



GENERAL MEETINGS

1924 - 1965 SCA/1/2/1

Scottish Country Dance Society.

THE FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the SOCIETY OF ARTS HALL, 117 George Street, Edinburgh, on *Thursday, 13th November*, at 5.45 p.m.

BUSINESS: GENERAL.

COMMITTEE:

- Brigadier General Cheape, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C.,
Tiroran, Mull (*Chairman*).
- The Lady Dorothea Ruggles-Brise, London.
- The Lady Marjorie Dalrymple, Skelmorlie, Ayrshire.
- Mrs Stirling, Fairburn, Muir of Ord, Ross-shire.
- Mrs R. H. Maconochie, Edinburgh.
- Mrs Logan, Inverness.
- Miss L. Dalmahoy, Edinburgh.
- Miss Jean Milligan, Glasgow.
- Miss Ross, Glasgow.
- Miss Maxwell, Edinburgh.
- Major The Lord James Stewart Murray, Dunkeld.
- Colonel J. D. Boswell, Auchinleck, Ayrshire.
- John Bartholomew, O.B.E., Edinburgh.
- F. H. Bisset, Glasgow.
- J. Michael Diack, Glasgow.
- J. S. Gregson (St. Andrews Society), Glasgow.
- J. E. Shaw, Ayr.
- J. Percy Thomson, Glasgow.
- Mrs Stewart (Fasnacloich), 3 Park Circus, Ayr
(*Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*).

NOTE.—The Second Volume of the Society's Dance Book will be available for issue to all Members at the end of December, on payment of Annual Subscription.

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13th November 1924

The first Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the "Society of Arts" Hall, 117 George Street Edinburgh, on 13th November 1924. Major the Lord James Stewart Murray presided. Apologies for absence were intimated from Brig: General Cheape, Lady Margaret MacRae, Major Colin MacRae, Mrs Logan, Colonel Campbell of Inverneil, and Miss Campbell, Miss Biggar, Miss MacLellan, Miss Ross and Mr. Cowe.

The report of the Committee and the financial statement having been circulated among the members, was held as read.

The report of the Research Committee showed that four books of old reel tunes had been sent to the Secretary, also m.s.s. directions for a number of old dances.

13th November 1924

The Publication Committee reported that over 1100 copies of Book I had been sold, and that Book II would be ready for issue by the end of the year.

Office bearers for the year were appointed as follows:—

President, Lord James Stewart Murray
Vice Presidents - remitted to the Executive Council.

Chairman, Lord James S. Murray
Vice Chairman, Brig. General Cheape
Honorary Secretary, Mrs Stewart
Miss Jean Milligan, Miss Lilia ^{Gasnadoich}
Dalmahey, Colonel Boswell,
Mr. J. Bartholomew, Mr. George
Macpherson Grant, Mr. J. M. Diack
and representatives from Branches.

This ended the business.

James S. Murray

21st November 1925.

Date & place The second annual general meeting of the Society was held on 21st November 1925 at 152 Buchanan St., Glasgow.

Present. Lord James Stewart Murray (in Chair) Miss Ruth Berry, Miss Campbell of Inverneill, Miss Hair, Mrs Honison-Craupurd, Miss Lubovius, Miss H.P. Maxwell, Miss Jean Milligan, Miss M. L. Ross, Miss Rollo, Miss K. G. Smith Miss Sharp, Miss Scott, Dickson, Miss Hamilton, Miss Wilson, Mr Bisset Mr Diack, Mr Percy Thomson, Mr Forbes Mr Dyer, Dr Mathers, Miss Stevenson & Mrs Stewart (Secretary)

Apologies were read from Mrs Clark Rattray, Dr MacRae, Major Stewart, Mrs Blair, Lady M. MacRae, Captain Colin MacRae, Miss Hotchkis, Miss E.M. MacLennan, Miss Blair, Colonel Campbell of Inverneill, Mr Harry Miller, Miss Alison, Mrs Shand, Mrs Dyer, Miss Lander.

Minutes of last meeting were read and signed.

Scottish Country Dance Society.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at 12.15 p.m., on Saturday, 21st November, 1925, at Messrs PATERSONS', 152 Buchanan Street, Glasgow.

Business:

- Annual Report and Accounts.
- Reports from Branches.
- Election of Office Bearers.
- General.

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Scottish Country Dance Society.

ANNUAL REPORT, 1924-1925.

Membership.—The number of members who have paid their subscriptions for 1924-1925 is 600.

Branches.—There are now Branches of the Society in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen.

Vice-Presidents.—The following have been elected Vice-Presidents:—

- The Duchess of Atholl, LL.D., O.B.E., M.P.
- Mrs Anstruther Gray, representing Scottish Women's Rural Institutes.
- Mrs MacEwen, representing Scotch Girls' Friendly Society.
- Mrs Houston Craufurd, representing Girl Guides.
- Lord Glentanar, representing Boy Scouts.
- Mr F. H. Bisset, representing Federation of Musical Festivals.

Treasurer.—Mr N. H. Wilson, of the British Linen Bank, Ayr, has kindly acted as honorary Treasurer during the past year.

Teachers.—A number of examinations for the Teachers' certificate have been held. There are now 77 members who hold this certificate.

Music.—A Sub-Committee for Music has been formed of the following members:—The Lady Dorothea Ruggles-Brise; Mrs Clark Rattray; Miss Margaret Kennedy; Mrs Logan; Mr Diack.

Publications.—During the year 1st October, 1924—30th September, 1925, copies of the Scottish Country Dance Books were sold as under (apart from those supplied to members of the Society)—
Book I, 1442 copies; Book II, 546 copies.

Musical Festivals.—During 1925 classes for Country Dancing were included in the syllabus of 14 Musical Festivals.

Library.—A complete copy of Neil Gow's collection of Strathspeys and Reels, in 5 parts, and of Nathaniel Gow's "Repository" in 3 parts, has been presented to the Society by Lady Dorothea Ruggles-Brise.

THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

N. H. Wilson, Hon. Treasurer, in Account with the Scottish Country Dance Society, for Year ended 30th September, 1925.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Dr.	Cr.	Dr.	Cr.
To Balance in Treasurer's hands 1/10/24, ...	£73 7 9	By DONATIONS TO BRANCHES—	
" SUBSCRIPTIONS—		Edinburgh Branch, ...	£10 0 0
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" DONATIONS, ...	151 9 6	Printing, Stationery, &	
" LIFE MEMBERSHIP, ...	2 15 0	Advertising, ...	£22 10 7½
" ROYALTIES—	35 0 0	Teacher's and Pianist's	
Books sold, ...	£38 5 0	Fees, ...	18 17 2
Gramophone Records sold, ...	3 19 9	Rent of Halls, ...	5 17 0
" DANCE CLASSES, ...	42 1 9	Scottish Country Dance	
" INTEREST—	2 10 0	Books, ...	64 11 2
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		Travelling Expenses, ...	17 4 7
		CASH BALANCES—	140 4 10½
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		On Deposit Receipt, £112 3 7	
		On Current Account, 21 10 3	
		In Secretary's hands	
		(petty cash), ...	5 18 5½
			139 12 3½
			£309 17 2

141 Bath Street, Glasgow, 13th October, 1925.—I have examined the above Statement with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct. I have had exhibited to me the Bank Certificates for the amounts shown on Deposit Receipt and Current Account.
JOHN CUMMING, Auditor.

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ANNUAL REPORT, 1924.

THE SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY was instituted at a Public Meeting held in Glasgow, on 26th November, 1923, and its inception has been received with general approbation by those interested.

The total Membership of the Society, up to 30th September, 1924, is 367.

The first Book of Dances was issued at the end of January, and 1165 copies have been sold, including 357 copies supplied free to Members.

Competitions on the Dances given in this book were included at Musical Festivals at Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Stirling, these competitions being well received and supported.

Through the influence of the Society a Country Dance was introduced at the Balls held by the Argyllshire Gathering at Oban, in September, and proved a great success.

Classes for learning Dances were held last winter at Edinburgh and Glasgow and were well attended.

The Committee have decided to hold Examinations for Members of the Society who desire to become Instructors in Country Dances, and Certificates will be issued to those who come up to the required standard of proficiency.

Statement of Accounts to 30th September, 1924.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
364 Members' Subscriptions at 5/-, ...	£91 0 0	Stationery, ...	£1 18 5½
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Donations, ...	7 17 0	Members' Books, ...	27 1 6
Messrs Paterson, Sons & Co., Ltd.,		Donation to Glasgow Branch, ...	10 0 0
for Royalties on Books and		Sundries, ...	1 19 0
Gramophone Records sold, ...	21 17 5	Balance, ...	73 7 9
Total, ...	£123 15 11	Total, ...	£123 15 11

BRANCH REPORTS 1924-25

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Edinburgh

Number of members Seventy-five.

During the past year there have been "terms" of dancing lessons for members, a term being a set of eight lessons, for which the members pay 8/-. Non-members are invited to take part in the classes, but the fee for them is 12/- for the course. The Instructress receives the fee of 10/6 per hour.

There have been three examinations for the teachers' certificate in Edinburgh. The result being twenty passes in Book 1. and six in Book 2.

There was a short demonstration in the Music Hall in October, under the auspices of the Chartered Society of Masseuses.

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Classes for teaching the dances in Books I & II have been held, attended by about 400 people.

Not only have these classes been beneficial from the instruction imparted, but they have resulted in a considerable increase in the number of members of the Society, as members were charged a reduced fee for each class. The standard of dancing was high.

An Exhibition of the dances in Book I was held in the Lyric Theatre; this function paid itself and was most successful.

Competitions for dances by children have been held at the various Musical Festivals in the West of Scotland and these have been generally successful.

The teaching of the dances has been taken up by Officers of the Girl Guides and Boy Scouts.

Perthshire

Number of members Sixty

Two members of the Branch passed the test for the Society's certificate.

Two courses of classes (six in each course) are at present in progress - an afternoon class and an evening class. Total number of students, 67. Charge made per course: Members of S.C.D.S. 5/- Non-members . . . 6/-

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Dundee

On February 9th, 1925, the branch was formed.

From Feb-March a series of 6 classes was largely
attended. Membership of the S.C.D.S. 78, of whom 69
are dancing members. There were 3 certificated
teachers of Book I in the district and they conducted
the class-work in rotation.

During September arrangements were completed to
include Scottish Country Dancing in the next Dundee
Musical Festival.

On November 3rd, a Technique class of 10 hour
lessons for persons desirous of conveying the dances
to junior pupils, such as day school and evening
school students, girl guides, boy scouts, etc. with
a view to Festival competition was commenced.
47 dancing members have so far been enrolled, chiefly
lady class teachers through the Women's Educational
Union. The majority of this class are not members
of the S.C.D.S.

Aberdeen

Over forty members. Classes weekly:

1. Teachers, Guiders,
Guildry Guardians.
2. General Public.

Report of the Executive Council, and the Financial statement having been circulated among the members, was held as read. The adoption of the report was moved by Miss Sharp and seconded by Miss Milligan. The adoption of the Financial statement was moved by Miss Ross and seconded by Miss Maxwell.

Branches Reports of the Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, and Aberdeen Branches were submitted.

Subscriptions A proposal made by the Dundee Branch, that 4/- of each member's subscription should be returned to the member's branch, did not find a seconder.

Miss Campbell of Inverneil proposed the adoption of the Branch reports which was seconded by Miss Hair.

Office Bearers Office Bearers for the ensuing year were elected, after being

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On November 2nd, a Technical class of 10 hours lessons for persons desirous of conveying the dances to junior pupils, such as day school and evening school students, girls' guides, boy scouts, etc. with a view to Festival competition was commenced. 47 dancing members have so far been enrolled, chiefly lady class teachers through the Women's Educational Union. The majority of this class are not members of the S.C.D.S.

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1. Teachers, Guides, Guidry Guardians.
2. General Public.

21st November 1925

being duly proposed and seconded
as follows -

President Lord James Stewart Murray

Vice Presidents Duchess of Atholl, U.D., D.B.E., M.P.

Lady Inverclyde, representing Girls Guild

Mrs Anstruther Gray " S.W.R.I.

Mrs Mac Ewen " S.G.F.S.

Mrs Honison Craufurd " Girl Guides

Lord Glen^{tar} " Boy Scouts

Mr F.H. Bisset " Federation of
Musical Festivals

Chairman Lord James Stewart Murray

Vice Chairman Mr Bisset

Hon. Secretary Mrs Stewart

Hon. Treasurer Mr Robert Terras

(British Linen Bank)

Executive Council Five members elected

Miss Milligan, Miss Dalmaha

Mr Diack, Mr Percy Thomson,

Miss Ruth Berry. The sixth

member was remitted for election

to the next meeting of Executive
Council.

Book 2. The Perth Branch submitted a

21st November 1925

resolution that Book 2 be revised
and old settings of the times be
published. The Chairman pointed
out that the Executive Committee
had already taken this matter
in hand.

Teachers.

Miss Maxwell proposed that
Branch Secretaries should keep a
record of the certificated teachers in
their areas, and that the teachers
send reports of their classes to the
Secretary, in order that the Society
should know what localities
are being covered by the Teachers.
This was agreed to.

E.F.D.S.

A letter was read from Mr N.O.M.
Cameron inviting members to an
English Folk dance Christmas
School to be held in London.

This ended the business.

J. H. Murray

Scottish Country Dance Society.

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, 22nd October, in the New Galleries, Shandwick Place, Edinburgh.

Business:

- Annual Report and Accounts.
- Reports from Branches.
- Proposal to Revise Subscription for Life Membership.
- Election of Office Bearers.
- General.

The retiring members of Executive Council (who are all eligible for re-election) are as follows:—

Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Jean Milligan, Miss Dalmahoy, Miss Maxwell, Mr Bisset, Mr Diack, Mr Percy Thomson.

The Annual Meeting will be followed by a Demonstration of Scottish Country Dances. There will also be Classes in which Members may partake from 10 to 1 o'clock on Saturday, 23rd October, in Gymnasium, Dr. Harry Millar's Settlement, The Pleasance (off High Street), Edinburgh. Fee, 1/-. Those wishing to partake should send in their names as soon as possible.

Y. STEWART,
Hon. Secy.

[P.T.O.]

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting a Report for the year, 1925-26.

Membership.

The number of Members who have paid their Subscription for 1925-1926 is 828. Those in arrears number 308.

Branches.

A vigorous Branch has been formed at Greenock, making six branches in all—Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen and Greenock.

Vice-Presidents.

The following have been elected Vice-Presidents:—

The Duchess of Atholl, LL.D., O.B.E., M.P.

Mrs Anstruther Gray, representing Scottish Women's Rural Institutes.

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Mrs Houison Craufurd, representing Girl Guides.

Lord Glentanar, representing Boy Scouts.

Mr F. H. Bisset, representing Federation of Musical Festivals.

Treasurer.

Mr Robert T. Terras, of the British Linen Bank, Ayr, has kindly acted as Honorary Treasurer during the past year.

Publications.

During the year 2,064 copies of the dance books have been sold, not including those supplied to members. The music in books I. and II. has been revised.

Propaganda Abroad.

Miss B. C. Forbes, one of the Society's members who holds the Teachers' Certificate, has been in Canada this summer and while there had successful classes for country dances at Montreal.

Miss Elizabeth Burchenal, Chairman the American Folk Dance Society, was in Scotland during August and Classes were organised for her in which she took part.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1926.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance in Bank and on hand at 1st October, 1925, ...	£139 12 3½		
SUBSCRIPTIONS:—			
828 Members at 5/-, ...	£207 0 0	Aberdeen Branch, ...	£10 0 0
Arrears received, ...	4 5 0	Renfrewshire Branch, ...	10 0 0
Paid in advance, ...	1 10 0		
Receipts—Dance Books I and II, ...	1 2 6		
	213 17 6	GENERAL EXPENSES:—	
DONATIONS, ...		Printing, Stationery & Advertising, ...	23 8 4
		Teacher's and Pianist's Fees, ...	5 0 10
LIFE MEMBERS, ...		Scottish Country Dance Books, ...	85 13 9
		Organising Expenses, ...	48 11 0
ROYALTIES:—		Postages and Telegrams, ...	12 7 4½
On Books, ...	£43 0 0	Travelling Expenses, ...	11 18 2½
On Gramophone Records, ...	4 8 7	Sundries, ...	8 18 4½
	47 8 7		195 17 10½
INTEREST:—		BALANCE:—	
Deposit Receipt Interest,	In British Linen Bank, Ayr—	
	...	On Deposit Receipt, ...	£150 0 0
	...	On Current Account, ...	49 14 3
	...	Cash in Secretary's hands, ...	4 14 2
	...	Cash in Treasurer's hands, ...	0 15 5
	...		205 3 10
	...		£421 1 8½

230 HIGH STREET, AYR, 2nd October, 1926.—I have examined the foregoing Statement with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify it to be correct. The Deposit Receipt for £150 and the Bank Certificate for the amount shown on Current Account have been exhibited to me.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

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Edinburgh

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A number of classes were held under the Education Authority where many teachers have been instructed, and in the Education Authority Schools hundreds of children have been taught.

