, although not all teaching in the Branch, have had a busy year instructing small groups in various parts of the city,

thus bringing new dancers into contact with the Branch members on social occasions.

Branch Classes have been regularly held each Wednesday throughout the season at the Elms School—basic instruction at three levels, and an opportunity for all to enjoy a period of social dancing each evening, not forgetting “tea and talking time” at 8 p.m.

Our series of Demonstration Classes held on alternate Tuesdays have given the really keen and promising dancers an opportunity to study and improve their technique.

For the first time we entered Children’s Teams at the local festivals. The thrill of wearing new white dresses and sashes certainly inspired our 12 year olds on their first public appearance, as they were placed 2nd in a group of 10 Teams. As always the Children’s end-of-term parties were a great success. We found that ice lollies are guaranteed to charm the heart of even the shyest child.

Our meeting-point for many old friends and the opportunity to make new ones was our annual Week-end Course in October. We were delighted to have Mrs M. E. Gudger and Mr and Mrs Andrew Grant as tutors on this occasion.

Our Adult Teams under the leadership of Miss Ann Prior have given many delightful demonstrations and achieved success at the local festivals.

In addition to our usual monthly Wednesday evening social dancing we booked a Hall for five Saturday Socials. These were very happy affairs, there was a variety in choice of dances and music as the teachers took it in turn to arrange the programmes and take responsibility for the running of the evening.

As usual we had qualms regarding our end-of-term dance in June—would it be too hot? Was it too late in the season? Our worries were unfounded, it was a cold night and dancing enthusiasts came from near and far to enjoy dancing to the strains of Andrew Rankine’s Scottish Dance Band.

The Editors, Miss Ann Prior and Mr K. L. Smith, of our Branch Newsletter, are to be congratulated on their searching questionnaire—Are you a good Branch member? also their ten Commandments of Scottish Country Dancing and their latest effort—An Alphabet of Points to Ponder.

Our circle of dancing friends still grows as more and more of our members travel further afield to courses and dances arranged by other Branches and Associations and we ourselves are always delighted to welcome newcomers and visitors to the Branch. You can always have a cup of tea at 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

PEEBLES. Secretary, Miss Jean C. Euman, 42 George Street, Peebles.—Membership was smaller than last year but Classes as usual were well attended.

Owing to lack of accommodation no dances were held by our Branch but visits were paid to dances at Penicuik and Edinburgh.

PERTHSHIRE. Secretary, Miss Catherine A. McFeat, M.B.E., Comely Bank House, Perth.—Perthshire Branch has a membership of 311 made up as follows, 86 Life Members and 213 Annual Members. In December Miss Milligan visited the Fair City and taught Book 22. A small but appreciative Class presented themselves and profited by her expert tuition. Children’s Classes were run with their usual success. Ian Baird went with the Team to Nice to represent Perth whose Lord and Lady Provost were also invited guests. At the Annual General Meeting held in May the members present were regaled with a resumé of what had transpired. The Branch Trophy was won by Queen’s Cross, Aberdeen at the Perth Musical Festival when Miss Allie Anderson adjudicated with very much acceptance. Miss Kitty McLauchlan was pianist. Mr John Williamson having served as President for two years demitted office, Miss J. A. Macleod became President and Miss H. R. McLagan, Vice-President.

PETERHEAD. Secretary, Miss Isobel Chalmers, 13 Grange Gardens, Peterhead.—The Branch has had another satisfactory year with a membership of 52 Life Members and 29 Ordinary Members.

This year our Hon. President Bailie Edward Duncan very kindly attended the A.G.M. held in Aberdeen.

On Friday 28th February, we were delighted to welcome once more a display by the Children’s Classes under Miss Collie. Also featured on the programme was the appearance of a Team of girls from Peterhead Academy trained by Miss Gall.

We had our usual two very successful parties during the season, and most of our Class travelled to Fraserburgh where they spent a delightful evening at their Class party.

PORTRUSH. Secretary, Miss E. M. Faulkner, Kantara Hotel, Portrush.—Portrush Branch continues to flourish and provide many happy evenings of Scottish dancing. Membership remains about the same although each year we are glad to welcome some new members.

Monthly social evenings and a Social Week-end at the end of the season have been most enjoyable features.

RENFREWSHIRE, West. Miss M. E. Barron, 24 South Street, Greenock.—This year we are glad to report an increase in membership. A very successful Class for the Full Certificate was held, when thirteen members gained their Certificate.

Both Teams which entered for the Renfrewshire Musical Festival won in their Class.

The season ended with the Annual Ball.

RICHMOND. Secretary, Mrs I. Wilson, 23 Dudley Walk, Ripon, Yorks.—The Branch enjoyed a good year. The Annual Ball, Dinner Dance and socials were well attended.

ROCHDALE. Secretary, Miss A. Bennett, 18 Winifred Street, Passmonds, Rochdale, Lancs.—The past year has been a successful one. Two Classes (Advanced and General) have been run and our numbers have been maintained.

We were very glad again to welcome Miss Milligan last November, when she visited us to examine the Rochdale candidates for their Full Certificates. Several of our members who last year obtained their Preliminary Certificates were this year successful in gaining Full Certificates.

The highlight of our social year was again our Annual Ball, when we welcomed dancers from as far afield as Oban, Edinburgh and Wolverhampton in addition to parties from more neighbouring districts in Lancashire, Cheshire and Yorkshire. As usual dancing was to the music of David Findlay and his Olympian Band, and a display of Highland dancing was given by Charlie Mill.

In addition to the Ball we held our usual social events, which were well supported, and at one of these functions our members took the opportunity of showing their appreciation to Mrs Gudger and Miss Brown for their continued help to our Branch by making a presentation of a suitcase to each. Mrs Gudger has taught our Branch from its inception over 21 years ago, and Miss Brown has been our pianist for the same length of time—a truly wonderful record.

Groups of our members have visited various districts giving demonstrations in aid of several charitable organisations, including Oxfam, and also danced at the Rochdale Highland Ball.

ROXBURGHSHIRE and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss M. E. Grieve, Braefit, Newcastleton, Roxburghshire.—This has been a year of changes and new ventures. In November we organised our first One-day School in Hawick. This took the form of two Classes and a dance, all of which were well supported and much enjoyed by members of our own and neighbouring Branches. It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs Wadsworth as instructor, and plans are already being made for her return to a similar function in the Autumn.

This season, Classes, formerly run by the Education Authority, were left to the organisation of local groups of dancers, and such has been the enthusiasm that no Class has been discontinued for that reason. Social evenings have been well supported and membership shows a considerable increase. In order that the Branch may eventually be able to take over all Classes, members from many districts are attending a Preliminary Certificate Class which Miss Rae is taking for us in Jedburgh. We wish our candidates every success at their examination in October when we look forward to our first visit from Miss Milligan.