Girl Guides have also been taught and one hundred of them danced at the Annual Rally.

At one of the Higher Grade Schools 120 pupils were instructed in the dances from Books 1 and 2. One team was entered for the Musical Festival for the Bumpkin. At another Higher Grade School all the pupils numbering seven hundred and fifty were taught at least one dance, and sometimes more.

A course of lessons was given at the Ladies' Missionary College, the class being about thirty.

There are twenty certificated teachers in the Branch.

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Dundee

The branch continued to maintain its enthusiasm and advance the interests of the Society in the district. Membership about 100, but more than this number have participated in the dance classes. During the winter there were three series of classes arranged by the Society branch in Dundee.

From October - December 1925 a recreational class for local members was held: attendance, 57 members.

From November - January an instructional class was held at the request of the Women's Educational Union, Dundee branch, and consisted of a series of ten lessons chiefly on the dance Book I. 46 attended.

From January the recreational class for members was again a success with 61 members attending.

At the close of the recreational classes in December and March 'At Homes' were held and were acclaimed a splendid method of all local members meeting in a social capacity.

In connection with the Dundee Musical Festival our Chairman, Dr. Kidd, gifted a unique banner for competition for junior dancers, whilst the members of the Society in Dundee subscribed and presented a Quach for the Senior section at this Festival.

The new winter session has commenced with large class enrolments and financially the branch is in a sound condition.

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Aberdeen

The interest taken in Aberdeen in the aims of the Society and in the actual practical work of our Branch has been on an enthusiastic scale. Membership, 159.

The operations of the Branch for 1925-26 consist of:

1. Public Classes
2. Classes for Teachers
3. Some private or public teaching and demonstration work.

Public Classes were held weekly during the winter with an average attendance of about 30. The Teachers' Classes were eminently successful, average attendance about 50. 15 members went through an official test and were given the certificate of the Society authorising them to teach.

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Aberdeen

The interest taken in Aberdeen in the aims of the Society and in the actual practical work of our Branch has been on an enthusiastic scale. Member-ship, 153.

The operations of the Branch for 1925-26 consist of:

1. Public Classes
2. Classes for Teachers
3. Some private or public teaching and demonstration work.

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Perthshire (contd.)

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22nd October 1926.

The third annual general meeting of the Society was held at 12 Shandwick Place, Edinburgh on 22nd October 1926

Present Present, Lord James Stewart Murray (in the Chair), Miss Shanks, Miss B. Stuart, Miss M. Robertson, Mrs. Pinkerton, Miss Whalley, Miss Jean Milligan, Miss B. C. Forbes, Miss Ruth Berry, Mrs. J. M. Diack, Mr. Grierson Macara, Mr. R. Percy Thomson, Mr. F. H. Bisset, Mr. N. S. Mackay, Miss Pattullo, Miss L. Dalmahoy, Mrs. Marinden, Miss V. Mackail, Miss Bruce, Mrs. Shand, Miss Littlejohn, Mrs. Fraser, Miss J. Forrest, Mr. John Mac Connachie, Miss^{es} Daw, Mr. James Forbes, Miss A. F. Daw, Mr. & Mrs. J. Hubert Low, Miss J. N. Edwards, Miss M. Swan, Miss M. Inglis, Miss Carvers, Miss C. M. Low.

Apologies were intimated from Lady Margaret Mackrae, Sir Douglas Ramsay, Mrs. Clark Rattray, Sheriff Bartholomew, Miss Thomson,

22nd October 1926.

The Misses Hamilton Smith, Major Colin Mackrae, & Mr. Terras.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Annual Report The adoption of the Annual report and Financial statement, which had been circulated among the members, were proposed and seconded. Branches Report were read from each branch, showing progress made during the year.

Life membership. A communication from D. Mackrae was read asking that the terms for Life membership be modified; following which Major Stewart proposed that Rule 4, which reads, that "members shall pay an annual subscription of not less than 5/- or a life subscription of not less than £5," be revoked and the rule thereafter read as follows, viz, "members shall pay an annual subscription of 5/- or a Life subscription of £2-2/-."

22nd October 1926

and that any member not in arrear of his or her subscription and who has been four years or more a member, shall have the option of becoming a Life member on payment of one guinea". This was seconded by Mr Shaw. Mr Bisset objected to this proposal. It was decided that the matter be left until next year, and a proposal put on the agenda when calling the next Annual meeting.

Office Bearers The following Office Bearers were then elected.

President, Lord James Stewart Murray

Hon. Vice-Presidents - as before

Chairman Lord James Stewart Murray

Hon. Secretary Mrs Stewart

Hon. Treasurer Mr R. T. Terras

Miss Jean Milligan

Mrs Cathcart

Mr J. H. Low

Mr N. S. Mackay

Mr J. M. Diack

Scottish Country Dance Society.

President—Major THE LORD JAMES STEWART MURRAY.

Vice-Presidents—

The DUCHESS OF ATHOLL, D.B.E., LL.D., M.P.

CHARLOTTE, Lady INVERCLYDE, representing the Girls' Guildry.

Mrs ANSTRUTHER GRAY, „ Scottish Women's Rural Institutes.

Mrs MAC EWEN, „ Scotch Girls' Friendly Society.

Mrs HOUSON CRAUFURD, „ Girl Guides.

Lord GLENTANAR, „ Boy Scouts.

Mr F. H. BISSET, „ Federation of Musical Festivals.

The above Society was formed in November, 1923, with the following objects:—

- 1.—To practise and preserve Country Dances as danced in Scotland.
- 2.—To collect old books, manuscripts and pictures illustrative of Scottish Dances.
- 3.—To publish from time to time descriptions of Country Dances with diagrams and music, in simple form, at a moderate price.

The Annual Subscription is 5/-, and members receive one free copy of one of the Dance Books as they are issued. The Dance Books are on sale at all Music-Sellers, price 2/6 each. Festival Booklet: "The Scottish Country Dance," by Jean Milligan, price 9d. Booklet, 1/6. Further particulars may be had from:—

Mrs STEWART,

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR
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Chairman—

Major THE LORD JAMES STEWART MURRAY.

Vice Chairman—

Miss JEAN MILLIGAN.	Capt. Sir MALCOLM MACGREGOR.
Mr J. HUBERT LOW.	Mrs CATHCART.
Mr J. M. DIACK.	Mr N. S. MACKAY.
Miss H. P. MAXWELL.	Mr F. H. BISSET.
Miss SHARP.	Miss BRUCE.
Mr GRIERSON MACARA.	Mr PERCY THOMSON.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs STEWART, 3 Park Circus, Ayr.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr ROBERT TERRAS, British Linen Bank, Ayr.

Branch Secretaries—

Edinburgh—Miss E. A. Robertson, 3 Ettrick Road.
 Glasgow—R. Percy Thomson, 134 St. Vincent Street.
 Perth—Mrs Pinkerton, 5 Strathearn Terrace.
 Dundee—James Forbes, Education Offices, Dundee.
 Aberdeen—Mrs Fyfe, Pitfodels House, Cults, Aberdeenshire.
 Renfrewshire—N. S. MacKay, 12 Charles Street, Greenock.
 Stirling—Miss Mowbray, Easter Liriland.

M. J. M. Diack

PUBLICATIONS: Books I., II. and III.

Contents of Book I.

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| 1. Petronella. | 8. Duke of Perth, Pease Strae
or Broun's Reel. |
| 2. Triumph. | 9. Rory O'More. |
| 3. Circassian Circle. | 10. Fight about the Fireside. |
| 4. The Nut. | 11. Cumberland Reel. |
| 5. Meg Merrilees, | 12. Merry Lads of Ayr. |
| 6. Flowers of Edinburgh. | |
| 7. Strip the Willow. | |

Contents of Book II.

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| 1. La Tempête. | 7. The Eightsome Reel. |
| 2. The Bumpkin or Ninesome
Reel. | 8. Princess Royal. |
| 3. Glasgow Highlanders. | 9. Greig's Pipes or Cameronian
Rant. |
| 4. Speed the Plough or Inver-
ness Country Dance. | 10. Delvine Side. |
| 5. The Perth Medley. | 11. The Bob o' Dowally. |
| 6. Soldiers' Joy. | 12. Haymakers. |

Contents of Book III.

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| 1. Scottish Reform. | 8. Rachael Rae. |
| 2. The Dashing White Sergeant. | 9. The Duke is welcome to
Inverness. |
| 3. Saint Patrick's Day. | 10. The Eight Men of Moidart. |
| 4. Jenny come down to Jock. | 11. Foursome Reel. |
| 5. Blue Bonnets. | 12. Reel of Tulloch. |
| 6. The Fairy Dance. | |
| 7. The Rock and the wee
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BRANCH REPORTS 1926-27

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In conjunction with the Dundee Musical Festival Association, Scottish Country Dancing was again a strong item on the programme of the Festival. The entries were larger this past year and the performance of the dancers was of a higher general standard.

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The Honorary Treasurer regrets to report a slight loss on the year's working, which however is well balanced by the movement having been extended to Paisley and Port Glasgow. The Branch still holds a useful credit balance. The season was concluded by a well attended and successful Country Dance.

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22nd October 1926.

Mr. F. H. Bisset.

The Branch representatives to the Executive Council were announced as follows—

- Edinburgh — Miss H. P. Maxwell
- Glasgow. Mr. Percy Thomson
- Perth. Mrs. Clark Rattray
- Dundee Miss Sharp
- Aberdeen Miss Bruce
- Renfrewshire Mr. Grierson Macara

This ended the business.

J. Murray

Scottish Country Dance Society.



The FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held at the ATHENÆUM, ST. GEORGE'S PLACE, GLASGOW, on WEDNESDAY, 19th October, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- 1. Annual Report and Accounts.
- 2. Reports from Branches.
- 3. Proposed Alteration to Constitution, as follows:—
 - “4. Members shall pay an Annual Subscription of 5/-, or a Life Subscription of £3 3/-. Any person who has been a member of the Society for four years, and whose subscription is not in arrear, shall have the option of becoming a Life Member on payment of £2 10/-.”
 - “5. The Society may elect an Honorary President and an Honorary Vice-President or Vice-Presidents. The office-bearers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, etc.”

4. Election of Office-bearers and Executive Council for the year 1927-1928.

The retiring Office-bearers are—Chairman, Lord James Stewart Murray; Secretary, Mrs Stewart; Treasurer, Mr Terras. (Lord James Stewart Murray having held office as Chairman for three consecutive years is not eligible for re-election as Chairman this year).

The retiring members of the Council are—Miss Jean Milligan, Mr J. Hubert Low, Mr J. M. Diack, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Miss Sharp, Mr Grierson Macara, Capt. Sir Malcolm Macgregor, Mrs Cathcart, Mr N. S. Mackay, Mr F. H. Bisset, Miss Bruce, Mr Percy Thomson. (They are all eligible for re-election to the Council).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman and six Members of Council should be sent to the Secretary not later than 10th October.

5. Any other business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting their Annual Report for the Year 1926-1927.

Branches.

Each Branch of the Society has been very active, as is shown by the increased membership, which has now reached One Thousand. A new Branch has been formed in Stirlingshire, and several others are in process of formation.

Summer School.

The outstanding event of the year was the Summer School, held at University Hall, St. Andrews, from 16th to 23rd August, and which was attended by 90 resident and 14 non resident members. Classes were held for the dances in Books 1, 2 and 3, instructed by teachers from various branches. A class on Book 4 was taken by Miss Milligan, and was followed by social dancing. Classes for Reel Steps were also taken by Mr Reid of Newtyle, Forfarshire.

Publications.

The pocket edition of Books 1, 2 and 3 was issued to members. Book 4 will be ready at the beginning of October and will be sent to members on receipt of their annual subscription.

Books have been sold during the year as follows:—
Book 1, 1495; Book 2, 981; Book 3, 843; Pocket Edition, 907.

Gramophone Records, in the new electric process, have been made for the three books, and are a great improvement on those first issued. They can be obtained from any agent of the Beltona Company at 3/- for each double sided record.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY. Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th September, 1927.

Receipts.		Payments.	
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1926,	£205 3 10	DONATIONS—	£5 0 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS—		S.W.R.I. (Arran Area),	
Received at Headquarters, £59 0 0		GENERAL EXPENSES—	
Arrears received,	12 5 0	Printing, Stationery & Advertising,	£47 12 11
Paid in advance,	5 15 0	Teachers' Fees & Organising Expenses,	17 16 3
	£77 0 0	Scottish Country Dance Books,	68 10 6
Received from Branches, £180 15 0		Assistant Secretary's Salary (4 months),	12 0 0
Less 5 per cent. refund,	9 0 9	Travelling Expenses,	19 8 10
	171 14 3	Furnishings,	29 16 6
LIFE MEMBERS,	248 14 3	Conference Expenses,	12 14 0
		Alterations on Plates of Book I.,	8 1 6
ROYALTIES—		Postages and Telegrams,	17 18 5
On Books,	£51 8 3	Sundries,	12 1 6
On Gramophone Records,	1 19 1	SUMMER SCHOOL—Deficit,	246 0 5
Refund from Organising Expenses,	53 7 4	BALANCE—	4 19 7
INTEREST—		County Council of Lanark 4½% Loan,	£250 0 0
Deposit Receipt Interest,	5 1 10	British Linen Bank, Current Account,	34 1 10
		Cash in Secretary's hands,	5 10 9
		Cash in Treasurer's hands,	1 14 8
	£547 7 3		291 7 3
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SUMMER SCHOOL. Held at St. Andrew's from 16th to 23rd August, 1927.			
Fees received,	£302 12 10	Board and Residence at University Hall,	£262 16 2
Deficit as above,	4 19 7	Hire of Pianos,	4 15 0
		Teachers' Fees and Expenses,	38 2 6
		Printing, Postages, etc.,	1 18 9
	£307 12 5		£307 12 5

239 HIGH STREET, AYR, 5th October, 1927.—I have examined the foregoing Statements with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers, relating thereto and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

19th October 1927.

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The fourth Annual General meeting of the society was held in the Athenaeum, Glasgow on 19th October 1927.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray (chair)
Sir Malcolm & Lady Macgregor, Miss
Milligan, Mr. Stewart, Mr. & Mrs. Low,
Mr. Mackay, Mr. Diack, Mr. Bisset,
Miss Maxwell, Miss Bruce, Miss Sharp,
Mr. Thomson, Miss Monbray, Mr. Terras,
Mrs. Shand, Miss Forgan, Miss Lockhart
Gillespie, Mrs. E. Farguharson, Miss
Fletcher, Miss Douglas, Mr. Reid, Miss
Robertson, Miss Wyllie Hill, Miss Mackay
Mrs. Ryrie Orr, Miss Smith, Mrs. Smith
Miss Scott Dickson, Miss Ross, Miss Dow,
Mr. Mac Connachie, Mr. Forbes, Mr. MacLue

Apologies

were intimated from Duchess of
Atholl, Lord & Lady Aberdeen, Mrs.
Thomson, Mrs. Fraser Campbell, Mrs.
Cathcart, Mrs. Gray, Miss Biggar,
Mr. Jamieson.

Reports

The Annual and Financial reports were adopted.

19th October 1927.

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Constitution

Rule 4

The reports of work by Branches were read by their respective representatives. It was proposed by Mr. Bisset and seconded by Mr. Low that Rule 4 of the constitution should read as follows:— "Members shall pay an annual subscription of 5/- or a Life subscription of £3.3/. Any person who has been a member of the Society for four years, and whose subscription is not in arrear, shall have the option of becoming a life member on payment of £2.10/." This was unanimously agreed to.

Rule 5.

Mr. Mackay proposed and Lady Macgregor seconded the proposal that Rule 5 of the Constitution read as follows:— "The Society may elect an Honorary President, and an Honorary Vice President or Vice Presidents. The Office Bearers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, a Vice

19th October 1927.

Vice Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. These shall be elected at the Annual General meeting of the Society. Retiring office bearers of the shall be eligible for re-election but no Office Bearer, other than the Secretary and Treasurer, shall hold office for more than three years consecutively. This was agreed to.

Office Bearers for the ensuing year were elected as follows -

Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor
Vice Chairman, Miss Jean Milligan
Hon. Sec. Mrs Stewart; Hon. Treas. Mr. Terras.
Six members, Lord James Stewart Murray
Mr. Diack, Mr. Bisset, Mr. Low, Mr. Jon Jamieson, Miss H.P. Maxwell.

The business being ended Lord James Murray vacated the Chair in favour of Sir Malcolm MacGregor.

Mr. Bisset moved a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman for his admirable work during his tenure of office.

H. Murray

Scottish Country Dance Society.

The FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the ODDFELLOWS HALL, FOREST ROAD, EDINBURGH, on Saturday, 27th October, 1928, at 3.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Reports from Branches.
4. Election of Office-Bearers and Executive Council for the year 1928-29.

The retiring Office-bearers are—Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor; Vice-Chairman, Miss Milligan; Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart; Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are—Lord James Stewart Murray, Mr J. Hubert Low, Mr J. M. Diack, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Mr I. C. Jamieson, Mr F. H. Bissett. (All are eligible for re-election to the Council.)

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and six Members for Council should be sent to the Secretary not later than 20th October.

5. Any other business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

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SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting a report of the work of the Society during the fifth year of its existence.

MEMBERSHIP.—The members now number 1500; 1200 Subscriptions have been paid for 1927-1928, and 300 are in arrear.

BRANCHES.—New Branches have been started for Clackmannanshire and Morayshire, which adds several new centres for the practice and preservation of the dances. This now brings the number of Branches to ten, viz.:—Aberdeen, Clackmannanshire, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Morayshire, Perth, Renfrewshire, Stirlingshire, and Western Dumbartonshire.

SUMMER SCHOOL.—The second Summer School was held at St. Andrews from 16th to 23rd August, and was attended by 130 members.

EXAMINATIONS.—A number of examinations have been held, resulting in an increased number of certificated teachers. A class was held in London for a week during April, at the end of which nine members gained their teacher's certificate. There are also twelve teachers at Birmingham, showing that the activities of the Society are being appreciated south of the Tweed.

PROPAGANDA.—Parties of Girl Guides and Boy Scouts were sent to Highland Gatherings at Oban, Inverness, and Dunblane to give an exhibition of Scottish Country Dancing, and met with a hearty welcome.

A few Country Dances are now found on the programmes of all important Highland Balls.

The Society was asked to organise dances for the Pageant of the West, this was done and the dancers did well in spite of bad weather.

A number of dances were collected during the year in various parts of Scotland.

PUBLICATIONS.—The Fourth Book of Twelve Dances has been published, and the Beltona Company have produced Gramophone Records of the Music. A fifth book has been compiled and will be ready shortly.

admirable work during his tenure of Office.
H. Murray

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY. Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 29th September, 1928.

Receipts.		Payments.	
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1927,	£291 7 3	DONATIONS—	£10 0 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS—		Stirlingshire Branch,	10 0 0
Received at Headquarters, £36 15 0		Dumbartonshire Branch,	£20 0 0
Arrears received,	0 5 0		
Paid in advance,	11 10 0	GENERAL EXPENSES—	
Life Members,	51 6 0	Printing, Stationery & Advertising,	£31 11 3½
Received from Branches,	£99 16 0	Teachers' Fees & Organising Expenses,	9 4 0
Donations,	255 10 3	Scottish Country Dance Books,	106 15 4
	0 2 6	Assistant Secretary (11 Months),	33 0 0
	...	Travelling Expenses,	9 19 7
	...	Propaganda Work,	44 5 4½
DANCE BOOKS SOLD,	Arranging Music of Book 4,	10 10 0
ROYALTIES—		Alterations to Book 2,	3 10 0
On Books,	68 19 8	Income Tax (on Royalties & Interest),	33 2 9
On Gramophone Records,	6 19 1	Postages, etc.,	23 18 8
	...	Sundries,	13 13 0
SUMMER SCHOOL—		BALANCE—	
Surplus,	7 9 2	County Council of Lanark 4½% Loan,	£250 0 0
LONDON COURSE—		British Linen Bank & Depos. Receipt,	100 0 0
Surplus,	4 18 6	Do., Current Account,	46 13 5
INTEREST—		Cash in Secretary's Hands,	13 9 6
County Council of Lanark, 4½ per cent, Loan,	£7 9 5	Cash in Treasurer's Hands,	1 7 9
Deposit Receipt,	0 16 10		
	8 6 3		
	£751 0 8		
	£373 1 6		
SUMMER SCHOOL. Held at St. Andrew's from 16th to 23rd August, 1928.			
Fees received,	£373 1 6	Board and Residence at University Hall,	£313 10 6
		Hire of Pianos,	4 15 0
		Teachers' Fees and Expenses,	39 6 3
		Members' Fees refunded,	2 16 0
		Secretarial Expenses,	5 4 7
		Surplus as above,	7 9 2
	£373 1 6		£373 1 6

230 HIGH STREET, Ayr, 5th October, 1928.—I have examined the foregoing Statements with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify them to be correct.
PETER LYLE, C.A. Auditor.

19th October

Office Bearers

admirable work during his tenure
of office.
H. Murray

27th October 1928.

The fifth Annual General meeting was held at the Oddfellows Hall Edinburgh on 27th October 1928.

Present 55 members. Lord James Stewart Murray in the chair.

apologies were intimated from the Duchesses of Atholl, Lady MacGregor, Lady Margaret MacRae, Miss Milligan, Miss Robertson Major A. Stirling, Major & Mrs. Stirling of Fairburn, Mr. Bisset.

minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Reports. The adoption of the Annual report was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Low.

The adoption of the financial report was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Macara. The reports from Branches were read.

Office Bearers The election of the following Office Bearers for the year were proposed by Mr. MacKay and seconded by Mr. Forbes - Chairman, Sir Malcolm

27th October 1928.

MacGregor, Vice Chairman Mr. G.H. Low Secretary Mrs. Stewart, Treasurer Mr. Terra.

The election of the following six members to serve on the Council for the following year was proposed by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Halley - Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Milligan, Mr. Bisset, Mrs. Maxwell, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Robertson.

Publications After discussion regarding the Society's publications it was agreed that both letter press and music be revised where necessary, and a sub-committee was appointed for this purpose, with powers to co-opt - as follows, Mrs. Shand, Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss Bell, Miss Milligan, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Clark Rattray, Mr. Ian Menzies (co-opted). with the Chairman and Secretary ex officio.

Mrs. Shand reported that she had played the music for a command demonstration of

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of dances given by Ranger Guides at Balmoral and that their Majesties the King and Queen had been much interested and expressed their good wishes for the future of Scottish Country dancing.

U.S.A.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Henry Ford's office in reply to the Council's letter enclosed with copies of S.C.D.S. books, this showed that a movement is on foot in the United States which is interested in preserving the grace and beauty of Country dancing.

There being no further business the meeting ended.

H. Murray

Scottish Country Dance Society.

The SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in the ST. ANDREW'S HALLS, GLASGOW (enter by door G, Berkeley Street), on Saturday, 26th October, 1929, at 2.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Report from Branches.
4. Election of Office-bearers and Executive Council for the year 1929-30.

The retiring Office-bearers are:—

Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor;
Vice-Chairman, Mr J. H. Low;
Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart;
Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are:—

Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Mr I. C. Jamieson, Mr F. H. Bisset, Miss Milligan, Miss Robertson. (All are eligible for re-election to the Council except Mr Bisset who desires to retire).

The following have already been elected to the Executive as Representatives of their Branches:—Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen), Mrs Lindsay (Clackmannan), Miss Bell (Dundee), Mrs Farquharson (Western Dumbartonshire), Miss Gillespie (Edinburgh), Mr F. N. Punchard (Fife), Mr Percy Thomson (Glasgow), Mr Halley (Morayshire), Miss M. Wylie Hill (Perth), Mr Grierson Macara (Renfrewshire), Miss M. Wilson (Stirlingshire).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Six Members for Council, should be sent to the Secretary not later than 19th October.

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5. Any other competent business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in submitting a report of the work of the Society during the sixth year of its existence.

MEMBERSHIP.—The membership of the Society now numbers about 1900, of which 450 are in arrear with their subscriptions.

SUMMER SCHOOL.—The Third Summer School was held at St. Andrews from 12th to 17th August, and was attended by 160 members. At the end of the Course 40 of those taking part gained their Teacher's Certificate.

PUBLICATIONS.—The Fifth Book of 12 dances has been published and a sixth book will be ready shortly.

BRANCHES.—A new Branch has been formed in Fife with centres at St. Andrews, Dunfermline, and Kirkcaldy. A Branch has just been formed and Classes started at Inverness.

Reports from Branches are as follows:—

ABERDEEN BRANCH.—Formed 1925; 93 members; an increase of 46. Four different classes were held weekly during the winter, two public classes, one for teachers and one for advanced work. The attendance at all these was excellent. During the year fourteen members of the branch have taken teaching certificates and five have got B certificates.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1927; 25 members. A successful course of classes was held by this Branch throughout the winter and were very well attended by pupils from all parts of the County. On an average 30 came to the afternoon classes which were held weekly, and 24 to the evening classes which were held fortnightly. Two members from this County have gained their teacher's certificates.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—Formed 1925; 234 members. During the winter and spring sessions weekly classes were held in all 5 books for Branch members. The numbers attending the classes were so large that duplicate classes were necessary to accommodate everyone. The usual concluding class C.D. evenings in December and March were great successes as social functions in the city. School, Club and Welfare agencies have been assisted by both individual members and Branch visiting parties on a larger scale than formerly. Festival Country dancing increased both in entrants and spectacular interest. The Committee have had to make arrangements for an extended syllabus of this section in Dundee during the coming year. More of our members have gained their certificates and there is a very adequate trained list to draw upon. The influence of the Branch activities penetrates into the many spheres of the city social and educational agencies in a practical manner and is fulfilling its purpose to its utmost.

WESTERN DUMBARTONSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1927; 100 members; increase of 24. Classes were held during the session, 1928-29. From October to December—In Alexandria, a Popular Class, with an enrolment of 22; in Dumbarton, a Revisal Class, with an enrolment of 28; Book 3 Class, with an enrolment of 17; Book 1 Class, with an enrolment of 11. From January to March—In Dumbarton, Book IV. Class, with an enrolment of 24. (An outbreak of Influenza was largely responsible for the failure to enrol other classes in the Spring Term). Two very successful Social Dances were held in Dumbarton about 80 people attended.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—Formed 1923; 180 members; an increase of 57. Classes have been held regularly, even during the Summer months, and a number of those attending have taken their Certificates. Special classes have been organised for members of the S.W.R.I., and Boy Scouts, also classes in several villages near Edinburgh. Representatives of the local Branch have also given Demonstrations at Kirkcaldy, Cockburnspath, and at a meeting of the Edinburgh Branch of the St. Andrew Society. In addition a team of boys was sent to London to demonstrate at a Party held in London. Under the auspices of the Branch a Demonstration and Dance was held in October, 1928, in conjunction with the Autumn School, and proved a great success. The Branch intend holding a similar Dance this Autumn.

FIFE BRANCH.—Formed 1929; 55 members. New Branch. No Report.

GLASGOW BRANCH.—Formed 1923; 250 members. The past year has been one of quiet activity. Classes were held in all five Books. Social dances were held each month during the winter in the Highlanders Institute. A dance was also held in the Locarno on behalf of the Lord Provost's Unemployment Fund, which benefited by about £50, this dance was largely patronised and by a considerable number of people unconnected with the Society. The classes for competition at the Musical Festival were well filled and the standard of dancing was on a whole a high one. The Festival Committee intend in future, to confine their activities to purely musical classes, so any dancing competitions will have to be organised by the Branch. A number of members obtained their Teacher's Certificates. More men are taking an interest in the dancing, but the number could be considerably augmented.

LONDON BRANCH.—42 Members. There is still no Committee for this Branch, but a Secretary has now been secured. Classes were held after Christmas and were well attended. The S.C.D. Club run by Mrs MacLachlan has also organised classes and dances during the last year.

MORAYSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1928; 129 members. Four classes have been held, two in Elgin, one in Forres, and one in Nairn, all of which have been a great success. We have also done a fair amount of propaganda work, having given demonstrations with a mixed team at the following events:—Highland Games, at Forres and Rafford, The Morayshire Agricultural Show. A large Rally of the Banffshire W.R.I. Societies at Buchrumb, also at Grange W.R.I. in Banffshire, with the result that the latter are forming a class, and Ballandalloch W.R.I. have already started a class and have enrolled 13 men and 13 women, also 18 juniors. Eleven members of our branch attended the Summer School, nine gaining their Teacher's Certificate.

PERTH BRANCH.—Formed 1925; 75 members. The usual Afternoon and Evening Classes were held throughout the Winter, also a most enjoyable Thé Dansant in which the Dundee Branch joined with us. At the Highland Ball, which was held just after Easter, every third dance was a country dance, also most of the extras, this latter by special request. We sent (by request) Demonstration Teams to the Meeting of the British Federation of Musical Competition Festivals Conference (which was held for the first time in Scotland) in Perth, during the third week in October.

RENFREWSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1925; 95 members. The attendance at the various classes has been good. A most successful demonstration of S.C. dancing was given at the Royal Alexandra Infirmary Fête, Paisley, by a number of teams. A dance club was conducted during the session and proved an enjoyable means of re-union for past members of classes. The Branch presented a trophy for the Senior class in S.C.D. to the Renfrewshire Musical Festival Association. The annual dance proved a happy termination to a successful season.

STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1927; 78 members. During the winter three classes were held including a fortnightly class at the Castle for the soldiers' wives which was very much appreciated. Two social dances took place and were much enjoyed. At the end of the classes several people obtained certificates.

GENERAL.—Besides the Branches there is a "General" List kept by the Secretary. This is comprised of 346 members who live too far away to be attached to any Branch.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 30th September, 1929.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1928, ...	£411 10 8	DONATIONS—	
SUBSCRIPTIONS—		Morayshire Branch, ...	£10 0 0
Received at Headq'rs, £42 0 0		Fife Branch, ...	10 0 0
Arrears received, ...	0 15 0		£20 0 0
Paid in advance, ...	7 10 0	GENERAL EXPENSES—	
Life Members, ...	7 10 0	Printing, Stationery and	
	£57 15 0	Advertising, ...	£45 2 6½
Received from Branches, ...	269 15 5	Teachers' Fees and Organising	
	327 10 5	Expenses, ...	52 9 3½
ROYALTIES—		Scottish Country Dance Books, ...	137 11 8
On Books, ...	£65 6 6	Assistant Secretary, ...	36 0 0
On Gramophone Records, ...	6 13 3	Travelling Expenses, ...	21 17 7½
	71 19 9	Propaganda Work, ...	5 1 6
AYR CLASSES—		Arranging Music for Book 5, ...	10 10 0
Surplus, ...	3 16 0	Alterations to Book 1, ...	2 17 6
SUMMER SCHOOL—		Income Tax (on Royalties and	
Surplus, ...	12 11 1	Interest), ...	11 12 0
INTEREST—		Loss on Helensburgh Classes, ...	10 8 6
County Council of Lanark 4½ per		Autumn School Deficit, ...	5 11 1
cent. Loan, ...	£8 10 0	London Course Deficit, ...	13 15 9
Deposit Receipt, ...	1 1 3	Loan to Glasgow Branch, ...	5 0 0
	9 11 3	Postages, etc., ...	35 12 6½
		Sundries, ...	24 3 0
			417 13 0
		BALANCE—	
		County Council of Lanark 4½ per	
		cent. Loan, ...	£250 0 0
		British Linen Bank—Deposit	
		Receipt, ...	100 0 0
		Do., Current Account, ...	43 0 8
		Cash in Secretary's hands, ...	4 8 0
		Cash in Treasurer's hands, ...	1 17 6
			399 6 2
			£836 19 2
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SUMMER SCHOOL.

Held at St. Andrews from 12th to 19th August, 1929.

Fees received, ...	£408 14 3	Board and Residence at University Hall, ...	£296 3 6
		do. at St. Regulus Club, ...	53 8 0
		Bus expenses to and from do., ...	3 16 0
		Hire of Pianos, ...	4 15 0
		Pianists' Fees and Expenses, ...	9 8 10
		Teachers' Fees, ...	23 12 6
		Secretarial Expenses and Sundries, ...	4 19 4
		Surplus as above, ...	12 11 1
			£408 14 3
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239 HIGH STREET, AYR, 3rd October, 1929.—I have examined the foregoing Statements with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

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26th October 1929.

The sixth Annual general meeting was held at St. Andrews Halls Glasgow, on 26th October 1929.

Present About 40 members attended Lord James Stewart Murray in the Chair.
Apologies were intimated from Sir Malcolm MacGregor, & Mr. Stirling of Fairburn.
Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Annual Report The Annual Report, including Reports of Branches, having been circulated to members was taken as read. The adoption was moved from the Chair and seconded by Mr. Low. The adoption of the Financial report was moved from the Chair and seconded by Mr. Jamieson.

Office Bearers The following Office Bearers and members of Executive Council were elected for the ensuing year.
Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor
Vice Chairman, Mr. J. Hubert Low

26th October 1929.

Office Bearers continued

Secretary - Mrs Stewart

Treasurer - Mr Terras.

Six members voted for -

Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss

Jean Milligan, Mr Forbes, Miss Dow,

Miss Maxwell, Miss N. Bruce.

Sub. Com^{tee}.

It was proposed by Mr Forbes and seconded by Mr Low that a sub. Committee for Research be appointed by the Executive Council.

A.G.M.

D. Kidd proposed that the Annual General meeting for 1930 be held at Dundee - This was seconded by Mr Macara and remitted to the Executive Council.

Competitions

Mr Halley suggested that the Society should organise a competition of its own. Mr Mackay said, that as Glasgow was running a Country Dance Festival independant of the Musical Festival during the coming year, the Society might

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might wait and see the result of this venture. It was agreed to do so.

Badge

Miss Dow proposed and Miss Maxwell seconded, that the Society have a badge for members. This was left to the consideration of the Executive Council.

This ended the business.

James A. Murray

1st November 1930.

The seventh Annual General meeting was held in Kidd's rooms Dundee, on 1st November 1930.