SHEFFIELD. Secretary, Mrs E. W. Bagguley, 36 Northern Common, Dronfield Woodhouse, Sheffield.—Membership fell this year, partly due to movement of population. One Beginners and two Inter./Adv. Classes were held weekly but attendance over all was disappointing.

Socials too were not well attended but the Annual Dance was a happy and successful occasion.

The Day School in May which Miss Milligan taught was greatly enjoyed by members and friends who came from the surrounding district, e.g., Derby, Leeds, Wakefield, Rotherham, Chesterfield, Doncaster. It is always a pleasure to welcome Miss Milligan to Sheffield.

Demonstration Teams from the Branch gave displays at various functions and were enthusiastically received.

At N.E.M.A.S.S. Festival at Lincoln a Ladies' Team, a Mixed Team and a Mixed Team from the Stannington Group danced. Thanks for their unflinching services, to the Chairman, committee, teachers and pianists.

It is hoped that in the 1964-65 season that the enthusiastic backbone of the Branch will be joined by new and equally enthusiastic members.

ST ANDREWS. Secretary, Mrs T. P. Lamb, Theaves Rigg, St Andrews.—Mr N. B. McLeod is our new President, Miss A. Kaye retiring by rotation—we are down in membership and the season got off to a bad start, but thanks to the ingenuity of our Treasurer (N. A. Ireland) we did not have to raise subscriptions and we have to thank those of our members who were ready to support the committee in whatever way they considered necessary to carry on with the Classes.

We regret Bobby Crowe not being able to continue to "make music" for us, but he now has too many other public engagements. Mr William Anderson is taking over for the season 1964-65.

Again we had no Technique Class, but we gave several demonstrations during the summer and took part in "Kirk Week" at Falkland Palace.

SOUTHPORT. Secretary, Miss Betty Griffiths, 67 Hall Street, Southport, Lancs.—Although we gained 9 new Life Members this year, we report, with regret, a decline in our numbers to 196, due mainly to the closure of two of our "daughter" Classes.

Our first Branch Class was held on Thursday, 14th November 1946—this season, November 14th again came on a Thursday, so we celebrated by dancing "Happy Returns" and drinking the health of the Branch (in lemonade!).

Our 1963 Festival Display was held in a different hall, which proved much better from the dancer's point of view, and we thank all who took part and provided an excellent afternoon's entertainment. Unfortunately, we had to revert to the smaller hall for the evening dance, augmented by a school hall, we hope that this year the Floral Hall will be available to us all day.

In January, we lost the use of the room for our Children's Class, and as no other suitable room could be found, we regretfully had to end the Class—temporarily we hope.

Although "social dancing" is increasing in popularity to the detriment of weekly Classes, we decided to organise a "Technique Class" to be taken by Mrs Gudger, meeting fortnightly through the summer term. We were delighted to enrol 52 members who were willing to work hard under the capable tuition of Mrs Gudger—work hard they did, but enjoyed doing so!

We had our usual bad luck with the weather for our Outdoor Dance—although the sun shone warmly the previous evening and the following evening, it was cloudy and windy on our chosen night. Still, we carried on outdoors, kept warm dancing, and had a happy evening.

Three of our members have gained their Teacher's Certificate—our congratulations to them, and our thanks to all Class teachers and pianists for a happy season's dancing.

STIRLINGSHIRE. Miss J. C. G. Bowie, 4 Forth Crescent, Stirling.—The Stirlingshire Branch has had a very successful winter session which ended with a dance in the Golden Lion Hotel in March at which 120 dancers took part.

There are two Classes held weekly in Stirling and one in Bridge of Allan. The Beginner's Class had to be disbanded due to lack of numbers and while this is regretted it is hoped that it will be more successful next winter.

Demonstrations have been given throughout the year in and around Stirling, at old folks' homes and at various concerts and conferences.

The Stirling Festival Committee requested the Branch to organise a Scottish Country Dance during the Festival Fortnight. This was a great success and for half an hour during the evening there was a B.B.C. Sound Recording.

Mrs MacLaren, Secretary of the Branch for the past ten years resigned at the end of last year as she was leaving the district. The new Secretary is Miss J. C. G. Bowie.

It is with regret that we learned of the death of a former Secretary of the Branch, Miss E. M. Scott Fergusson. She was a Life Member of the Society and one of the founders of the Stirlingshire Branch in 1928.

STIRLINGSHIRE, East. Secretary, Miss F. Martin, 20 Gartcows Road, Falkirk.—Membership was as follows—Annual Members 153, Life Members 18.

Numbers attending Classes were somewhat down on last year. Eight Classes were held during the first term and seven Classes were held during the second term. Unfortunately numbers did not warrant starting Beginners' Classes.

A successful innovation was a Social Class held on Wednesday evenings. It is hoped to continue this Class in the coming session.

Six Children's Classes were held in Falkirk, Grangemouth and Banknock respectively.

Four Class Dances were held in Mathieson's Rooms, Falkirk. All were enjoyable functions. We were happy to welcome members from neighbouring Branches. The Members' Dance was held as usual in February.

Children's Teams were entered for the Central Counties Musical Festival held in Falkirk. Grangemouth was well represented with three Teams. The young folk danced delightfully.

STOCKPORT. Secretary, Mr Arthur Hayward, 97 Milford Drive, Levenshulme, Manchester, 19.—It is gratifying to be able to report another enjoyable and successful season. Attendance at the Junior and General Classes showed a slight increase on the previous season, though the average was lowered by the usual decline in numbers after Christmas. Unfortunately the Advanced Class suffered from a slump in support, resulting in a debit balance in its accounts. We are fortunate in having highly competent, conscientious teachers and pianists, thus ensuring satisfactory recreation to all concerned.

The pleasure of the company at our third annual ball was considerably enhanced by superb demonstrations of highland dancing by Charlie Mill (Dundee) whose twinkling toes and amazing agility entranced everyone present. It was indeed a delightful dance—the highlight of our social functions. Though on a less elaborate scale, our three parties proved to be as enjoyable as ever. Similar gatherings are proposed for October 17th and November 21st.

Our junior members displayed evidence of careful training by their creditable performance in the massed demonstrations at the Goyt Valley Club's second Festival of Scottish Dancing in Stockport Town Hall on June 6th. In conjunction with Junior Groups from St Aidan's and St Peter's, our Senior Children participated in a pleasurable New Year party organised by the teachers of the three Classes.

STONEHAVEN. Secretary, Miss J. Craig, 38 Brickfield Road, Stonehaven.—In spite of a small membership the Branch has had a most enjoyable session. Many visits were made during the winter months to dances run by other Branches in the neighbouring districts. The Annual Ball held in the Town Hall at the beginning of May was a most enjoyable function with an excellent attendance.

STRANRAER and DISTRICT. Secretary, Miss Betty Teunion, 2 Oxenfoord Terrace, Stranraer.—This past year brought a return of the interest and enthusiasm of former years. Membership remained steady and it was pleasing to have new members in our midst.

Our one General Class was lively and instructive and attendance was good throughout.

The Children's Class met again on Saturday mornings, the increased numbers proving its popularity.

Once again our Demonstration Team performed during the local "Scottish Week."

Class Parties, Christmas Dance and end-of-session dance all contributed to make 1963-64 a pleasurable year.

SYDNEY, N.S. Wales. Secretary, Miss Muriel Nicholls, 19 Merrenburn Avenue, Crows Nest, Sydney, N.S. Wales.—Again this year there is a slight increase in membership and the attendance at our Weekly Classes remains regular. The Classes are conducted by Mr Jim Mackenzie, the piano accordion music being provided by Mr Neil Nicholson.

This year an International Folk Festival in aid of the Sub-Normal Children's Association of N.S. Wales was organised by the Branch in conjunction with other National Groups in Sydney. Social evenings and Film Nights and Theatre parties to hear the Royal Scots Guards and Kenneth Mackellar were well patronised.

This year our Week-end School was held at one of the National Fitness Camps on Lake Macquarie about 70 miles from Sydney in October. This was attended by representatives from all the major Scottish Country Dance Groups in N.S. Wales and was most successful.

Our "Breaking-Up" Party this year took the form of a Cabaret Concert at which we entertained members and their friends. This was held at the end of the year just before we went into recess for the Christmas period and provided an opportunity to wish our friends the compliments of the season in a slightly different way. Best wishes to our fellow dancers from the Sydney Branch.

TEES-SIDE. Secretary, Mr L. Kemp, 24 Waltham Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham.—We are again one of the fortunate Branches showing an increase in Adult membership but we have been just a little less fortunate with the Associates. Final membership figures this season being 18 Life, 314 Ordinary and 32 Associates. The Class arrangements were almost the same as last season with instruction at three levels, the top level being offered at either 7.15 or 8.45 p.m. because of the large numbers. We are lucky in being able to have all our Classes on the same night in the same school, this contributes tremendously to the family spirit which prevails in the Branch. There is of course no point in having Classes without dances as an outlet for all the knowledge gained, so monthly socials and two more formal dances were arranged. When we have bands from Scotland the socials become super socials and tickets have to be carefully allotted, the strains associated with this allocation have been increased this season because of visits from the Gie Gordons (twice) and Jim Nicholson. Andrew Rankine played for our New Year Ball and Jim MacLeod for the End-of-Season Dance. Highland Classes for men on Thursdays and for ladies on Saturdays were greatly enjoyed. These Classes meet fortnightly and add a little variety to demonstration work. Many demonstrations have been given at all manner of gatherings and it was interesting to note that 71 different members were used during the season for these displays. We had a very high pass percentage when Miss Milligan examined 10 candidates for the Teachers' Certificate, 9 passed. For the first time we organised a Week-end away from Tees-side and what a success it was, the venue was The Dryburgh Abbey Hotel in the Borders and we had 72 members enjoying Classes, socials and free time in this lovely part of Scotland. Jim Nicholson played for us on the Saturday night, it was his first contact with us and he was promptly booked to come to Tees-Side so that the less fortunate members who couldn't manage to come might hear him. This Week-end took place in late October and will be repeated again next year. This has been a very successful season and we look forward to the next with as much expectancy as ever.

TORONTO, Ontario. Secretary, Miss Joyce L. May, 440 Eglinton Avenue East, Apt. 208, Toronto, 12, Ontario.—Toronto Branch still continues to flourish, as our increased membership shows. Adult Groups in Toronto total 12, in addition to the Rosedale Presbyterian Church Children's Group.

Last season we organised a Candidate Teachers' Class and eight persons participated. Five of these individuals received their First Certificate and the other three their Full Certificate.

One hundred and fifty persons attended our Branch Classes during the season, of which 96 were in the Beginners' Class.

Six very successful Monthly Dances were held at Deer Park School. Our Annual Ball was held at the Royal York Hotel in March, with 290 persons attending.

Our Branch Week-end was held at Geneva Park last September at which Miss Milligan taught.

We extend a cordial invitation to any newcomers.

VANCOUVER. Secretary, Mrs Robert MacMillan, 7276 Blenheim Street, Vancouver, 13, B.C.—The new Branch was formed on April 14th and after official approval was given by the Executive Council, held its first Annual General Meeting on July 7th at which the Committee of Management was elected. The Branch came into being at the instigation of the Scottish Country Dance Society of B.C. which, after thirty years, has now voluntarily dissolved, turning its assets over to the newly formed Branch. The Branch, in turn, will continue the work already being carried out by the B.C. Society—some of their activities during the past year included the establishment of a S.C.D. Festival for children and assistance given to several enthusiastic groups in B.C. and Alberta where there are no certificated teachers. Teachers from Vancouver visited Kamloops, Prince George, Calgary and Edmonton to conduct Week-end Schools which were most successful. The annual three day camp in May organised by an independent committee of local dancers and teachers attracted nearly 150 dancers from as far afield as San Francisco and Edmonton—

no small thing to travel over 1000 miles for three days of dancing. We were again fortunate to have Stuart Smith of San Francisco on the teaching staff as well as Margaret Laidlaw of New Zealand who just "happened" to be passing through at the right time. Highlight of the winter was a visit from Miss Milligan when, in November, over 60 dancers attended a Week-end School at which her wonderful teaching and enthusiasm was both stimulating and rewarding. Branch Classes are already arranged for the coming winter and we look forward to an interesting and busy programme.

WEST LOTHIAN. Secretary, Miss M. Y. K. Cunningham, 1 Gauze Road, Bo'ness, West Lothian.—The continuing drop in numbers made season 1963-64 a disappointing one financially.

Classes were held in the usual centres and enjoyed by all who attended. In face of strong competition from Adult Education Classes our losses have been heavy. However special praise must be given to Mrs Findlay who has taken charge of the running of the Class at Blackburn where a deficit in the first term was changed to a profit in the second.

Dances held in Linlithgow and Bathgate were most successful. A very enjoyable Saturday Class and dance was held in Lindsay High School, Bathgate in January when Mr Duncan MacLeod's teaching of dances from Book 22 was very much appreciated.

WHITEHEAD. Secretary, Miss G. A. Streight, Ardnaree, Whitehead, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.—The season was very successful. We had a good membership and very good attendance at the Weekly Class.

The highlight of the season was the Ball in the Town Hall, Carrickfergus, just after Christmas. The Mayor of Carrickfergus and Mrs Patterson were present, and in an appreciative speech the Mayor gave us a hearty invitation to come back again, which we hope to do.

We had two parties in our own hall and we paid visits to other Branches.

The monthly summer dances were very popular and we had many visitors from other Branches; we hope to have them again this summer.

Once again the Class records a deep debt of gratitude to our teacher, Miss L. Kane, who came so faithfully all through the winter and to Mr I. Bailie who provided the excellent music. We feel that the popularity of the Classes is largely due to these two people.