Present There were over a hundred members present, Lord James Stewart Murray in the chair.

Apologies were intimated from several members.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved

An: report The Annual report having been circulated was taken as read and its adoption was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. Low.

Finance The Financial report was also passed, and its adoption moved from the Chair and seconded by Mr. Purnchard.

Office Bearers The following Office Bearers and members of Executive were elected for the ensuing year
Chairman, Mr. Low

Scottish Country Dance Society.

The SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society will be held in KIDD'S ROOMS, TALLY STREET, DUNDEE, on Saturday, 1st November, 1930, at 3 p.m.

BUSINESS :

1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Report from Branches.
4. Election of Office-Bearers and Executive Council for the year 1930-31.

The retiring Office-bearers are:—

- Chairman, Sir Malcolm MacGregor;
- Vice-Chairman, Mr J. H. Low;
- Hon. Secretary, Mrs Stewart;
- Hon. Treasurer, Mr Terras.

The retiring Members of the Council are:—

- Lord James Stewart Murray, Miss H. P. Maxwell, Miss M. Dow, Miss A. E. D. Bruce, Mr J. Forbes, M.A., Miss Milligan. (All are eligible for re-election with the exception of Sir Malcolm MacGregor as chairman, he having held that office for three years).

WESTERN DUMBARTONSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1927: 38 active members. The following classes were held during the year—From October to December—In Alexandria, a "Popular" Class, with an enrolment of 14; in Dumbarton, a "Popular" Class, with an enrolment of 16. From January to March, 1930—In Alexandria, a "Popular" Class with an enrolment of 12; in Dumbarton, a "Practice" Class, with an average attendance of 16. Very successful Social Dances were held in Dumbarton Academy, on Friday, 6th December, 1929, attended by 36 members and 25 non-members (61 in all), and Friday, 21st March, 1930, attended by 31 members, 26 non-members and 13 spectators (70 in all).

EDINBURGH BRANCH.—Formed 1923: 155 members. During the year 1929-30 the membership of the Edinburgh Branch has again increased. Large classes have been held regularly during the year and at the end twenty members took their Certificates. As usual special classes have been organised outside Edinburgh, and in the city, for the Girl Guides and other Organisations. A great deal of helpful propaganda has been done by giving Demonstrations. Among others, one was given in the Zoological Park at the Overseas League Fete in June. Much interest was shown at the Edinburgh Musical Festival in the Scottish Country Dance section. Under the auspices of the Branch, a very successful "Demonstration and Dance" was held on St. Andrew's Night, 1929; the largest hall available proving much too small. During the last year, a very marked interest has been shown by the general public in Scottish Dances and this has even penetrated to the local dance halls.

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The following have already been elected to the Executive as Representatives of their Branches :—Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen), Mr Duncan (Banffshire), Mrs Lindsay (Clackmannan), Miss Bell (Dundee), Miss Smith (Western Dumbartonshire), Miss Gillespie (Edinburgh), Mr F. N. Punchard (Fife), Mrs Quintin Smith (Glasgow), Mrs Grant (Inverness), Mr Halley (Morayshire), Mrs Finlay (Perth), Mr Grierson Macara (Renfrewshire), Miss M. Wilson (Stirlingshire).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Six Members for Council, should be sent to the Secretary not later than 27th October.

Election will be made at the Annual General Meeting from the list of those nominated.

5. Alteration to Constitution and Rules :—Mr Jamieson proposes that 2 (b) should read "to promote and encourage the formation of branches."
6. Alteration to Constitution and Rules :—Dr Kidd proposes that 10 should read :—"An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in October or at such other time and at such place as the Annual General Meeting may decide."
7. Any other competent business.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,
3 Park Circus, Ayr.

Following the Meeting, at 4 p.m., the Dundee Branch has arranged a Thé Dansant of Scottish Dances, and an invitation is extended to all S.C.D.S. members.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

The Executive Council have pleasure in presenting their Seventh Annual Report.

During the past year the work of the Society has been as vigorous as hitherto. A new Branch has been formed at Buckie which bids fair to cover the whole of Banffshire. The Fife Branch has extended to four Centres instead of three, and the Scottish Community in London are availing themselves of the classes there.

An addition has been made to the books in the possession of the Society in the shape of a copy of the 4th part of Nath. Gow's Repository. This was presented by Lady Dorothea Ruggles Brise who gave the first three parts of the Repository and the five parts of Neil Gow's Collection to the Society some years ago. The fourth Summer School was held at St. Andrews for ten days in July when the accommodation at University Hall was taxed to the utmost. The School adjourned to the Younger Graduation Hall for the last evening when about 200 people came to watch the dancing.

There has been a demand for gramophone records from Books 4 and 5, but the Council has not been successful in persuading a recording Company to undertake a series. The Columbia Company have, however, promised to record six dances, and these six, viz. :—

The Bottom of the Punch Bowl (Bk. 5). Lennox Love to Blantyre (Bk. 6).

Teviot Bridge (Bk. 5). Rothesay Country Dance, Tune Dumfries House (Bk. 6).

Roxburgh Castle (Bk. 6). Lord MacDonald's Reel (Bk. 6).

have been scored for orchestral instruments and will be on the market this Autumn. If they sell well, others will be made.

A number of dances in these two books have been recorded by Mrs Shand on the piano.

PUBLICATIONS.—A sixth book of 12 dances was published during the year also leaflets of the Sixteensome Reel.

ABERDEEN BRANCH.—Formed 1925; has completed a most successful year. The membership is now 244 which is an increase of 51 on the previous year. During the winter, classes were held four nights a week—three public classes and one teachers' class. The attendance at all the public classes was very steady all through the session. A successful class was also held at Peterhead. In February the Branch organised a dance in the Music Hall. This proved a great success and was attended by nearly 400 dancers. It is hoped to repeat this next year. During the year 9 members of the Branch have been granted Teaching Certificates.

BANFFSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1929. The Society has made a rapid progress, not only in Buckie but in the whole of Banffshire. In Buckie alone there are now 149 members, and at almost every practice there was a full attendance. By demonstrations given throughout Banffshire, interest has spread, with the result that all the places visited namely, Arradoul, Clochan, Portnockie, Ruthven, Torglen and Fisherie, there was every likelihood of a class being started, while demonstrations were yet to be given at Craiggellachie, Banff, Cornhill, Shenwell and Newmill.

CLACKMANNANSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1927; 12 members. A course of classes was held during the winter of 1929-30. Those who attended enjoyed the course but unfortunately owing to various reasons the classes were not so well attended as in previous years. Two members gained teacher's certificates at the Summer school 1930.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—Formed 1925; 270 members—an increase of 36 on previous year. Classes for practice of the Dances have been as enthusiastic as ever, all Branch members participating. Two evenings per week were reserved for classes, the first class each evening is definitely a teaching class, the second for older members concentrates on dances from all books. In December and March two successful social functions were held under Society auspices. Festival Country Dance classes increase in entry and scope—there was an extension of age classes this past year and the Branch gifted a second trophy for competition. For the first time the Country Dancing was a separate part of the Festival, arrangements being in the hands of the local Branch of the Society. Club and welfare work is increasingly and willingly undertaken by more and more of our members. Girl Guides and Boy Scouts are also aided. A proposal is afoot to commence Scottish evenings of music, song and dance by a combination of efforts of local Gaelic and kindred Societies with our Branch, thus maintaining Scottish sentiment.

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FIFE BRANCH.—Formed 1929. In this its first year the Branch has built up a membership of 210. It has operated through 3 centres at St. Andrews, Dunfermline and Kirkcaldy. A fourth centre has now been established at Cupar, and its area will include the north of Fife. The increasing interest and activity displayed by the W.R.I.'s will call for more and more effort in the centres. The Branch is anxious to encourage as many members as possible to qualify as teachers, so that all instruction may be correct in form and sound in method. Secretarial changes have occurred in two centres, and changes elsewhere are to follow; but these unavoidable difficulties should be readily surmounted by the organisation which has been effected during the year. The respective centres are to be congratulated upon the splendid work performed, most of which has fallen upon the secretaries. St. Andrews and Dunfermline both exceeded expectations.

GLASGOW BRANCH.—Formed 1923; 400 members. Classes were held for the dances in the six books these classes were well attended. Social dances were also held monthly during the winter in the Highlanders' Institute, the average attendance at each meeting being about 110. A large dance took place in St. Andrews Halls, in March, when about 400 people were present. The classes for competition at the various festivals were generally well filled. A further number of members have obtained their Teacher's Certificates. Interest in the dances continues to be spread among the Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigade, Girl Guides, Girls' Clubs, etc.

INVERNESS BRANCH.—Formed 1929. The first meeting of the C.D.S. was held in September, 1929, and classes were formed in the beginning of October. 5 sessions of classes were held, including a very successful Children's session held in Easter. About 75 pupils joined, 21 joining the Society. A very successful Thé Dansant was held in December, when those interested in country dancing were admitted, and several exhibition dances given. A letter was sent to the Secretary of Inverness Musical Festival asking for an open class to be included in the syllabus for next year. A letter was placed before the Stewards of the Northern Meeting asking for a larger and more varied number of country dances to appear on the ball programme. This was complied with by the Stewards. The first year's work has been very satisfactory. The Badenoch Education Festival for schools in the district gave competitions in S.C. dancing, two teams from Rothiemurchus taking first place. It is being urged on the committee that they secure a S.C.D. Judge.

LONDON BRANCH.—A London branch of the Scottish Country Dance Society was formed and classes were held at the Portsmouth Club in the Spring of 1930. The Classes were well attended and resulted in a small credit balance. Miss Milligan held a small Easter School and the instruction received was most appreciated by those who attended. After Easter a Dance was held to raise funds for the branch and increase the London membership. It is proposed to hold a monthly meeting of the Society where members and friends can meet to practise the dances. The S.C.D. Club has continued to organise classes, and also a "Summer School." Mrs McLachlan has presented a shield for team competition.

MORAYSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1928; 110 members. Classes were held in Forres, Nairn and two in Elgin; members of which showed great enthusiasm and made splendid progress. Under W. R. I. auspices, teachers were sent to Ballendalloch, Craigellachie, Grange and Rothiemay, where members travelled many miles to attend. One of the most gratifying features of these Classes was the number of young men who attended. Continuation Classes for S.C.D. were held in both Elgin and Keith by the Moray and Banffshire Authority. A series of Monthly Social Dances were held during the past winter, all of which proved a great success. Most nights the members were outnumbered by non-members, who were most enthusiastic, and, as each Dance was demonstrated before they took part, they had little difficulty in falling into the form of the dances. This section of our work we consider was a great asset in inducing new members to join the Classes. The Branch has also done a lot of propaganda work during the summer, with mixed teams. Demonstrations were given at the following functions (Fêtes, Games, etc.)—Brodie, Elgin, Fochabers, Keith, Rafford, Rothiemay, Inverness (Carnival), and the Northern Meetings (two days), where the team had a great reception. The Moray Festival, S.C.D. Section, was a great success. This section is run by the branch, who draw up the classes, and the choice of adjudicator is also left to them. There are eight classes (all open), and six of them with Challenge Trophies. We are glad to note there has been a decided increase in the number of Country Dances on the programmes of many of the public and private dances held in this district.

PERTH BRANCH.—Formed 1925; 100 members. Three classes were held in Perth during the autumn, a Thé Dansant early in January, and a special class to practise dances for the Highland Ball during the early spring. New classes were also started in Callander and Kincauldine-on-Forth, as well as in some of the country districts nearer Perth. The entries for the Musical Festival were again very good, and the standard of dancing was on the whole very high.

RENFREWSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1925. The membership shows a fractional increase over last year and the attendances at classes have been well maintained. The Dance Club at the Academy was continued and proved a welcome means of sustaining the interest of those who have passed through our classes. A lecture and demonstration was given at Inverkip on the invitation of the local branch of the Women's Rural Institute, at which members of the Institute were most enthusiastic. The Directors of the Greenock Highland Society have decided to urge strongly upon their members the desirability of taking up Scottish Country Dancing. A class is to be formed in this connection. The Annual Dance provided a most enjoyable termination to a successful season.

STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH.—Formed 1927. The Membership of the Stirlingshire branch is now 87. During the winter 1929-30, three classes a week were again held, all of which were well attended. A class was also held at the Castle for the soldiers' wives. A new class was started at Bannockburn which was much appreciated and it is hoped to continue it again this winter. Two very successful social dances were held and were much enjoyed. This is comprised

GENERAL.—Besides the Branches there is a "General" List kept by the Secretary. This is comprised of 354 members who live too far away to be attached to any branch.

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RECEIPTS.	£399	6	2	PAYMENTS.	£25	0	0
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1929, ...	£399	6	2				
SUBSCRIPTIONS—							
Received at Headquarters, ...	£29	5	0				
Arrears Received, ...	1	5	0	Inverness Branch, ...	£5	0	0
Paid in Advance, ...	13	15	0	Buckie Branch, ...	10	0	0
Life Members, ...	26	6	0	London Branch, ...	10	0	0
Received from Branches, ...	421	16	3				
	492	7	3	GENERAL EXPENSES—			
ROYALTIES—							
On Dance Books, ...	£82	2	9	Printing, Stationery and Advertising, ...	£40	13	2½
	82	2	9	Teachers' Fees and Organising Expenses, ...	73	7	0
REPAYMENT OF LOAN TO GLASGOW BRANCH,							
	5	0	0	Scottish Country Dance Books, 100	10	3	
INTEREST—							
County Council of Lanark	£8	10	8	Assistant Secretary, ...	30	0	0
4½ % Loan, ...	1	11	7	Travelling Expenses, ...	31	3	1
Deposit Receipt, ...	10	2	3	Propaganda Work, ...	26	18	10
	10	2	3	Arranging Music for Book 6, ...	25	0	0
	£988	18	5	Alterations to Books 1 and 5, ...	15	19	0
	408	9	7	Income Tax on Royalties and Interest, ...	15	7	0
	£988	18	5	Autumn School Deficit, ...	2	4	6
	555	8	10	Summer School Deficit, ...	4	3	10
	408	9	7	Cost of Publishing Book 6, ...	109	0	0
	£988	18	5	Orchestration of Dances, ...	6	6	0
	555	8	10	Purchase of Gramophones, ...	7	0	0
	408	9	7	Postages, etc., ...	38	0	7½
	£988	18	5	Sundries, ...	29	15	6
	555	8	10				

SUMMER SCHOOL Held at St. Andrews from 7th to 17th July, 1930.

Fees Received, ...	£534	2	0				
Board and Residence at University Hall, ...	£457	5	0				
Do. at Seaton Court Hotel, ...	6	5	0				
Hire of Younger Hall, ...	4	10	6				
Bus Expenses, ...	3	18	6				
Hire of Pianos, ...	6	10	0				
Members' Fees, ...	0	0	0				
Planists' Fees and Expenses, ...	9	5	3				
Sundries, ...	0	11	7				
	£538	5	10				
	4	3	10				
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239 High Street, Ayr, 6th October, 1930.—I have examined the foregoing Statements, with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

The following articles are the property of the Society:—One Typewriter, 2 Portable Gramophones, 1 Writing Desk, 1 Music Cabinet, Sundry Books of Music.

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		Postages, etc., ...	38 0 7½
		Sundries, ...	29 15 6
			555 8 10
		BALANCE—	
		County Council of Lanark	
		4½% Loan, ...	£250 0 0
		British Linen Bank—	
		Deposit Receipt, ...	150 0 0
		Do. Current Account, ...	4 7 11
		Cash in Secretary's Hands, ...	1 13 0
		Cash in Treasurer's Hands, ...	2 8 8
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1st November, 1930.

Vice Chairman, Lord James S. Murray
 Secretary, Mrs Stewart
 Treasurer, Mr Terras.

Six members elected by vote,
 Sir Malcolm Mac Gregor, Miss Milligan,
 Mr Forbes, Mr Jamieson, Miss Dow,
 Miss Anderson.

Rules - Alteration to Constitution and

Rules - On the motion of Mr Jamieson, seconded by Lady Mac Gregor, it was unanimously decided to alter Rule 2 b, to read:

"to promote and encourage the formation of branches", thereby deleting "throughout Scotland"

After some discussion, Mr Kidd's proposal, seconded by Miss Ritchie, that Rule 10 be altered, it was agreed that this rule should read:—"an annual general meeting of the Society shall be held in October or at such other time as the Executive Council may decide

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decide and at such place as the Annual General meeting shall decide.

A.G.M.

It was agreed, on the motion of D. Mac Gillivray, seconded by Mr. Halley, that the next Annual General meeting be held in Edinburgh.

Branches

It was agreed that when a Branch representative could not attend a meeting of Executive Council, a deputy might be sent from that Branch.

This ended the business.

J. Murray

7th November 1931.

The eighth Annual General Meeting was held in the Oddfellows Hall, Edinburgh on 7th November 1932.

Present

about 65 members. Lord James Stewart-Murray in the Chair.

Reports

The Annual, Branch, and Financial Reports, having been circulated among the members, were taken as read.

The adoption of annual and Branch reports was moved by Mr. Low and seconded by Mr. Macara. The adoption of the Financial Report was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Low.

Office Bearers.

The following Office Bearers were elected for the ensuing year — Chairman, Mr. J. Hubert Low; Vice Chairman Lord James Stewart Murray. Hon: Secretary Mr. Stewart, Hon: Treasurer Mr. Terras.

Elected members

The six members elected by vote were Miss Milligan, Miss Dow, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Anderson, Mr. Duthie, and Mr. Punchard.

7th November 1931.

AG.M. 1932. It was agreed to hold the Annual General Meeting in Glasgow in 1932, and in Fife in 1933.

Publication After some discussion as to what form the Society's next publication should take, Mr. Angus proposed that the matter be left to the Executive Council. This was seconded by Mr. Cox and agreed to.

This ended the business.

James Murray

Scottish Country Dance Society.

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1. Annual Report.
2. Financial Report.
3. Report from Branches.
4. Election of Office-bearers and Executive Council for the year 1931-32.

The retiring Office-bearers are:—

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Mr Ion Jamieson, Mr J. Forbes, M.A. (All are eligible for re-election.)

The following have already been elected to the Executive as Representatives of their Branches :—Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen), Mrs G. S. Robertson (Angus), Mr Duncan (Banffshire), Mrs Hamilton Meikle (Clackmannanshire), Miss E. T. Bell (Dundee), Miss Smith (Western Dumbartonshire), Miss Gillespie (Edinburgh), (Fife), (Glasgow), Mrs Grant (Inverness), Miss Macdonald (Lochaber), Mr Halley (Moray), Mrs Finlay (Perth), Mr Macara (Renfrewshire), Miss Mowbray (Stirling).

Nominations for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Six Members for Council should be sent to the Secretary not later than 3rd November.

Election will be made at the Annual General Meeting from the list of those nominated.

5. Place of Annual General Meeting, 1932.
6. Any other competent business.

The Meeting will be followed by a Democratic Conference at which Members are invited to demonstrate their local variant of any Scottish Country Dances.

It will be helpful if those who will take an active part in this will hand their names and the name of the dance to the Secretary on arrival.

Y. STEWART, *Hon. Secy.*,
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WESTERN DUMBARTONSHIRE BRANCH (formed 1927). There are 47 members, an increase of 9 on the previous year. Two classes were held, from September to November, and were much enjoyed. From January to February three classes were held, two of them being on new lines. One of these was a Scout Class offered for four nights as propaganda work, and was keenly attended by about 50 Scouts. The other was a Junior Class for schoolgirls and schoolboys between the ages of 12 and 16. This also was enthusiastically attended by about 40 pupils, 6 of these being boys. There is still great difficulty in interesting the male members of the community in country dancing. Very successful social dances were held in December and March. During the year one member gained certificates for Books I. and II.

EDINBURGH BRANCH (formed 1923), 160 members. The past year has again shown that people are keeping up their interest in Scottish Country Dancing. The number of classes during the winter had to be augmented in order that they should not be too large. The annual dance of the Edinburgh Branch was again held in the Music Hall and was a great success.

FIFE BRANCH (formed 1929, 254 members—being an increase of 44). The Centres have held successful classes and dances during the year, thus interesting a large circle of people outside the Society. Classes have also been held with Womens Rural Institutes and in organisations for girls and boys in the schools. Twenty members have taken their full Teacher's Certificate during the year, and 29 have gained the A Certificate in Book I.

GLASGOW BRANCH (formed 1923), 437 members. During the past year the work of the Branch has been carried on with its normal activity. Classes were held for teaching the dances in all the books; the attendance at these classes on the whole was very good. Three social dances were held during the winter; the numbers at each of these varied, and there was a small profit left from them. A Demonstration Dance was held in the Grand Hotel when addresses were given by Mrs Stewart, Miss Milligan, and Lord James Stewart Murray; while the cost to the Branch was £24 the function was very successful from the point of view of propaganda. The classes for competition at the Festivals of Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Boys' Brigade and others continue to be well supported and the standard of dancing is mostly high. A number of the members obtained their certificates for teaching the dances in Books I. and II. Various social organisations continue to maintain their interest in the dances. Although more gentlemen are taking an interest in the dancing their numbers could be considerably increased.

INVERNESS BRANCH (formed 1929), 40 members. The Branch had a most successful season. Two sessions of classes were held during the winter which were much appreciated, while the standard of dancing was very much higher than the first year. A Thé Dansant was held shortly before Christmas which was very much enjoyed. Two teams entered for the Inverness Musical Festival, the marks gained by one being 90 per cent.

LOCHABER BRANCH (formed in 1930), 27 members. The members have studied the first book and begun the second. Visits from a certificated teacher from Glasgow have been of great assistance to the Branch.

LONDON BRANCH (formed 1930), 138 members. The membership of this Branch has increased a great deal during the past year, which has been a successful one. Classes were held at the Duke of York's School, Sloane Square, from October until Christmas and again from January until Easter. These were well attended. The Committee have arranged a Winter Course which will be divided into classes for beginners and advanced students. 28 members are certificated in Books I. and II. and 10 in Book I. only. The Scottish Country Dance Club continues its activities and has published the Border Book of 12 Scottish Country Dances. Mrs MacLachlan has had a film made to be used in conjunction with the book.

MORAYSHIRE BRANCH (formed 1928), 110 members. Classes were held in Forres, Lossiemouth, and two in Elgin; under W.R.I. auspices classes were taught at Carron, Craigellachie, Longmorn and Lantryd. Monthly social dances were again held during the winter. The usual amount of propaganda work has been done during the summer. Demonstrations were given by mixed teams at fêtes, games and shows. The entries for the Musical Festival were very good and the standard of dancing continues to be very high.

PERTH BRANCH (formed 1925), 128 members. Three classes were held in Perth during the autumn and again in the spring. From the Callander class we had 22 new members. A Thé Dansant was again held in January at which over 100 people danced. Dancing in the country districts was again well maintained and adjudicators were asked for school sports, Girls' Friendly Society Rally and country games. 24 Guide Companies entered for this section at the Musical Festival at which there was also a class for Wolf Cubs and Life Boys. There were 5 other classes, all with very good entries, so that interest in the county is well maintained.

RENFREWSHIRE BRANCH (formed 1925), 76 members. Although there has been a decrease in membership the attendance at classes shows a steady increase. The past season did not lend itself to fresh ventures in county districts and the grouping of classes in Greenock area has resulted in the strengthening of our financial position. The harmonious working between ourselves and the local Highland Society has advanced country dancing in a much desired direction. The Greenock Highland Society class membership now exceeds 60. The Academy Dance Club has proved itself a successful organisation and provides a much appreciated facility for dance practice and social intercourse. The annual dance proved a happy means of re-union for members at the close of the season.

STIRLINGSHIRE BRANCH (formed 1927), 110 members. Three classes a week were held in Stirling and one a week in Bannockburn. Two successful social dances were held in Stirling. Three teams entered for the Country Dance Class at the Musical Festival held at Falkirk, one of the teams gaining first place. A team from Stirling gave an exhibition of dancing at Kippin Highland Games. A certificate examination was held in June when two members passed their Certificate A in Book II., three Certificate A in Book I., and two Certificate B in Book I. Several members from the county attended the St. Andrews school. It is hoped this winter to hold more classes in country districts.

GENERAL.—Besides the Branches there is a "General" list kept by the Secretary. This is comprised of 400 members who live too far away to be attached to any branch.

AFFILIATED.

Portsmouth, Hants.—The Scottish Clans Dancing Society founded in March, 1930. "A private Society for the practice of Scottish dances as published by the Scottish Country Dance Society."

Vancouver, British Columbia.—Scottish Country Dancing is very popular in Vancouver. Some enthusiastic members have recently formed a Branch here.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY.

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ending 30th September, 1931.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
Balance on hand at 1st October, 1930, ...	£408 9 7	DONATIONS—	
SUBSCRIPTIONS—		Banffshire Branch, ...	£5 0 0
Received at Headquarters, ...	£28 15 0	Angus Branch, ...	5 0 0
Life Members, ...	15 0 0		£10 0 0
Received from Branches, ...	414 1 2	GENERAL EXPENSES—	
	457 16 2	Printing, Stationery and Advertising, ...	£51 5 2
ROYALTIES—		Teachers' Fees and Organising Expenses, ...	122 7 11½
On Dance Books, ...	£62 7 6	Scottish Country Dance Books, ...	97 16 3
On Gramophone Records (Year 1929-30), £8 15/-		Assistant Secretary, ...	33 0 0
Do. (, 1930-31), £6 4/-	14 19 0	Travelling, ...	44 2 2
	77 6 6	Propaganda, ...	4 0 0
DANCE BOOKS SOLD, ...	38 10 8	Alterations to Books 2, 3 & 4, ...	15 15 0
SUMMER SCHOOL SURPLUS, ...	33 14 3	Old Edition of Book 3 destroyed, ...	9 10 0
INTEREST—		Cost of Publishing New Pocket Edition, ...	65 0 0
County Council of Lanark Loan, ...	£7 18 1	Income Tax on Royalties and Interest, ...	16 8 6
Deposit Receipt, ...	0 14 11	Purchase of Music Cabinet, ...	7 0 0
	8 13 0	Autumn School Deficit, ...	11 7 6
		Postages, etc., ...	40 11 6½
		Sundries, ...	24 5 7
			542 9 8
		BALANCE—	
		County Council of Lanark Loan, ...	£250 0 0
		British Linen Bank, D/R, ...	200 0 0
		Do., Current A/c, ...	18 3 1
		Petty Cash, ...	3 17 5
			472 0 6
			£1,024 10 2
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SUMMER SCHOOL,

Held at St. Andrews from 17th to 29th August, 1931.

Fees Received, ...	£648 0 2	Board and Residence at St. Andrews Hall, ...	£484 17 0
		Do. at St. Regulus Club, ...	34 16 0
		Do. at St. Cyrus Club, ...	5 0 0
		Bus Expenses, ...	10 0 0
		Hire of Pianos, ...	5 7 0
		Teachers' Fees, ...	56 14 0
		Pianists' Fees and Expenses, ...	10 18 0
		Janitor at St. Katherine's, ...	1 10 0
		Sundries, ...	5 3 11
		Surplus as above, ...	33 14 3
			£648 0 2
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Dance at Younger Hall, St. Andrews.

Spectators at 6d per ticket, ...	£12 13 6	Hire of Hall and Gas, ...	£4 15 9
Collection towards National Playing Fields Association, ...	0 17 3	Bus Expenses, ...	1 13 6
		Lodging for Band, ...	2 10 0
		Travelling, etc., Band, ...	2 2 0
		Donation to National Playing Fields Association, ...	2 2 0
		Printing Tickets, ...	0 7 6
			£13 10 9
	<u>£13 10 9</u>		<u>£13 10 9</u>

239 HIGH STREET, AYR, 5th October, 1931.—I have examined the foregoing Statements, with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

The following articles are the property of the Society:—One Typewriter, 2 Portable Gramophones, one Writing Desk, one Music Cabinet, one Filing Cabinet, and sundry Books of Music.

5th November, 1932

The Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held in the Mc'ellan Galleries, Glasgow, on Present 5th November, 1932, and was attended by between 60 and 70 members.

Lord James Stewart Murray presided.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Reports The Annual Report was read and its adoption was moved from the Chair and seconded by Mr. Low.

The adoption of the Financial Report was moved from the Chair and seconded by Mr. Duncan.

Office Bearers The election of Office Bearers for the year 1932-33 was as follows:—
Chairman, Mr. J. Hubert Low.
Vice Chairman, Lord James Stewart Murray.
Hon Secretary, Mrs. Stewart.
Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Terras.
Six Elected members, Miss Milligan.

5th November 1932.

Six Elected Miss Dow, Miss Anderson, Mr. Jamieson, Miss Kenyon and Miss Trail.

After discussion it was agreed that Rule 7 of the Constitution should not be altered, but that the following addition be made to it - proposed by Dr. Kidd and seconded by Mr. Foxler: -

"The President of the Society shall be ex officio a member of the Executive Council."

A. G. M.

It was decided that the next Annual General Meeting be held in Dunfermline, Fife, in 1933.

This ended the business.

A bound copy of Books 1-8 was presented to the President as a slight recognition of the valuable services which he renders to the Society.

At the close of the meeting a film of Scottish Country Dancing

5th November 1932.

was shown by Dr. Kidd, Dundee.

J. Murray

4th November 1933.

The Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held in the College of Heggies, Dunfermline, on Saturday 4th November 1933.

Lord James Stewart Murray presided. ^{were present.}

Present. and Apologies. Between 80 and 90 members.

Apologies were intimated from Miss Bell, Mrs. Law, Mrs. Mackintosh, Miss Martin Stewart & Miss Moir.

Minutes.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman, in his remarks, congratulated the members of the Dundee Branch on their work during the past

4th November 1933.

year, particularly in connection with the S.C.D.S. stand at the Highland Show. He also congratulated the members of the Fife Branch on their splendid organisation throughout the county.

Reports.

The Annual, Branch, and Financial Reports, having been circulated amongst members, were taken as read.

The adoption of the Annual & Branch Reports was moved by Sir Malcolm Macgregor and seconded by Mr. Forbes.

The adoption of the Financial Report was moved by Mr. Mackay & seconded by Mr. Gornie.

Alterations

to Constitution. Miss Milligan's proposal that Rule 5 of the Constitution should read:— "The Society may elect a President.

a Vice President, and Honorary Vice Presidents"

That Rule 7 should read:—

"The President & Vice President of the Society shall be, ex officio, members of the Executive Council."

In accordance with the adoption of this proposal, Mrs. Stewart was elected as Vice President of the Society. Miss Winifred E. Forgan, 7 Blackburn Road, Ayr, was appointed Secretary, and Mr. Robert T. Tennas, The British Linn Bank, Galston, was reappointed Hon. Treasurer. It was agreed that the Current Account in name of the Society be transferred from Ayr to Galston Branch of the British Linn Bank, and that sums may be transferred therefrom by the Treasurer, to and from a Savings Account or Deposit

3rd November. 1934.

Mrs. Stewart (Vice-President), moved the adoption of the Annual and Branch Reports, seconded by Miss Kenyon.

Mrs. Stewart said that it was very satisfactory to notice that while new Branches were being formed the older Branches were still retaining a large membership.

The adoption of the Financial Report was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Bruce.

Election of
Office
Bearers.

The election of Office Bearers for the year 1934-35 was as follows: -

Chairman. Lord James Stewart Murray.

Vice-Chairman. Mr. J. Hubert Low.

Six elected Members.

Miss Anderson,

Miss Dow

Mr. Drummond

Miss Hilligan.

Mr. Pynchard
Miss Thomson.

It was announced that for reasons of economy the Executive Council would meet only twice a year in future, instead of four times, and that the Publications Committee would meet more often when necessary.

Summer
School.

With regard to the Summer School, it was agreed to adopt the proposal of the Executive Council that in future the 5/- deposit sent in with the application form be retained as a registration fee.

The Chairman congratulated the members on their work during the past year, and thanked them for their help and interest in the Society. He was particularly interested in the report

3rd Nov. 1934.

of the work done in Vancouver, and welcomed Mrs. C.K. Stewart, a member of the West Vancouver Branch, who was present at the meeting.

A.G.H.
1935.

It was agreed to accept the invitation of the Perth Branch to hold the Annual Meeting in Perth in 1935.

Book 10.

It was decided to publish a further book of 12 dances. This ended the business.

H. Murray

9th November 1935

The 12th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday 9th November 1935 in the Salutation Hotel Perth.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray presided and ca. 200 members were present.

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Lord Inverclyde, Sir J. Lorne & Lord W. Hamilton Deane, Mr. George Macintosh, Mr. McDavid & Mr. Shand. Lord James Stewart Murray made respectful reference to the death of Mr. Kidd the representative of the Inveroch Branch and to the illness of Mr. Shand.

Minutes

The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Reports

The Annual Branch and Financial Reports having been circulated amongst members were taken as read.

The Chairman remarked on the excellence of the Report showing as it did the growth of the Society in its membership and influence. He announced the formation of a new Branch in Manchester.

Mr. Stewart in moving the adoption of the General Report said that one of the most interesting items in it was success of the team sent to the International Folk Dance Festival. The team had danced well and the interest & cooperation of the whole Society was shown in the fact that nearly the whole cost of the London visit had been met by donations. Mr. Stewart urged the members to try

to interest people who were already interested in dancing
(in Scottish Country Dancing) and thus gain new members.

Mr. Duncan seconded the motion

The adoption of the Financial Report was moved by
Sir Malcolm Macgregor and seconded by Mr. Forbes.

Election of
Office Bearer. The election of Office bearers for 1935-36 was as follows:-

Chairman:- Lord James Stewart Murray

Vice-Chairman:- Mr. J. Hubert Low.

Six elected Members:- Miss Anderson

Miss Dow

Mr. Drummond

Miss Kenyon

Miss Milligan

Mr. Panchard.

AGM. 1936 It was decided that the Annual General Meeting of
the Society be held in Glasgow in 1936.

New Book It was decided to publish a further book of 12 dances in 1936

The chairman congratulated the members of the Society once
again on the work done by them during the year. They had
shown unfailing interest in all the activities of the Society.