WINCHESTER. Secretary, Mrs E. C. Lane, 2 The Willows, Brambridge, Eastleigh.—While it is disappointing to report yet another decrease in membership, we have had a most enjoyable year's dancing.

At the beginning of the session, our teacher, Miss Bell, intimated that she wished to resign in June, and we are very sorry to see her go. The Branch is indebted to her for all she has done these past few years and she can be assured of a warm welcome should she manage to visit us occasionally.

Our June Ball, held in the Guildhall, proved again successful, due, in no small measure to McBain's Band and to our excellent M.C., Ron Watson.

WINNIPEG. Secretary, Mrs M. Krip, 195 Lanark Street, Winnipeg, 9.—The Winnipeg Branch's first full year of existence was marked by many happenings of importance. Our most exciting events were two weddings, the first that of our co-founder and teacher, Archie Nixon to Mary Branigan, the former head teacher of the Hamilton (Ontario) Branch and the second, that of two Branch members, David Campbell and Cathy Riddoch. Special dances were composed for each of these occasions, and "Murdoch Went A' Wooin'" and "Stonehaven Lassie" have proved very popular wherever performed. We welcomed Betty MacLellan back to Winnipeg; during her stay in England she acquired her Full Certificate. Miss Milligan paid us a visit in September 1963, and three busy days here were highlighted by Marjorie Krip (our Branch Secretary) and Christine Wallace (Vice-Chairman) both obtaining their Preliminary Certificates. Congratulations all! In the face of stiff competition our Mixed and Ladies' Teams took first and second places at the Highland Games. The Demonstration Team has been very much on its toes, filling some twenty formal, and several informal engagements during the year; we were very honoured to again participate in the Highland Pageant (sponsored by the St Andrews Society and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders) before an audience of some 3000. This is becoming a very popular annual event for Winnipeg audiences. Requests for demonstrations continue to come in, and bookings have been taken as far ahead as February of 1965.

Membership has remained steady, and the standard of dancing high at all levels. During the year contact was established with a group of dancers at Minneapolis, and many firm friendships have been made, helping to strengthen our chain of contacts across North America. David Williams was a guest teacher at Week-ends run by Hamilton (Ontario), New York and Boston Branches, and at Minneapolis (on a once a month basis, assisted by Betty MacLellan and Christine Wallace).

Our Branch newsletter *Light and Airy* was yet another innovation. This monthly bulletin is enjoying a widespread distribution, and is in the very capable hands of Shirley Taylor. One of her most entertaining series of articles consists of potted members' biographies, which have often revealed many interesting facts about our fellow dancers.

Our new year and end-of-season parties proved as popular as ever, and we are planning a series of social evenings for 1964-65. The Branch is provided with a strong teaching staff, and we can look forward to yet another year of advancement.

WOLVERHAMPTON. Secretary, Miss Helen Gardiner Jones, 75 Central Drive, Lower Gornal, Dudley, Worcs.—The year 1963-64 has been a very lively one for the Wolverhampton Branch. While we have had a great deal of social dancing at other peoples' functions we have also co-operated with several groups on the Staffordshire-Shropshire border to hold a big dance at Trentham Gardens. As these groups are not within the Society, we feel this has been good propaganda—and anyway, it was great fun.

The joint Birmingham-Wolverhampton Week-end at Lillieshall in the Autumn, taken by Mrs Gudger and Mr Little, was a most enjoyable event, while our Day School in February broke all our previous records. Though the organisation of this was one long tale of frustration, in the end we had a wonderful time for which our thanks must go to Miss Rae and Mr Duncan MacLeod for all their efforts on our behalf.

Affiliated Groups—Great Britain and Ireland

PLEASE INFORM THE SECRETARY, 12 COATES CRESCENT, EDINBURGH, 3, OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF SECRETARY OR OF GROUP.

- Altrincham Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—Miss J. D. CRAIG, Sunny Bank, Sandiway Road, Altrincham, Cheshire.
- Amersham and District Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss L. J. ROBERTSON, Nakama, 16 Chesham Road, Amersham.
- Berkhamsted Strathspey and Reel Club.**—Mr M. Y. CRAWFORD, "Hawthorns," Montague Road, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- Bexleyheath Bostall Park Scottish Dancing Group.**—J. REID, 342 Gipsy Road, Welling, Kent.
- Birmingham and Midland Scottish Society.**—Miss H. M. GRAHAM SMITH, 1 Ampton Road, Edgebaston, Birmingham, 15.
- Bolton Scottish Dance Club.**—Miss NORMA FAIRCLOUGH, 168 Blackburn Road, Bolton, Lancs.
- Boston and District Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs J. E. LORIMER, Kintyre, 33 Sunningdale Drive, Boston, Lincolnshire.
- Bournemouth Caledonian Society.**—Mr F. M. McMURRAY, 33A Arnewood Road, West Southbourne, Bournemouth.
- Bournemouth Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss A. TIMINGS, 24 Bury Road, Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.
- Bradford, Atholl Dancers of.**—Dr RUTH BROGDEN, 130 Skipton Road, Keighley, Yorkshire.
- Bradford, St Andrew's Society of Bradford, Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—Mr IAN R. LAMBIE, 10 Endor Grove, Burley in Wharfedale, Yorkshire.
- Bridgend Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Miss J. MILBORNE, 25 Tanyrallt Avenue, Bridgend, Glam.
- Bridlington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mrs E. PENROSE, 201 Sewerby Road, Bridlington.