Lord James spoke of the Scottish dance music played by the B.B.C.

It was, he said, gratifying that the B.B.C. gave regular
programmes of Scottish dance music, but it was a pity that
there was so little variety in these programmes and

that the performance lacked the spirit of the dance. He hoped
that members as individuals would co-operate in approaching
the B.B.C. on this matter.

This ended the business.

James Stewart Murray

14th Nov. 1936.

The 13th Annual General Meeting of the S.C.D. Society was held on Saturday

14th Nov. 1936, within the St. Andrew's Halls, Glasgow.

Present.

Lord James Stewart Murray presided and over 300 members were present.

Apologies.

Apologies were intimated from Sir John Lorne MacLeod and Mrs. Law.

Minutes.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Reports.

The Annual, Branch and financial reports having been circulated amongst members were taken as read.

The chairman said that the year had been one of steady and gradual progress. The movement had made very good headway in the past thirteen years, and the Society had helped to make country dancing part of the national life. At the moment great stress

was being laid on the physical fitness of the nation. Lord James suggested that among the schemes for keeping the nation fit Scottish Country Dancing should be included.

The chairman thought that work among children was very important, and that particular attention might be paid to the teaching of dancing to young boys. Dancing taught to them when young helped to prevent self-consciousness and should be a help to their dancing in the ball room in later years.

The chairman intimated that since the publication of the annual report 4 new branches had been formed. They were Kirkcaldy, Perth, Arbroath, West Lothian and Glenkens. Mrs. Stewart (Vice-President) moved the adoption of the Annual and Branch Reports. Miss Hellioghan, these were adopted.

Mrs. Stewart said that the progress made by the Society was very

satisfactory, and that she felt that there was much enthusiasm throughout the country. She thought that the formation of 4 new branches in the last few months was particularly satisfactory. Mr. Low moved the adoption of the financial report, Mr. Talbot seconded. The report was adopted. Mr. Low congratulated Mr. Texas on his years work, and urged that Secretaries of Branches should send in their subscriptions as soon as possible.

The chairman made reference to the loss suffered by the Society by the resignation of Miss Morgan. The members expressed their appreciation of the work done by Miss Morgan for the Society. The chairman stated that Mrs. Joan Brown's name had been put forward by the Executive Council for the post of Secretary.

Mr. Punchard proposed that Mrs. Joan Brown be appointed Secretary. Mrs. Bruce seconded the proposal.

Miss Morgan's resignation.

Election of Office Bearers.

The meeting agreed to the proposal. The election of Office Bearers for 1936-1937 was as follows

Chairman	Mrs. Hamilton Neale
Vice-Chairman	Lord James Stewart Murray
Six elected members	Miss Anderson
	Mrs. Bruce
	Miss Dow
	Mr. Drummond
	Miss Hurligan
	Mr. Punchard

Proposed alteration and addition to the Constitution.

That Rule 4 be revised as follows: - "The annual Subscription be 5/- Life Memberships Subscription £3 3/- Members who have paid an annual Subscription for four consecutive years may become Life Members on payment of £2 10/- and those who have paid for 7 consecutive years may become Life Members on payment of £1 10/-."

That Rule 10 should read: - "An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in November..... That the following rule be added to

the Constitution: - "An examination for teacher's certificate shall be open to members of the Society only, and there shall be no entrance fee. Candidates must not be less than 18 years of age. They shall be examined first in Book I, and having passed the test enter for Book II examination. No one who fails in an examination may take it again for three months. The form of the examination shall be (a) Practical, candidates must be able to dance correctly and teach the dances according to the standard set up by the Society.

(b) Theoretical, candidates must be able to answer questions on the dances. This part of the examination may be either written or oral and demands a full knowledge of the details of technique and formation, of the difficulties and faults which may be corrected, and of the methods whereby the correct spirit and deportment is gained.

The alteration to Rule 4 and to Rule 10 was approved by the meeting. The constitution to the constitution was slightly amended and reads as follows: -

"No one who fails in an examination may take it again for three months unless in the case of a candidate being able to provide evidence of at least ten hours attendance at instruction under an approved teacher since the date of the failure."

The following words were added after Book II examination "or any other series of dances chosen by the Executive."

Place of

H. G. M. 1936

It was unanimously decided to accept the invitation of the Aberdeen Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen in 1937.

This ended the business.

James Murray

13th November 1937

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The 14th Annual General Meeting of the S.C.D. Society was held on Saturday, 13th November 1937 in the Music Hall, Union St., Aberdeen at 2.30 p.m.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray presided and over 100 members were present.

In addressing the meeting Lord James said that he was very glad that the Society was able to present a report which showed steady progress and that S.C.D. had an increasing hold not only in Scotland, but over the Border and across the Ocean.

It was perhaps not surprising that the credit of preserving and encouraging this form of dancing should be due to Scotland the most democratic of countries. Scotland owed much to Mrs Stewart and her little band of pioneers for having rescued from oblivion a national heritage which gave such splendid opportunities of communal recreation.

Lord James said that he had listened recently to the broadcast of his well-

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Scottish Country Dance Society.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1937-38

I HAVE much pleasure in reporting that the Funds of the Society have shown another increase over the previous year; this time it is a very substantial one, viz. £278. The balance in hand now stands at the satisfactory sum of £883, the highest ever recorded in the history of the Society. This increase may be attributed to various sources, the principal ones being increase in Membership, additional receipts from Royalties, Broadcasting fees, sale of Dance Books and Leaflets, and Surplus from the Summer School. There is, of course, a corresponding rise in the Society's expenditure.

INCOME.

Subscriptions.—£613 was received during the year for Subscriptions, which represents an increase in this item of £90, partly due to the formation of new Branches but largely due to increased Membership in others.

Royalties.—It is pleasing to note that £98 has come in from this source, £55 on Dance Books and £43 on Gramophone Records. The advance here is large in comparison with last year, namely £35. With regard to Royalties on Gramophone Records, £20 of the sum received represents the making of over 9700 records from which the Society was paid $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on each record, the remaining £23 being received for the broadcasting of records.

Broadcasting Fees.—£40 has been credited to this item and shows an advance on last year of £25. I may mention that these fees are in respect of the Society being the copyright owner of numbers arranged for broadcasting.

Sale of Dance Books and Leaflets.—The satisfactory sum of £113 in this connection shows an increase of £25.

Summer School.—With a fine profit of £84 this School has become a prosperous venture and a steady source of income to the funds. The turnover this year is £858 and it should be interesting to compare this with the first Summer School eleven years ago when the turnover was £300 and the surplus £4:19:7!

EXPENDITURE.

Expenses in comparison with last year is up about £80. The principal items showing increases are as follow:—

Printing, Stationery and Advertising.—Including Dance Leaflets and two issues of the Bulletin, this expense amounted to £167, an increase of £60. The advance here is mostly accounted for by the printing of a large supply of Dance leaflets which cost £55.

Travelling Expenses.—£63 was spent on travelling, which shows an increase of £23 from last year. Additional representatives at meetings and a meeting at Aberdeen caused this increase.

Demonstrations at Empire Exhibition (June).—A sum of £15 was spent in giving Branches financial assistance for this venture which in my opinion should be splendid propaganda. The September demonstrations for which £15 is also granted is not included in the current's year's statement as all expenses from teams participating were not received in time to be included.

Teachers' Examination Fees, etc.—This item shows an increase of £12 due to more examinations for Certificates.

Against the above items, £33 less was spent on Pocket Edition (Books 9, 10, 11) than that of Book XI.

In the past few years our Income has steadily increased due largely to subscriptions from the Branches and this is, in my opinion, convincing evidence that the Society is gaining in popularity. It would be unfortunate if the present balance on hand was allowed to drop to any great extent but at the same time the Society is now in the fortunate position of being able to spend wisely and more freely when the occasion arises.

R. T. TERRAS, Treasurer.

Statement of Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand at 30th September, 1937	£605 12 10
SUBSCRIPTIONS—	
Received at Branches	£541 13 4
Received at Headquarters	72 3 0
	613 16 4
ROYALTIES—	
Dance Books	£55 4 6
Gramophone Records	43 10 0
	98 14 6
Broadcasting fees	40 10 11
Sale of Dance Books and Leaflets	113 1 6
Sale of Gramophone Records	22 11 6
DONATIONS—	
Miss Milligan's Circles	£9 9 0
Dundee Highland Society Dance Class	1 1 0
Dance Class at Abernyte, Perthshire	1 0 0
	11 10 0
Half Examination Expenses borne by Glasgow Branch	9 8 2
Summer School—Surplus	84 6 6
Autumn School—Surplus	2 6 0
Discount received	6 2 3
INTEREST—	
County Council of Lanark Loan	£6 5 0
Savings Account	2 16 3
	9 1 3
	£1,617 1 9

Summer School, held at St. Andrews

Fees received	£806 11 0
Registration Fees	46 8 9
Surplus from Dance	5 3 0
	£858 2 9

The following articles are the property of the Society:—2 Typewriters, 2 Portable Gramophones, Writing Bureau, Music Cabinet, Filing Cabinet, Chest of Drawers, and Sundry Books of Music.

for the year ending 30th September, 1938.

PAYMENTS.

Cost of Scottish Country Dance Books (1-5)	£71 11 2
„ Pocket Edition (Books 9, 10, 11)	42 8 6
„ Printing Dance Leaflets	55 15 0
„ Printing October and March Bulletins	56 1 0
Teachers' Examination Fees and Organising Expenses	89 15 7
Travelling expenses	63 3 7
Cost of Gramophone Records—	15 1 11
Demonstrations at Empire Exhibition (June)	£25 2 6
Less Grant from National Fitness Council	10 0 0
	15 2 6
Auditor's Fee	6 6 0
Printing, Stationery and Advertising	55 1 10½
Postages, etc.	46 3 3
Secretary—Salary and Bonus	119 14 0
„ Office Expenses	20 0 0
Treasurer—Honorarium and Bonus	77 0 0
BALANCE—	
County Council of Lanark Loan	£250 0 0
The British Linen Bank—Savings Account	355 13 1
„ „ Deposit Receipt	150 0 0
„ „ Current Account	120 4 2
Petty Cash (in hands of Secretary and Treasurer)	8 0 1½
	883 17 4½
	£1,617 1 9

from 1st to 15th August, 1938.

Board and Residence:—	
University Hall	£654 7 0
St Regulus Club	75 0 0
	729 7 0
Pianists' Fees	15 3 3
Examination Fees	19 19 0
Hire of Buses	5 12 0
Hire of Piano	3 15 0
Surplus (carried to General Account)	84 6 6
	£858 2 9

R. T. TERRAS, Treasurer.

23 BARNES STREET, Ayr, 6th October 1938.—I have examined the foregoing Statement with the Books, Accounts and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.
PETER LYLE, C.A., Auditor.

13th November 1937
The 14th Annual General Meeting of the S.C.D.

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their Strathspays magnificently, though
their reels were still occasionally too
quick

Lord James said that he would like
to take the opportunity of placing on
record the great loss which the Society,
and the Aberdeen Branch in particular,
had suffered by the death of Mrs Shaw.
She would be missed not only for her
wonderful playing but for her delightful
personality

Lord James mentioned that there were
three new affiliated Societies
Richmond Caledonian Society
Peterborough + District Caledonian Soc.
Colchester

Apologies.

Apologies were returned from Sir
John Lowe Macdonald, Mrs Hain, Mrs
Liddell, Mrs Law, Mrs Stark, Mrs Reid,
Mrs Punchard.

Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Reports

The Annual Branch and Financial Reports having been circulated amongst members were taken as read.

Mrs Stewart in moving the adoption of the Annual and Branch reports said that the little band of pioneers who started the Society might justly be proud of its growth. The membership was very satisfactory and might be multiplied many times to give a proper indication of the number of people interested in and dancing Scottish Country Dancing.

She thought that it was particularly interesting to read of the successful visit of the London Branch team to Brittany.

Mrs Huggan seconded the adoption of the Reports. These were adopted.

Lord James said that members had received copies of the Financial Report but that he would ask Mr Texas

Financial Report.

to give a resume of it.

Mr Texas stated that the funds of the Society showed another increase of £130, the balance on hand now standing at £605. As regards Income there had been an increase in subscriptions of £50. More than £20 had been received from royalties on gramophone records and £15 on broadcasting fees.

The sale of dance books showed a further increase of £7. - With a total of £44 the Summer School was again a financial success.

Repayment of grants and donations received were down about £17.

Expenditure compared with the previous year was down about £30.

Mr Texas suggested that the present balance should be maintained as the growth of the Society demanded the expenditure of larger sums of money.

Mr Dummer in moving the adoption of the Financial Report congratulated Mr Texas on his excellent year.

work. Mr. Drummond thought that the Society would now afford to spend a little more money on propaganda. Mr. Duncan in seconding the report thanked Mr. Texas for his interesting work.

The Financial Report was a masterpiece. The election of Office Bearers for 1937-1938 was as follows

Chairman: - Mrs. Hamilton Mackie
Vice-chairman: - Lord James Stewart Murray
Miss Anderson
Mrs. Bruce
Miss Jones
Six elected members
Mr. Drummond
Miss Hulloquin
Hon. E. Forbes Tompall

A.G.M. It was decided that the Annual General Meeting of the Society should be held in Edinburgh in 1938 and if possible on the 5th November 1938.

Examination Dances Lord James stated that dissatisfaction had been expressed with the present

examination system in that it did not entail a full enough knowledge of the formations of the dances and the Executive Council had decided on the following series of dances published in ballot form for Certificate 1.

1. Petronella
2. Triumph
3. Circassian Circle
4. Duke of Perth
5. Fight about the Trenches
6. Drummer's Dances
7. General Stewart's Red
8. Mrs. Piggel Ship
9. Mrs. Macdonald
10. Corn Riggs
11. River Cree
12. The Red Horse

Certificate 2
Full Certificate

1. Glasgow Highlanders
2. Haggis o' Galloway
3. Mrs. Mackie
4. There's nae Luck about the House
5. Tullochgorran

6. 1 Dalkeths Strathspay
7. Scottish Rumble
8. Terrest Beg.
9. Lady Susan Stewart's Reel
10. The Merry Dancers
11. The Punch Bowl.
12. Legit and Ory

The chairman said that the Executive Council had decided that this season the new system could be an alternative one to the old, but that next season it would be compulsory.

This ended the business

James Murray

5th November 1938

5th Nov. 1938 The 15th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday, 5th November 1938 in the Plaza, Morningside Road, Edinburgh at 3 p.m.

Present Lord James Stewart Murray presided, and approximately 200 members were present.

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Mr Drummond, Mr Duthie, Miss Henderson, Mrs Law, Mrs Liddell, Mr Low, Sir John Lorne Macleod, Mrs Pinkerton and Miss Slater.

Minutes The minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

Lord James in addressing the meeting said that the progress made had been gradual and steady. The past year had been more exciting than usual due to the fact that Scottish Country Dancing had been recognised as an essential part of the "Keep Fit" movement.

They also knew of the great success the Society had had at the Empire Exhibition during the past six months.

The demonstrations at the "Keep Fit" pavilion had been enormously popular - about 30,000 people had witnessed entire performances and many more had been present at partial performances. The terms had also been in great demand at the Clackan. The dances there reminded him very much of the Letherhammets

that used to be given in his youth in Perthshire, where everyone danced, rich and poor, young & old. These dances, Lord James said, were invaluable for keeping alive that spirit of sympathetic unity amongst the people of different walks of life. Recent events had surely impressed on us how necessary it was that we should not only be fit, but that we should be united, and anything which encouraged unity and fitness must be worth while striving for. Lord James said he thought the meeting would agree that Scottish Country Dancing was among the most valuable of these movements.

Lord James reported that two new Branches had been formed, one in Carlisle and the other in Lanark. Annual Report. Mrs Stewart of Fasnaclloch in moving the adoption of the Annual Report, recalled how the Society began in a very small way and said that the forebodings of some people had not been realised. They had got the country dances back into the ballroom to a very large extent, and within 15 years had got 27 Branches. The fact that the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the Capital had asked the Executive to be their guests, showed that the Society was recognised as being part of the national life of Scotland.

Miss Mulligan in seconding the adoption of the Report said that one of the greatest difficulties at the start was the getting of men, but that now she really felt that the Country dances of Scotland were interesting the young men to an ever increasing extent. The Report was adopted.

Election of Office Bearer. The following members were elected to the Executive Council:- Miss Anderson, Mrs Bruce, Miss Dow, Mr Drummond, The Hon. E. Forbes-Sempill and Miss Mulligan.

Financial Report. Mr Duncan moved the adoption of the Financial Statement. Mrs Gordon Bruce seconded the proposal of adoption. The Financial Report was adopted.

A.G.M. 1939. Lord James announced that the Annual General Meeting 1939 would be held in Stirling.

Miss Kenyon proposed and the meeting accorded a very hearty vote of thanks to the President.

Lord James Stewart Murray.
This ended the business.

James Stewart Murray
3/21/45

3rd. November 1945

The 16th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Saturday, 3rd. November 1945 in the Boys High School, Glasgow at 3 p.m.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray, President of the Society presided and approximately 200 members attended the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Miss A. Anderson, The Marchioness of Bute, Lord Inverclyde Mrs Liddell, Miss E.C. Sharp, The Hon. Elizabeth Forbes-Sempill, Major & Mrs Stewart.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved and signed.