- Broadstone Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs OTTER, Southwood, Broadstone, Dorset.
- Buxton and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr H. PHILLIPS, 97 Dovedale Crescent, Greenpark, Buxton, Derbyshire.
- Camberley Reel Club.**—Mr A. W. TEMPLETON, Hawkridge, Waverley Drive, Camberley, Surrey.
- Cambridge Scottish Society.**—Miss A. SYME, 36 Shelford Road, Cambridge.
- Cambridge University Strathspey and Reel Club.**—THE TREASURER, c/o Lloyds Bank Ltd., Trinity Street, Cambridge.
- Cardiff Caledonian Society.**—Mr ROBERT FOWLER, 117 Cathedral Road, Cardiff.
- Charing Eight Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr R. W. D. ANDERSON, "Eastcote," The Hill, Charing, Ashford, Kent.
- Cheadle Scottish Dance Group.**—Miss J. McLACHLAN, 35 Kendal Drive, Highgrove, Cheadle, Cheshire.
- Chelmsford and District Scottish Society.**—Mr R. PARSONS, Writtle Park Farmhouse, Highwood, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex.
- Chester Caledonian Association.**—Mr G. LITTLE, Woodville, Parkgate Road, Great Mollington, Nr. Chester.
- Chester St Andrew Society.**—Mr H. F. FERGUSON, Kinfauns, 25A Canadian Avenue, Hoole, Chester.
- 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.
- Crosby Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. H. C. LEWIS, 11 Kingsway, Great Crosby, Liverpool, 23.
- Crowborough Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs DOROTHY M. WALKER, Hillside, Ghyll Road, Crowborough.
- Darlington Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. CHATER, 26 Langdale Road, Darlington, Co. Durham.
- Darlington, Paton & Baldwin's Reel Club.**—Mr M. A. RIGDEN, Paton & Baldwin's Ltd., Darlington.
- Derbyshire, Heanor Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Miss A. NOON, 49 Wilmot Street, Heanor, Derbyshire.
- Derwent Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss MARGARET HENDERSON, 11 Cromwell Terrace, Fitz Road, Cockermouth.
- Dunster and West Somerset Scottish Dance Group.**—Mr J. R. CAMERON, "The Nutshell," Mill Lane, Dunster, Somerset.
- Eastbourne Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr A. TORRANCE, Kelvinside, 29 Baldwon Avenue, Eastbourne.
- **Eastleigh Scottish & Northern Counties Association.**—Mr S. G. R. Snelgrove, 9 Dove Dale, Eastleigh, Hants.
- Edinburgh University New Scotland Country Dance Society.**—Mr GEORGE LUKE, 32 Glebe Street, Leven, Fife.
- Enfield and District Scottish Association.**—Mr D. E. GOUNDRY, 35 Chaseside, Enfield.
- Epsom and District Caledonian Association.**—Mr IAN DICKSON, 27 Shelveys Way, Tadworth, Surrey.
- Exeter and Mid Devon S.C.D. Club.**—Mr W. E. H. DAVEY, Craven House, 16 The Mede, Whipton, Exeter.
- Farnham Scottish Dancing Club.**—Major W. J. DEWEY, 22 Fernhill Road, Farnham, Hants.
- Frodsham and District St Andrew's Society.**—Mrs M. COLQUHOUN, 10 Hillsbord, Frodsham, via Warrington.
- Gainsborough Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss C. A. INNES, 14 Ulster Road, Gainsborough, Lincs.
- Gossops Green Scottish Country Dance Club.**—M. ZERMANI, 13 Tangmere Road, Ifield, Crawley, Sussex.
- Goyt Valley Scottish Country Dance Club (Cheshire).**—Mr R. S. WOODHEAD, 94 Pennine Road, Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire.
- Harpenden S.C.D. Club.**—Mr J. VAUGHAN, 12 Crabtree Lane, Harpenden, Herts.

- Harrogate Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss M. J. BARHAM, 5 Harlow Avenue, Harrogate.
- Hartlepoons Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. GORDON, 62 Clifton Avenue, West Hartlepool.
- Harwell, A.E.R.E. and District Caledonian Society.**—THE HON. SECRETARY, A.E.R.E. & District Caledonian Society, 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.
- Hereford Scottish Country Dance Club.**—R. B. BODDINGTON, "Westwyn," Walney Lane, Aylestone Hill, Hereford.
- Hertfordshire Highland Games Society.**—Dr C. GILLIES, 43 Valley Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.
- Horsham High School Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs E. M. ROBERTS, 49 Guildford Road, Horsham, Sussex.
- Huddersfield St Andrew's Society.**—M. G. OLLEY, 72 Moor Lane, Netherton, Huddersfield.
- Ilkley College of Housecraft Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mrs M. YARKER, Ilkley College of Housecraft, Wells Road, Ilkley, Yorks.
- Isle of Man Ramseian Scottish Dance Group.**—c/o Mrs C. D. SHIMMIN, "Sea Haven," Bollan Crescent, Lazayre, Isle of Man.
- Isle of Man, The Manx Folk Dance Society.**—Miss D. DEVEREAN, 7 Royal Terrace, Onchan, Isle of Man.
- Jersey, The Caledonian Country Dance Party.**—Mrs E. O. BADDELEY, 3 Westbourne Terrace, St Saviour, Jersey, C.I.
- Keighley Scottish Country Dance Club.**—J. M. SHERLOCK, 70 Devonshire Street, Keighley, Yorks.
- Kings Lynn Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr JOHN V. SMYTH, King Edward VIII School, Kings Lynn, Norfolk.
- Kirkintilloch Scottish Country Dance Association of St David's & St Andrew's Church.**—Miss CATHERINE D. STEWART, 50 Gallowhill Road, Kirkintilloch.
- 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, Leeds University Union S.C.D.S., 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.**—Mr PETER MACQUAT, 37 St Margarets Gardens, Lincoln.
- Lincoln Scottish Association.**—Mr R. W. DODDS, 8 Bank Street, Lincoln.
- Littlehampton Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss P. M. LOWE, Darrow, 37 Elm Park, Ferring-on-Sea, Sussex.
- Liverpool University Folk Dance Society.**—THE SECRETARY, Folk Dance Society, Guild of Undergraduates, 2 Bedford Street N., Liverpool, 7.
- Loyne Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Mr H. F. EVANS, Hest Bank Farm, Hest Bank, Lancaster.
- Lymm Country Dance Club.**—Mrs M. PLATT, 1 Yeald Brow, Camsley Lane, Lymm, Cheshire.
- Maidenhead Scottish Dancing Club.**—Miss M. D. W. WALL, Elton, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead, Berks.
- Malvern Scots Club.**—Mrs D. A. CROSS, The Hoo, Brockhill Road, West Malvern, Worcestershire.
- Manchester, The Scottish Dance Party.**—Mrs M. ROBERTS, 24 Holmfield Avenue, Moston, Manchester, 9.
- Manfield District Caledonian Society.**—J. E. INGLIS, Glentress, 13 Halloughton Road, Southwell, Notts.
- Market Harborough Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. McLAUGHLAN, 75 Stuart Road, Market Harborough, Leics.

- Neville's Cross College Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss S. V. RUSSELL, Neville's Cross College, Durham.
- Newbury and District Caledonian Society.**—Miss M. E. C. ALLIN, 3 Highfield Avenue, Newbury, Berks.
- Newcastle, (Staffs.) Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss JANE BAXTER, 583 Etruria Road, Basford, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
- Northampton Town and County Scottish Association Dancers.**—Mr J. C. RODHOUSE, 17 Edinburgh Road, Northampton.
- North Devon, Caledonian Society of.**—J. R. H. BEADON, Stowford Lodge, Chittlehampton, Umberleigh, Devon.
- North Herts Reel Club.**—Mr DAVID U. WARBURTON, Windrush, Broadway, Letchworth, Herts.
- 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.**—D. W. HENDRY, Greenacres, 307 Lutterworth Road, Nuneaton, Warks.
- Philpfaugh Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Miss CHRISTINA ANDERSON, Selkirk Cottage Hospital, Selkirk.
- Portadown Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs D. M. MACCALLUM, 2 Roslyn Terrace, Portadown, N. Ireland.
- Portsmouth and Southsea Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mrs VERA HILL, 10 Pitreavie Road, Cosham, Portsmouth, Hants.
- Poynton Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr G. LLOYD, Atholdene, 77 Cavendish Road, Hazel Grove, Nr. Stockport, Cheshire.
- Preston and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr T. SMITH, 64 Tulketh Road, Ashton, Preston.
- Preston Douglas Dancers.**—Mr JOHN H. EDMONDSON, 145 Station Road, Hesketh Bank, Preston.
- Reading St Andrew's Scottish Dancing Society.**—Mrs G. KIRK, 406 Wokingham Road, Earley, Reading, Berks.
- Richmond Caledonian Society.**—J. A. MCCORMACK, 23 Lovelace Gardens, 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.
- Rye Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr A. F. WHITE, The Grammar School, Rye.
- St Albans & Mid Herts Caledonian Society Pipe Band Dancers.**—Mr NORMAN H. MACDONALD, 2 Heath Cottages, Bricket Wood, St Albans.
- St Annes-on-Sea Balgownie Dancers.**—Miss M. SINCLAIR 22 Cavendish Road St Annes-on-Sea, Lancs.
- Sandbach and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr P. CARLIDGE, 6 Hope Street, Sandbach, Cheshire.
- Seascale, Windscale Scottish Country Dancing Club.**—Mr R. I. ROBERTSON, 64 Santon Way, Seascale, Cumberland.
- South Devon, Salcombe Scottish Dance Club.**—Mrs A. PETRIE, Victoria Cottage, Buckley Street, Salcombe, S. 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.**—Mrs E. M. PERRY, Hazel Cottage, Poles Lane, Thundridge, Ware, Herts.
- South Dorset Caledonian Society.**—Mrs MCCRIRICK, 19 Stayordale Road, Weymouth.
- Southend-on-Sea, The Allan Dancers.**—Mrs JUDKINS, 62 Avenue Road, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex.
- Southampton English & Scottish Folk Dance Society.**—THE SECRETARY, Student's Union, The University, Southampton.
- Southsea Reel Club.**—Mr S. A. COTTRELL, 5 Chelsea Road, Southsea, Hants.
- Stafford and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr IAN McDONALD, 4 Lawn Road, Rowley Park, Stafford.

- Stone Scottish Dancing Group.**—Mr D. QUARMBY, 66 Mount Road, Stone, Staffs.
- Stratford-on-Avon Caledonian Association.**—Mrs N. A. WOODMAN, 4 Warwick Crescent, Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.
- Sutton Coldfield Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr F. A. DREW, 92 Maney Hill 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 M. J. ALLAN, Countryside, Shay Lane, Tarvin, Nr. Chester.
- Taunton Caledonian Society.**—D. ROCHFORD, Tonevale Farm, Norton, Fitzwarren, Taunton, Somerset.
- Teddington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr H. G. RAE, O.B.E., B.L., 11 Preston Close, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, Middlesex.
- Tynedale Country Dance Club.**—Mrs R. PLENDERLEITH, 27 Dukes Road, Hexham.
- Wakefield Caledonian Society.**—Mrs MARGARET BANGHEN, 113 Station Road, Ossett, Wakefield.
- Wallington, Scottish Association for Wallington, Carshalton and District.**—Miss M. M. WILLEDGE, 73 Gordon Road, Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.
- Walthamstow, Folk Dance Club (White Heather Dancers).**—Mr A. GEDDES, 121 St John's Road, Walthamstow, London, E.17.
- Wellington and District Caledonian Society.**—Mr J. WILSON, "Strathyre," Golf Links Lane, Wellington, Shropshire.
- Westbury Scottish Club.**—Mr F. W. PLUCKNETT, 32 Cote Lea Park, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.
- Weston-super-Mare Scottish Country Dance Club.**—D. ROBERTSON, 75 Church Road, Worle, Weston-super-Mare.
- West Somerset Yeomanry Reels Club.**—Mrs M. D. FINLEY, 5 Sandpits Lane, Glastonbury, Somerset.
- West Suffolk Scottish Dance Club.**—Mrs SHEILA LAST, 28 Sicklesmere Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.
- Whitehaven Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr JOHN DREWRY, 14 Foxhouses Road, Whitehaven, Cumberland.
- Wilmslow Guild Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Mr J. A. POOLE, Ipplepen, 36 Broadway, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
- Woodford Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Mr A. WASSON, 13 Hillcrest Road, Bramhall, Cheshire.
- Worthing Caledonian Society.**—Miss L. J. PARKER, "Ardlui," 9 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, EAST and SOUTH AFRICA

- Benoni Scottish Country Dance Society.**—D. POND, 28 Honiball Street, Rynfield, Benoni, Transvaal, South Africa.
- Entebbe Scottish Country Dance Group.**—Dr DOUGLAS J. TRAINI, Box 109, Entebbe, Uganda.
- Khartoum, Scottish Country Dancing Club of Khartoum Caledonian Society.**—Mr I. F. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 1008, Khartoum, Sudan.
- Johannesburg Northern Scottish Country Dancing Group.**—J. DRIVER, Esq., 40 Fifth Avenue, Parktown, North Johannesburg, South Africa.
- Pietermaritzburg Caledonian Society.**—Mrs M. NEASHAM, 2 Jesmond Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

NORTHERN RHODESIA

- Livingstone Scottish Country Dance Club.**—B. L. MITCHELL, Esq., P.O. Box 444, Livingstone, N. 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 LESLEY J. SMITH, P.O. Box 69, Kitwe, Northern Rhodesia.
- Highlands Presbyterian Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr IAN S. STUTCHBURY, P.O. Box 2389, Salisbury, S. Rhodesia.
- Townsend School S.C.D. Club.**—Miss D. E. GIBSON, Townsend School, P.O. Box 2196, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia.

WEST AFRICA

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

ASIA

- Bahrain, The Scottish Country Dance Group of the B.A.P.C.O. Club.**—CAROL D. DAVISON, Box 91, Awali, Bahrain, Persian Gulf.
- Calcutta, St Andrew's Scottish Country Dance Society.**—J. W. MONAGHAN, St Andrews Church, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, West Bengal, India.
- Ceylon Scottish Country Dance Association.**—Miss M. BURNET, P.O. Box 223, Colombo, Ceylon.

AUSTRALIA

- Brisbane Scottish Reel and Strathspey Foundation Group.**—Mr G. A. ROBERTSON, 59 Thomas Street, Greenslopes, S.E.4., Brisbane, Queensland.
- Melbourne, Yarrabrae Scottish Country Dance Class.**—Miss C. COULL, 46 Halstead Street, 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 M. DUEWELL, Newcastle University College, Tighe's Hill, 2.N., New South Wales.
- Newcastle Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr F. C. CAHILL, 49 Reservoir Road, Glendale, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.
- Victoria Celtic Dance Group.**—Mrs HEATHER COOPER, 19 Majdal Street, South Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia.
- Perth Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss L. E. IRVINE, 31 Fairway, Nedlands, Western Australia.
- Toronto Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mrs DOREEN COULTER, 26 Jindalee Street, Toronto, New South Wales, Australia.