In addressing the meeting Lord James spoke of the popularity of Scottish Country dances among the troops during the war years - when classes were held in many parts of the world including German P.O.W. Camps.

One factor which had helped to spread the popularity of Scottish Country dancing was that during the past years so many men from England, the Dominions, America and other Allied Countries had been in Scotland & were glad to avail themselves

of the opportunity to take part in the healthy and enjoyable recreation. In this connection, Lord James added, the Society had done much valuable work and he thought they should acknowledge the help they received from the then Army Commander in Scotland - General Sir Andrew Thorne, who had taken such a keen interest in Scottish Country dancing.

Lord James referred to the oldest Highland step on record, used in other countries including Poland and Russia, as well as in Scotland, and which he had learned as a boy in his native Atholl Country from a deerstalker nicknamed Black John.

Annual Report

The Honorary Secretary read the Annual Report. Mrs Bruce (Aberdeen) in moving the adoption of the Annual Report congratulated the Society on carrying on its work throughout the war years. Mrs Robertson (Angus) seconded the adoption of the Report. The report was adopted.

Branch Reports

Miss Milligan gave a summary of the work that had been done during the war years dealing particularly with the dancing and instruction given to the forces not only of this country and in Scotland

but to men from overseas stationed in Britain & to our own men from all over the world. Miss Milligan spoke of the keen interest in Scottish Country dancing in P.O.W. Camps & hoped that in the future more men would take an active part in Scottish dances so making the performance an integral part in the social life of Scotland. Miss Kenyon (Glasgow) and Miss Crichton (Dundee) both spoke of the progress of their Branches and the methods they were adopting to increase membership.

Alteration in Constitution Mrs Hamilton-Meikle proposed the following alteration to the Constitution: - "That examination candidates as well as being members of the Society shall pay an examination fee of 5/-". Mrs Stark (Strisling) seconded the proposal which was unanimously carried by the meeting.

Financial Report. Miss Whellan, Treasurer, reported on the Financial Statement and stated that the profit on the last year amounted to £234. 9. 10 and that the balance amounted to £113. 7. 1. Mr Drummond (Edinburgh)

in moving the adoption of the Financial Report congratulated Miss Whellan on her years work and the Society on having such a satisfactory balance considering the difficulties of the war years. Mrs Rankine (Hamilton) seconded the adoption of the Report. The Financial Report was adopted.

Election of Office-Bearers. The election of Office-Bearers for 1945-46 was as follows: - Chairman - Miss Jean Milligan
Vice-Chairman - Mrs Hamilton-Meikle
Six elected members: - Miss Barrow, Mr Drummond, Miss Dow, Mrs Leslie, Miss Kirk and Dr. E. Forbes-Sempill.

Annual General Meeting 1946 It was decided that the Annual General meeting of the Society should be held in Dundee in November 1946.

Mr St. Clair Mackay proposed a very warm vote of thanks to Lord James Stewart Murray who has been President of the Society for 21 years.

This ended the business of the meeting.

James Stewart Murray
9th Nov 1946

9th November 1946

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on 9th Nov. 1946 in the Training College, Park Place, Dundee at 3 p.m.

Present.

Lord James Stewart Murray, President of the Society, presided & approximately 200 members were present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, approved & signed.

In addressing the meeting Lord James began by congratulating the Dundee Branch on its 21st birthday & on having the largest number of members in proportion to the population. He compared the different situations arising after the two great world wars - after the 1914-1918 War young men came back having forgotten all the old traditions & were only able to dance the new American dances. Dancing was no longer a social recreation, dance halls sprang up everywhere & the whole thing became commercialized. It was realised that a great deal had been lost with the passing of the Country dances so in 1923 the Society was formed to encourage people to dance the traditional dances of their Country. Its success had exceeded all his expectations. The situation was different after the recent war as so many men, not only from this Country

but from other Countries had been stationed here and many had been interested & had enjoyed taking part in Scottish Country dancing.

Lord James spoke of his upbringing in the Country where although there were social differences they were mainly conventional & were kept for conventional occasions. He thought that many of the troubles nowadays arose from the fact that in the Cities different social classes had got frozen in to separate localities. There was no better way of thawing them out than by the spreading of Scottish Country dancing throughout the whole Community.

Annual Report. The Annual Report having been circulated was adopted, having been proposed by Mrs Stewart & seconded by Mrs Brown. Mrs Stewart spoke of the high standard of dancing which was being maintained & said she had noticed a tremendous difference at this year's Summer School.

Branch Reports. Miss Milligan Chairman of the Executive Council congratulated the Branches of the Society on their steadfast work during the year & their keen enthusiasm.

Election of Office-Bearers. It was announced that as the exact number of nominations had been received there would be no

election to the Executive Council & the following were the Office-Bearers & members for 1946-47

Chairman: - Miss Jean Milligan

Vice-Chairman: - Mrs Hamilton-Meikle

Members: - Miss Barrow, Mr Drummond, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie, Dr Forbes-Sempill & Miss Slater.

Additions to Constitution & Rules. The meeting was asked to agree to the suggested addition to the Constitution & Rules by the Executive Council, namely, that the following should be added to Paragraph 4 "Affiliated Societies shall pay an annual subscription of £1-1/-".

The addition was adopted having been proposed by Miss Milligan & seconded by Miss Browne

Financial Report The Financial Report having been circulated was taken as read & was adopted, the adoption being proposed by Mr Drummond & seconded by Mrs Rankin. Mr Drummond congratulated the Treasurer on her very satisfactory statement of the finances of the Society.

A.G.M. 1947 The Chairman told the meeting that the next A.G.M. would be held in Edinburgh in 1947. Miss Anderson proposed a vote of thanks to the Dundee Branch for their hospitality & to the President, Lord James Stewart Murray.

This ended the business of the meeting

Jean Milligan
15.11.47

5th November 1947

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday, 15th November 1947 at 3 p.m. in Moray House Training College, Edinburgh.

Present.

Miss Jean Milligan presided and there were approximately 320 members present.

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Lord Sowerby de. Lord James Stewart Murray & Mrs Stewart.

In sending his apologies to the meeting Lord James commented on the value of Country dances as a means of improving physical culture but at the same time not losing sight of their traditional & aesthetic value. He congratulated the Society on the increased membership and thought the Society was of great value in these days as it knew no class distinction and recognized no political faction.

Minutes

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read by the Secretary, approved & signed.

Chairman's Address

Miss Milligan in her address said she felt it was a great honour to take the Chair in Edinburgh, our Capital city, which had done so much to spread the interest & knowledge of our dances not least during this very

important year by demonstration before their Majesties and at the International Music Festival. The year had been outstanding in the history of the Society, H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth having become its Patroness. Members would be interested to hear the letter read by the Secretary on receipt of the wedding present sent by the Society - a beautifully bound volume of Books 1-14.

An invitation had also been sent for two representatives of the Society to view the Royal wedding presents at St. James's Palace and the Chairman & Secretary hoped to attend.

Miss Millegan spoke of the very large increase in membership during the year and told the meeting of five new Branches having been formed since the publication of the Annual Report - nine altogether since last year.

The Chairman also told the meeting that the Society had been asked to arrange demonstrations at the Folk Music Conference to be held in Edinburgh in June 1948 also that she & Lord James were to give papers at morning sessions.

The Society had been represented at the International Folk Music Conference in London

by Mrs Leslie & Miss Hadden - representatives from 28 Countries were present. Miss Millegan asked Mrs Leslie to give a report to the meeting on the Conference and then told the members that the Executive Council had decided to send a donation of £100 to the International Folk Music Council towards their first years expenses. The report and this announcement were enthusiastically received. Miss Millegan in mentioning friends & members of the Society in various parts of the world spoke of one member in Australia.

Mrs Staunford London who had kindly sent a parcel to the Society for the last two years to help with the tea after the Annual General Meeting. This help was greatly appreciated and Miss Millegan said she would convey the thanks of the members to Mrs Staunford London.

Annual & Branch Reports on the Annual & Branch reports & proposed their adoption which was carried having been seconded by Mrs Robertson.

Election of Officers - The exact number of nominations for members Bearer 1947-48. to Executive Council having been received. There was no voting. The following were on the

Executive Council for 1947/48 :-

Chairman :- Miss Jean Kulligan

Vice-Chairman :- Mrs Hamilton-Meckle

Miss Barron, Mr Drummond, Miss Kirk, Mrs Leslie

Dr. Forbes-Sempill & Miss Slater.

Alteration to

Constitution Rules. Mr Drummond proposed that the following alteration to the Constitution & Rules should be adopted, namely, "Members shall be persons interested in the objects of the Society, and firms, Companies, Societies, Clubs or other bodies may join as Affiliated Groups". The proposal was adopted having been seconded by Miss Kenyon.

Financial Report. Miss Whellan gave a short financial report outlining some of the main features in the year's accounts. She mentioned that the amount of subscriptions received :- £845.6.5 was a record in the history of the Society, also that the Society was faced with large printing accounts whenever more paper was available for re-prints of books. The Financial Report was adopted having been proposed by Miss Anderson & seconded by Miss Kirk.

A.G.M. 1948

It was announced that as the semi-jubilee of the Society took place in 1948, it was fitting that

The Annual General Meeting should be held in Glasgow from which city the Society had started. Dr. Forbes-Sempill proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Kulligan for acting as Chairman. This ended the business of the meeting.

James S. Murray
30/10/48

30th October 1948 The Nineteenth Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday, 30th October 1948 at 2.45 p.m. in the Royal Technical College, Glasgow.

Present: Lord James Stewart Murray presided and there was an attendance of 350 members.

Apologies were intimated from Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Mackintosh, The Hon. Mrs Macbean of Ardross and Dr Elizabeth Forbes-Sempill.

Chairman's Address Lord James in his remarks spoke of the development of Scottish Country dancing since the Society was formed in 1923. He emphasized that the influence of the Society had spread to nearly every County in Scotland, to the British Commonwealth and to America. Through the interest taken in the demonstrations given during the Folk Music Conference in Edinburgh in July and during the Music Festival in August, there was cause to think that the activities of the Society would be extended to other countries. In these days, Lord James continued, when there were many movements active in the world some which make for harmony & some which did not. The mission of the Society was quite clear - to encourage harmony and good fellowship, and to extend its

influence as widely as possible and so help to bring peace and good will throughout the world.

Election of Executive Council for 1948-49 The only nominations for the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman were Mrs Hamilton-Meikle and Miss Millegan respectively.

Mrs Hamilton-Meikle was therefore elected as Chairman and Miss Millegan as Vice Chairman.

There were nine nominations for the six places vacant on the Executive Council.

After voting the following members were elected: - Miss B. Anderson, Miss Barrow, Mr Drummond, Mrs Liddle, Mr Murray and Dr Forbes-Sempill.

Adoption of Annual Report. The adoption of the Annual Report which was published in the Bulletin was proposed by Mrs Rankin (Hamilton & Clydesdale Branch) and seconded by Miss Browne (Aberdeen Branch). The Report was adopted.

Adoption of Financial Report. In proposing the adoption of the Financial Report Mr Robertson (Angus) congratulated Miss McWhellan on her work. Mrs Liddell (Manchester Branch) seconded the proposal and the Financial Report was adopted.

Annual General Meeting 1949 The Chairman announced that the Executive Council had accepted the invitation from

Aberdeen Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Aberdeen in 1949.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the business part of the meeting concluded at 3.30 p.m.

Following this, Mrs Hamilton-Meikle, on behalf of the members of the Society, presented hand bags and cheques to Mrs Stewart and Miss Milligan and congratulated both ladies on the work they had done in founding the Scottish Country Dance Society twenty five years ago and inspiring and developing its work. Mrs Stewart, after thanking the members for their gifts and at the request of the meeting, gave an interesting account of the beginnings of the Society and expressed her great pleasure at the results now achieved. Miss Milligan, in expressing her thanks and appreciation to the members for their gifts said how much she had enjoyed the years of work for the Society and how very interested she had been in its growth.

James Stewart-Murray
19/11/49

19 Nov. 1949 The Twentieth Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday 19 November 1949 at 2.45 p.m. in the Music Hall Aberdeen.

Present Lord James Stewart-Murray presided and there was an attendance of 420 members

Apologies Apologies were indicated from Lord Inverclyde, Mrs Adam, Mr. Brown, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Fiddell, Mr. Hamilton-Meikle, Miss Kirk, Mr. Stewart & Mr. W. Clark

Chairman's Address } Lord James, after expressing thanks to the Aberdeen Branch for their hospitality, said that according to the Annual Report it seemed as if the Society was one of the very few beneficial organizations which had improved their position financially and in every other way since the war. In an amusing speech Lord James suggested that the influence of the Society might penetrate the Iron Curtain and visualized the Dancers of Don, led by A. Forbes-Sempill, dancing Mrs Mangochie & Manchuria while at the same time the team which went to Venice for the International Folk Music Festival, led by Miss Jean Milligan, progressed up the middle of Jugoslavia, sidestepped across the borders of Hungary and east round the baltics.

of Czechs, Slovakia & Poland and danced the "Duke of Perth" in Ukraine. Continuing Lord James stressed the social aspect of Scottish Country Dancing which helped to break down artificial barriers which had been built up in the cities since the Industrial Revolution.

(Media of Exec.) The only nominations for the position of Chairman
(Council for 1949-50) & Vice-Chairman were Mr. Hamilton - Meikle
and Miss Milligan respectively. Mr. Hamilton - Meikle was re-elected Chairman & Miss Milligan Vice-Chairman.

There were eleven nominations for the six places vacant on the Executive Council.

After voting, the following members were elected:
Miss B. Anderson, Mr. Drummond, Mr. Jessie,
Miss ^{Mrs} ~~Lennan~~ ^{Lennan}, Mr. Murray, & D. Forbes-Serpill.

During the counting of the votes Miss Milligan gave an interesting account of the visit of the Society's Team to Venice to attend the International Folk Music Conference and Festival & told the meeting of the excellent reports that had been received of the team's dancing & efficiency. Lord James then read a letter from the team expressing their gratitude to the Society

for having had such an opportunity.

Adoption of Annual Report } The adoption of the Annual Report which was published in the Bulletin was proposed by Miss Barrow (Glasgow) & seconded by Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh). The Report was adopted

Adoption of Financial Report } The Financial Report which was published in the Bulletin was adopted, having been proposed by Miss Ross (Glasgow) & seconded by Mr. MacRitchie (Fort William).

Annual General Meeting 1950 } The Chairman announced that the Executive Council had accepted the invitation of the Edinburgh Branch to hold the meeting in Edinburgh in 1950.

D. McFellau (Tricketts) proposed a vote of thanks to Lord James Stewart Murray for presiding at the meeting and to the Aberdeen Branch for their generous hospitality during the week-end.

This concluded the business of the meeting

James Stewart Murray

11 Nov. 1950

The twentyfirst Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday 11 November 1950 at 2.30 p.m. in the Central Halls, Tollcross Edinburgh.

Present

The Lord James Stewart-Murray presided and there was approximately an attendance of 540 members

The Secretary read a telegram from H.R.H. The Princess Elizabeth, Patron of the Society in reply to one sent her from the meeting:-

"I send you the President, the Executive Council and members of the Scottish Country Dance Society thanks for the kind message of greetings from the twentyfirst Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh"

"Signed Elizabeth"

Apologies

Apologies were intimated from Mr. Bruce, Miss Campbell, Mr. Dunne, Lord Inverclyde, Mr. Bird Matthew, Mr. Hamilton-Meikle, Mr. McAdie and Mr. Stewart

The Chairman in regretting the absence of Mr. Stewart, Vice President of the Society through illness agreed to send her a message from the meeting wishing her a speedy recovery

Chairman's Remarks

Lord James in his address said that every year the Society had shown a steady progress but in studying the Bulletin of 1950 it had struck him that this year

the development in all directions had been phenomenal. The Society had now a membership of approximately 10,000, 50 Branches & 100 Affiliated Groups. In an interesting speech Lord James went on to say that this development which started 27 years ago with hardly any propaganda & with no grant aids from the Government had proved that although it was partly a romantic revival with a special appeal to Scots at home & overseas it was also a movement which had satisfied a need of modern times. He thought perhaps a remark made by an appreciative Frenchman about the dancing of the Scottish team at the Nice Festival supplied a clue to the Society's success. The expression was "a superb blending, ancient & yet modern". Lord James said a debt of gratitude was owed to the founders, Mr. Stewart and Miss Meligan for giving the large store of Scottish Country Dances to the public. From the very beginning they had always stressed the great social benefits to be derived from Scottish Country dancing

Minutes

Those of the last meeting held on 19 November 1949 (circulated in the Bulletin) were confirmed & signed.

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Adoption of
Annual and
Financial Reports

With the approval of the meeting the reports were considered next on the agenda. The adoption of the Annual Report which was published in the Bulletin was proposed by Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh) & seconded by Miss B. Anderson (Aberdeen) thereat was adopted.