CANADA

- Vancouver Night School S.C. Dancers Club.**—Mrs ELLA M. BINGHAM, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, 5, British Columbia.
- Victoria B.C., The Victoria Scottish Country Dance Society.**—J. C. SUTHERLAND, 549 View Royal Avenue, Victoria, B.C.
- Calgary Scottish Country Dance Society.**—Miss BARBARA ROCKLIFFE, Box 1202, Calgary G.P.O., Alberta, Canada.
- Edmonton Scottish Country Dance Club.**—Mr P. D. SEYMOUR, Dept. of Botany, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- Kitchener Waterloo S.C.D. Society.**—Mrs F. B. RELYEA, 83 The Boulevard, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.
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- Nova Scotia, Dartmouth S.C.D. Group.**—Mrs E. R. WHYNACHT, 32 Ellenvale Avenue, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.
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Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 2nd November 1963

Minutes of the Thirty-fourth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday, 2nd November 1963, at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Aberdeen.

Present.—The Countess of Elgin, D.B.E., President, and an approximate attendance of 350 members of whom 92 were delegates.

Before the business of the Meeting, Bailie Forman in welcoming delegates and members to the town expressed his deep regret that Lord Provost Graham could not be present owing to a very serious illness. Bailie Forman expressed the hope that the Autumn School Week-end of such a typically Scottish Society would be very successful in Aberdeen, "the most Scottish of cities." On behalf of the city of Aberdeen, he gave best wishes for the Society's future. Lady Elgin thanked Bailie Forman for the very excellent welcome that the Society had received in Aberdeen, a city which she considered to be a fine setting for Society work. The President then expressed the regret of everyone present on the illness of Lord Provost Graham and wished him a very early return to health. The President read a message from Her Majesty The Queen, thanking the Society for its loyal greetings. Messages were also read from Miss Milligan, at present on a North American tour and from Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich in Cape Town.

Apologies.—Apologies for absence were received from The Duke of Atholl, The Duke of Hamilton, The Countess of Galloway, Major-General Lord Thurlow and Miss Gray-Buchanan, Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Society. Lady Elgin intimated that Major-General Lord Thurlow, who was greatly interested in Scottish Country Dancing, would be returning from Malta to this country soon to become General Officer Commanding-in-Chief-Scotland.

Chairman's Remarks.—The Countess of Elgin expressed her hopes for a very successful Annual General Meeting and extended a warm welcome to all members attending. Lady Elgin wondered if members realised what a difficult task Miss Milligan and Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich had taken on forty years ago when they decided to form the Society, for in those days, comparatively few Scottish Country Dances were known and old music and dance books were lying forgotten in dusty attics. Lady Elgin remarked that the Scottish wealth of music and dance had nearly been lost to the world. Surely, it was the duty of every member to do his or her best to ensure that the Society progresses into further fields during the next forty years eventually enabling Scottish Country Dancing to be enjoyed in every country in the world. The President commented that she would like to see the Society attracting more and more young people and joked that if the Beatles could bring Liverpool so much into the young people's limelight, then so should our lively dances bring Scotland into their focus. In her opinion, the Society had been most progressive with its latest book of dances, some of which had been sent in from Canada, Kenya and New Zealand. Perhaps, Lady Elgin remarked, we could hope that the Society's progress would be such that the first man to reach the moon would have an S.C.D. book and a partner to dance with! The President ended her remarks by thanking Aberdeen Branch on behalf of all visiting members for the excellent arrangements they had made for the week-end. She also thanked Committee members, Branch officials and Miss Hadden for their work during the year.

Confirmation of Appointment of President and Honorary Vice-Presidents.—Mr Sharpe (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, Miss Gray-Buchanan and Major-General Lord Thurlow. This was seconded by Mrs Lesslie (Vice-Chairman of the Executive Council) and unanimously approved.

Election of Office-Bearers.—*Chairman:* Mr G. Sharpe being the sole nominee for this office was elected. *Vice-Chairman:* As Mrs Lesslie had resigned owing to her imminent departure for New Zealand, Miss F. H. Adams (Glasgow) was elected by vote. Lady Elgin gave the Society's very best wishes to Mrs Lesslie for a happy life in New Zealand. *Six Elected Members:* The following were elected by vote: Miss L. G. Browne (Aberdeen), Mr J. B. C. Brown (Edinburgh), Miss E. Goodall (Perth), Dr C. Johnstone (N.W. Ayrshire), Mr G. Mechan (Dundee) and Mrs W. Wadsworth (Gatehouse of Fleet).

Adoption of Annual Report.—The Adoption of the Annual Report was proposed by Mr Corbett (Newcastle), seconded by Mr Smith (Birmingham) and approved by the Meeting.

Appointment of Auditors.—The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr Norman MacKinnon, C.A., of Messrs Norman MacKinnon & Co., Ayr, was proposed by Mr Murray (Inverness), seconded by Miss Duff (Auchterarder) and approved by the Meeting.

Resolutions.—The following resolutions from the Executive Council were proposed by Mr Lochhead (Covener of the Finance Committee) and seconded by Mr Brown (Edinburgh).

(a) "That the annual subscription should be raised to 7/6, that the Life Membership should be raised to £5, 5s., one third of each retainable by a Branch and that the annual affiliation fee should remain at £1, 1s."

Mr Mechan (Dundee) moved an amendment that the *status quo* be maintained and this was seconded by Miss Nicoll (Dundee). Mr Aitkenhead (N.W. Ayrshire) moved a further amendment that the resolution be added to the Agenda of the 1964 Annual General Meeting in order to give Branches time for consideration of the matter and this was seconded by Mr Sinclair (Arbroath). On a vote by a show of hands, the amendment proposed by Mr Aitkenhead was carried.

(b) "That the age of admission to the Society be lowered to 16 years." The Meeting unanimously decided to adopt this resolution with effect from 1st July, 1964, when the Constitution will be amended accordingly.

1964 Annual General Meeting.—The President announced that an invitation had been accepted by the Executive Council to hold the Annual General Meeting in Glasgow on 7th November, 1964.

Vote of Thanks.—Mr Brooks (Edinburgh) on behalf of those attending the Meeting thanked Lady Elgin for the capable and charming way in which she had presided over the Annual General Meeting this year. He also thanked Aberdeen Branch for the very successful arrangements made for the entertainment of those attending the Autumn School Week-end.

Summer School, 1964

Some five thousand miles from the Royal Burgh of St Andrews, I set forth in an endeavour to record on paper some of the highlights of my first pilgrimage to the seat of our particular oracle, who, when she speaks, commands among other things, that no other dog shall bark, and delivers a torrent of tongue-in-the-cheek rebukes, at which one cannot help but smile, but at the same time be very sure to heed, lest one be caught on the wrong hop.

The brilliant sunshine which graced the first fortnight of this year's Summer School set the scene for as happy, energetic, muscle-straining and enlightening a fortnight as I can remember in many a year, its only drawback being that it had to end. Regulars and newcomers alike basked in the afternoon sun on beaches and in the countryside, and danced in temperatures that seemed even to those of us from the tropics to be considerably higher than would be expected of the proverbial and much maligned British summer. The burning sun even lured a daring few into the water, but alas, there the illusion ended—the perishing cold of the North Sea soon transformed the reddened bodies to a delicate shade of blue.

Most Summer School first-timers must arrive at St Andrews with certain misgivings as to what they are in for—whether they have put themselves down for the right class, whether they will make fools of themselves, whether they will fit in and so on, and great credit must go to the organisers, and also to the regulars, for the fact that all such doubts are immediately dispelled by the warm welcome which is extended. Social spirit—this year's theme—is in evidence from the outset and continues, indeed multiplies, throughout the course. So, any readers whose first visit is yet to come, can forget such worries—this community is perfectly geared to make you at home, and you leave it with an ardent wish for another dose just as soon as it can be arranged.

The morning sessions this year, as is no doubt the general rule, were split up into 75 minutes of country dancing, the rush for coffee at eleven, and then a strenuous hour of Highland (or more country, for the less energetic), to work up an appetite for lunch, taken as are all meals at St Andrews, on the stroke of the appointed hour. The limbering up sessions of the first few mornings were punctuated by the inevitable creakings of muscles and cracking of bones, and before long the crop of bandages, ankle supports and the like began to appear. Those not sunning themselves in the afternoons were usually to be seen practising on lawns or in common rooms for some demonstration or special performance, and one enthusiastic group often spent an hour or so guinea-pigging for Hugh Foss, while he tried out some of his latest fascinating and intricate dances.

Social dances in the evenings were of a somewhat different pattern this year, in that we had not the use of University Hall, which we gathered was undergoing renovation. We were very lucky however in having the use of the Younger Graduation Hall every evening, which I believe was a great boon in avoiding overcrowding. Not so the Ceilidhs however, which held as they were in Wardlaw common room, bore an undoubted resemblance to the sardine tin. In spite of the limited space, they were very well attended, and there were several noteworthy performances, including some delightful Gaelic songs from Ruth Cameron, exhibitions of Swedish national dancing from Bo Peterzon and Birgitta Baveryd, community singing led by Denise Yarker with her guitar, recitations (Mrs Scott's rendering of the 1963 Lumsden fire alarm going down particularly well) and some scintillating Chopin from Kitty McLaughlan. Special mention must also be made of David Eastwood and Steven Dorey, who entertained us with highly amusing skits firstly on a beginner's first

lesson to the theme of Belafonte's well-known "Hole-in-the-Bucket," and then in the second week, excellent adaptations of the "Highland Thing," "The Scottish Wilt," "Son of the Earl of Errol" and the "Three Braces," not to mention poking a little fun at our Highland teachers. We were also treated during the fortnight to Bill Clement's excellent piping, teaching and dancing, and to the breathtaking exhibition by Highland dancing junior champion John Mackenzie from Perth, who made us Highland novices feel that perhaps an early retirement would be advisable.

All too soon the fortnight came to an end, and it was necessary for us with great regret to put into practice the words of the title of one of the dances taught this year with such great gusto by Miss Milligan, in saying: "From Scotia's Shores, We're Noo Awa'."

J. GORDON PATTERSON.

A Festival of Scotland

*To celebrate the 130th anniversary of the founding of Cannes as a holiday resort
by Edinburgh-born Lord Brougham.*

The selected team assembled from their various parts of Scotland and left Edinburgh on a mild winter's day by charter flight direct to Nice. Flying through quite a lot of cloud we did get glimpses of scenery, seeing part of the Lake district, Manchester, the outskirts of Paris and Lyons while the panorama of the Rhone Valley with its flanks of mountains indicated that we were not so far from our destination. We arrived at Nice on schedule to be greeted by a gale force wind. It was bitterly cold—much colder than we had experienced in Scotland for the few weeks before our departure. However, the warmth of our welcome made up for the low temperature and ladies in national costume with armfuls of mimosa greeted us as we left the aircraft and the mimosa was presented to the ladies of our party of over 160. After official speeches of welcome at the airport we shared a bus with the Scottish tennis team and the Glasgow Police Pipe Band and travelled by the coast road to the Hotel Mondial in Cannes. There was no cold wind here and it turned out a lovely balmy evening and continued beautiful for the entire period of our stay.

After unpacking, we had dinner and, with no waste of time, we got down to business and set off for Cannes Tourist Office where we rehearsed for Saturday's performances. All the members of our party were in good spirits and keen to carry out the part allotted to us in this "Festival of Scotland." The kilt and tartan sash seemed to assure us of a welcome wherever we appeared and our visit was marked by kindnesses and privileges.

We carried out the programme arranged for us, giving open-air demonstrations during the day and indoor performances in the evenings. We gave two extra performances at night-clubs in Nice and Cannes. In all the official performances we shared the programmes with the Pipe Bands and there is no doubt that the Pipers and Dancers played a large part in the success of the Festival. At one performance in the gardens of the Croisette we were glad to share the programme with two French groups who contributed local folklore dancing and music.

The Grand Carnival Parade on Sunday afternoon was led by the two Pipe Bands and our party occupied the first float. It was indeed a "battle of flowers." The procession lasted for over two hours and the official party from Scotland seated at a point of vantage seemed to share the delight of the French people in pelting the Pipers and Dancers with mimosa. Needless to say we did our best to keep our end up.

On the Tuesday forenoon the dancers took part in the local game of petanque and gave a creditable performance. In the afternoon we attended a reception when the Mayor expressed thanks to the whole party for their efforts during the Festival. In his reply, Lord Craigton, who led the Scottish party, mentioned the splendid performances of the pipers and dancers. The evening saw the finale of the Festival when a gala performance was given in the Cannes Casino. Dancing to a capacity audience the team gave a fine performance which was received most enthusiastically. In between demonstrations our dancers took part in the general dancing and the tartan added colour to a pretty scene.

And so the Festival was brought to a close and we returned to Scotland on Wednesday afternoon. We acknowledge the many kindnesses shown to us by M. Bardon and we also say a most sincere "thank you" to M. Felix and his son for the hospitality extended to our party.

It is difficult for participants to judge the overall success of such an occasion but the team gave of their best and added dignity and elegance to the Festival. The climatic conditions were perfect with the Mediterranean blue continuous in both sea and sky and the palm trees forming a wonderful backcloth for all our outdoor performances.

To the Mayor and officials of the town of Cannes, the Festival Committee and Tourist Office staff we express thanks for all they did for our comfort and entertainment. It was indeed a memorable occasion.

We also express thanks to Mr Bill Clement for supplying the bagpipe music for all demonstrations.

To our own Society we would like to say how much we appreciated the opportunity of attending this Festival and for the honour of taking part. Our thanks too to Miss Hadden for all her work in making the arrangements for the trip.

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

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