Mr. Drummond proposed the adoption of the Financial Report & this was seconded by Miss Kenyon (Glasgow)

The Treasurer, in dealing with the Financial Report drew attention to the fact that the Report at present under consideration was for a period of nine months only and therefore the Balance could not be compared with last years. Mr. Scott (Edinburgh) commented on certain items in the balance-sheet stressing points referring to sale of books and investment of capital at present in savings accounts. The Chairman asked Mr. Scott to send in his suggestions in writing, to the Secretary & under took to see that these were brought before the appropriate Committee. The Report was adopted.

④ Election

Election of Executive Council for 1950-1951
The only nominations for the positions of Chairman & Vice-Chairman were Mr. Hamilton-Merkle and Miss

Mulligan respectively. Mr. Hamilton-Merkle was therefore elected as Chairman & Miss Mulligan as Vice-Chairman. There were seven nominations

for the six places vacant on the Executive Council. After voting the following members were elected: - Mr. Hutchison (Dundee) Mr. Leslie (Edinburgh) Miss MacLennan (Aberdeen) Miss McLaughan (Perth) Dr. McFellan (Angus) & Mr. Murray (Glasgow)

5 Royal Charter

The Chairman stated that at a meeting of the Management Committee held on 19th September 1950 the suggestion had been put forward that the Society should apply for a Royal Charter and called upon Mr. Frizell to explain to the meeting the reasons for making the application.

Mr. Frizell stated that the Society had been in existence since 1923 and had a membership of between 10,000 & 11,000. In the course of its work it had discovered & preserved more than 200 old dances; it had ensured that these should be danced properly bringing beauty & grace into our social gatherings of today. The interest in Scottish Country Dancing was almost world-wide. There were now a great many dancing societies with names like that of the S.C.D.S. it was possible that the public might

become confused methods of dancing taught
which the Society did not approve. The Society
therefore needed a Royal Charter to protect its interests
to ensure its continued existence. He went on to
say that in petitioning for a Royal Charter there
was a good omen in the interest taken by the
Royal family in the Society. Since 1946 the Society
had enjoyed the patronage of H.R.H. The Princess
Elizabeth who had described Scottish Country Dancing
as "one of Scotland's most characteristic pastimes".
In conclusion Mr. Frizell moved the following resolu-
tion: - That the President, Vice President, Chair-
man, Vice Chairman Secretary & Treasurer in the
name of by authority of the Executive Council and
members of the Society be and are hereby authorized
to present a Petition to the King's Most Excellent
Majesty in Council praying that a Royal Charter
of Incorporation may be granted to the Society by the
name of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society.

Mr. Lindsay Stewart seconded Mr. Frizell's proposal &
the meeting unanimously approved the motion.

The Chairman said that the Constitution as it
stood at present fell short in several respects from
that would be desirable for a body seeking a Royal

Charter. It would therefore require to be amended.
There were several motions on the Agenda, proposing
or involving amendments to the Constitution viz:-

A Proposed alteration to Paragraph 7 of the Constitution
Rules for Executive Council Meeting held on
15th August 1950

1 The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman
Vice Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer, six members
elected by the Society and one nominated from
each Branch. The nomination of the six members
elected by the Society shall go through the Branch
Secretary and only two nominations shall be
sent in from each Branch. The President and
Vice President of the Society shall be, ex officio,
members of the Executive Council.

2 From Dundee Branch

"The Executive Council shall consist of the Chair-
man, Vice Chairman Secretary Treasurer, members
nominated by Branches - each branch shall be
entitled to nominate one member to represent it
on the Executive Council - and six other members
elected by the Society. Only in the event of in-
sufficient nominations shall more than one
member of the same branch be eligible for election

to one of these six places. The President and Vice President shall be, ex-officio members of the Executive Council

3 From Perth Branch

The Executive Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Members nominated by Branches. Each Branch shall be entitled to nominate one member to represent it on the Executive Council. The President & Vice President shall be ex-officio, members of the Executive Council.

B. Proposed alteration to Paragraph 9 of Constitution & Rules. From Perth Branch

"The Executive Council shall have power to appoint Committees from its own members & to delegate any of its power or duties to such Committees"

In view of what he had said the Chairman suggested that all these resolutions should be deferred until the general question of the revision of the Constitution has been considered. In this connection he said that an ad hoc Committee should be appointed with a remit to revise the Constitution & submit their proposals to an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society

The Chairman suggested that the Committee should consist of the following: -

Mr. Hamilton - Kerle (Chairman); Miss Mulligan (Vice Chairman) Miss Hadden (Secretary) Mr. J.B. Figgell (an accountant) Mr. A. Lindsay Stewart (a lawyer) and Mr. Charles Black of Warden Bruce & Co W.S. who had been appointed to act for the Society. There was some discussion regarding the proposed composition of the special committee, several members voicing the opinion that the Branches should be more directly represented on it. It was explained however that the suggestions as to the membership of the Committee had been made with regard to:

- A Qualifications of the members proposed
- B The desirability of permitting a revision of the Constitution to a small committee which would be able to meet frequently and in close co-operation with the solicitors whose duty it would be to prepare the petition for the Royal Charter. The proposal for the appointment of the special Committee was adopted.

The Chairman assured the meeting that this committee would give full consideration to each paragraph of the present Constitution & to each

resolution on the Agenda involving alterations to the Constitution that after a request from the meeting he accepted a suggestion that Branches should submit to the special committee through their secretaries any further suggestions for amendments to the Constitution

6 Alteration to Paragraph 16 of Constitution and Rules Examination Entrance Fee.

The Chairman stated that it would be helpful to the new Committee to obtain a definite ruling on the proposal from the Executive Council meeting of 19th November 1949 "That the examination entrance fee should be increased from 5/- to 10/-". Mr. McEwan (Dunfermline) proposed an amendment that the examination fee of 5/- be retained. Mr. Cook (Glasgow) seconded the amendment. On a vote the proposal was carried that the examination entrance fee should be increased from 5/- to 10/-.

7 Resolution from Edinburgh Branch

There was some question as to whether the three ^{following} resolutions on the Agenda should be discussed at this point

I In view of the very large annual additions to the funds of the Parent Society on the absence of any

declaration of future financial policy the Edinburgh Branch is of opinion that the time has come when a larger proportion than 10% of the members' annual subscriptions should be retained by the Branches for their own activities

II That copies of each Branch's annual accounts certified by a qualified auditor shall be sent to Headquarters within one month of the annual general meeting of each Branch and made available on request to all Branch Secretaries

III That subscriptions for juveniles between the ages of 15 and 17 inclusive should be 2/6 of which subscription a Branch should retain 1/6. Mr. Purdon (Edinburgh) proposed that these resolutions should be remitted to the sub-committee elected to re-draft the Constitution. Mr. Lindsay Stewart (Edinburgh) seconded & the meeting agreed.

8 Annual General Meeting 1951

The Chairman announced that the Executive Council had accepted the invitation of the Perth Branch to hold the meeting in Perth in 1951

9 Vote of Thanks

Mr. J.S. Robertson (Angus) proposed a vote of thanks to Lord James Stewart Murray for presiding at the

meeting and to the Edinburgh Branch for all the arrangements in connection with the weekend. This concluded the business of the meeting.

James Stewart Murray
3/11/51

3rd Nov. 1951 The Twenty-second Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday, 3rd November 1951, at 2.30 p.m. in the Salutation Hotel, Perth.

Present Lord James Stewart Murray presided and there was an approximate attendance of 630 members.

Apologies Apologies were intimated from Dr. Anderson, Mrs Bruce, Mr Drummond, Mr Ferguson, Lord Inverclyde, Miss Moir, Mr Oliver, Miss Price and Mr Robertson.

Chairman's Remarks: Lord James Stewart Murray in his opening remarks stated that Perth being the geographical centre of Scotland was a particularly suitable meeting place for the annual gathering of the Scottish Country Dance Society. The traditions of the various races were very evident in Perthshire, and the influences of the Highlands in the Lowlands with regard to our Scottish dances could be traced in the country. Lord James gave as an example the more intricate steps which had been

introduced to some of the long-ways dances which had been originally danced in the Lowlands. One of the most popular of our older dances was "The Duke of Perth" which was probably a Perthshire dance, and the most popular of our more modern dances - The Eightsome Reel, was first danced in Blain Atholl.

The President, in a review of the beginnings and early years of the Society, paid special tribute to the inspiration of Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloch in starting what was now such a flourishing movement, and to the energy and organising ability of her collaborator, Miss Jean Milligan. These early efforts had resulted now in a Society with a membership of over 11,000 and an influence that had spread to many parts of the world. Lord James said he had been particularly impressed with the notes on Overseas Correspondence in the Annual Report and pointed out that there had even been an exchange of letters with Abadan.

The President ended his remarks by speaking of the scope and importance of the Society's work and put forward a plea that those who sometimes worried unnecessarily over different theories of technique, examinations & other details, should not forget the larger outlook & the principles & aims in which the Society was founded.

Tribute was also paid to the Branch Secretaries for their enthusiasm and hard work.

Minutes: Those of the last meeting, held on 11th November (circulated in the Bulletin) were confirmed & signed.

Business

Arising: (a) The Royal Charter

The President called upon Mr J.B. Figzell to give a report on the action that had been taken.

Mr Figzell reminded the members that it had been decided at the Annual General Meeting of 1950 to appoint a Committee to prepare the application for a Royal Charter. The members would appreciate that this had been a long and difficult process, as Royal Charters were not conferred lightly. Everything had to be carefully scrutinised in order to establish the worthiness of the cause. The matter had to be linked with the drafting of the new Constitution as it had to be shown on examination that the body was one of probity with a structure of administration that would ensure internal order and discipline. A draft petition had been drawn up, discussed and examined in detail with Officials of the Scottish Home Department. Mr Figzell explained that during the prolonged discussions, a suggestion was made that the Society could attain its main objective

more simply by applying for the personal permission of H.M. The King to use the word "Royal" in its title, leaving the matter of a Charter for a later stage.

With the Executive Council's agreement and after conferring with the President, a letter was despatched through the Secretary of State to H.M. The King.

Despite His Majesty's serious illness, the President had received an acknowledgment and Mr Figzell stated that there was every hope of an early and favourable result of the approach to use the designation "The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society".

(b) The New Constitution

The President asked Mr A. Lindsay Stewart to give a report on the steps that had been taken regarding the new Constitution. He stated that at the last Annual General Meeting, a sub-committee was appointed to draft a new Constitution for the Society. The Committee was instructed to prepare the draft with a view to submitting it to an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held before the Annual General Meeting of 1951. The entire Constitution had been re-drafted and divided into two sections - the Constitution dealing with the actual composition of the Society and the Rules governing the activities of the Society and the Branches.

Knowing that it would be largely by the contents of the Constitution that the Society's fitness to receive a Royal Charter would be judged, the draft Constitution had been gone into most carefully. In view of the application for a Royal Charter it was thought proper to submit the draft for the unofficial observation of certain officials. At this stage there had been considerable but unavoidable delay and it had been found that if an Extraordinary meeting was to be called it would have converged too closely on the Annual meeting. It was, therefore, thought ⁱⁿadvisable to hold it at this juncture. Mr Lindsay Stewart assured the meeting that the draft Constitution which had now been submitted to the members was the result of the most earnest cogitation and examination by the Sub-Committee appointed to undertake the task a year ago.

Election of Office Bearer and Executive Council for the year 1951/52

The Committee unanimously confirmed the appointment of Lord James Stewart Murray as President, & that of Mrs Stewart of Farnacloch as Vice President.

There were two nominations for the Office of Chairman, Miss A. Anderson and Miss J.C. Hellygan. On a vote being taken Miss Hellygan was elected as Chairman.

The only nomination for the Office of Vice Chairman was

Miss M.K. Brown who was therefore elected.

There were thirteen nominations for the six places vacant on the Executive Council. On a vote being taken the following members were elected - Mr J.B. Frizell (Edinb), Mrs Hutchison (Dundee), Mrs Leslie (Edinb), Dr M. Whellan (Angus), Miss A. Mackenzie (Aberdeen) and Mr W. Murray (Inverness).

Draft Constitution and Resolution submitted by Committee appointed A.C.M.

The Chairman asked Mrs Hamilton-Meikle to deal with this question as she was Chairman of the Sub-Committee appointed to re-draft the Constitution. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle reported that at a meeting of the Management Committee held that morning, a resolution had been passed to the effect that the matter of the adoption of the draft Constitution should be adjourned until the end of February.

This decision had been taken owing to the fact that it was felt that Branches had not had sufficient time to hold a meeting to discuss the matter. Mrs Hamilton-Meikle put the proposal to the meeting and it was seconded by Mr Penny (Perth). Mr McKell (Kirkcaldy) moved an amendment to the effect that the draft Constitution should be discussed at the present meeting. Mr Robertson (Angus) seconded Mr McKell's amendment. The matter was put to the vote and Mrs Hamilton-Meikle's proposal was carried.

Adoption of Annual and Financial Reports:

The adoption of the Annual Report, which was published in the Bulletin was proposed by Mr Adam (Stirling) and seconded by Miss Crichton (Dundee). The report was adopted.

The Treasurer, Miss McCallan, in speaking to the Financial Report, stated that the year had been a satisfactory one. Part of the surplus of £2,190 was, however, due to exceptionally high sales of dance books which were unlikely to recur.

In the new year, the Society was faced with a substantial increase in expenditure in office furnishing & accommodation, the salary of a full time Clerical assistant, printing, stationery and postages. Miss McCallan reported that the Finance Committee had advised that £2,875 of the Society's capital should be invested & this had been done.

It was hoped to build up a fund for future development and in time, suitable headquarters.

Mr Duncan (Banff) proposed the adoption of the Financial Report which was seconded by Mr Wilson (Elgin). The report was adopted.

Appointment of Auditor:

The meeting approved the re-appointment of Mr Norman McKeown C.A. of Messrs. Hislop, Dyle & Co. C.A. Ayr, as Auditor to the Scottish Country Dance Society.

At this point, Lord James Stewart Murray vacated the Chair owing to another engagement and asked Mrs Hamilton-Mackie to conduct the rest of the business.

Subscription for

Year 1951-52.

On behalf of the Executive Council Dr. McCallan (Angus) put the proposal to the meeting that the annual subscription be raised from 5/- - 7/6 and this proposal was seconded by Miss Kenyon (Glasgow). Mr Wilson (Elgin) moved an amendment that the subscription remain at 5/-.

Mr McKell (Kirkcubright) seconded Mr Wilson's amendment.

After some discussion, a vote was taken and the amendment was carried.

Resolutions from Branches.

(1) From Edinburgh Branch.

Mr Brown (Edinburgh) proposed that subscriptions for juveniles between the ages of 15 and 17 inclusive should be 2/6 of which subscription a Branch should retain 1/6d. Dr Thomson (Edinburgh) seconded the proposal. Miss Allan (Kilmarnock) moved an amendment to the motion to the effect that the Society should not make provision for juvenile membership at a reduced subscription. Mr Skelton (Liverpool) seconded the amendment. A vote was taken and the amendment was carried.

(2) From Carlisle Branch.

Miss Murray (Carlisle) proposed that a suitable brooch or badge be struck by the Society for members to purchase, the proposal was seconded by Miss Mr Moffat (Lockhart). Mr Lindsay Stewart moved an amendment that no action

be taken in the matter, which was seconded by Miss Kenny.
A vote was taken and the amendment was carried.

Annual General Meeting 1952 Miss Milligan announced that the Glasgow Branch had pleasure in inviting the Society to hold its Annual General Meeting in Glasgow in 1952. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

Vote of Thanks. Miss Blavering (Moffat) proposed a vote of thanks to Lord James Stewart Murray for presiding at the meeting, to the Perth & Perthshire Branch for a successful Autumn School, and to Mrs Hamilton-Merkle on completion of her term of office as Chairman of the Executive Council.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

James Stewart Murray
1/11/52

22nd March
1952

Present,

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in the Lyric Theatre, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow on Saturday, 22nd March, 1952 at 11.30 a.m.

There were approximately 200 members present at the meeting. The Chair was taken by the President, Lord James Stewart Murray. In the course of his opening remarks Lord James reminded the members of the necessity for a revised Constitution and Rules now that the Society had grown to the extent which it had, and he asked the meeting to give careful consideration to the recommendations and suggested amendments. He then vacated the Chair in favour of Miss Milligan, Chairman of the Executive Council, who was supported on the platform by members of the Sub-Committee appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in Edinburgh 1951 to draw up the new Constitution and Rules.

Mr Lindsay Stewart and Mr Frizell, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, presented the draft revised Constitution and Rules in detail to the meeting, and discussed the amendments submitted by Branches with the comments and recommendations of the Sub-Committee thereon, all as detailed in the Agenda. There was considerable discussion by members present of the amendments submitted by Branches.

After the whole Constitution and Rules had been considered and certain amendments and additions thereto

had been approved. Miss Milligan submitted the following Resolution:

"The Constitution and Rules contained in the print docketed by the Chairman of this meeting as relative to this Resolution are hereby approved and adopted as the Constitution and Rules of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society to the exclusion of all existing Constitution or Rules"

The resolution was carried unanimously by the meeting
A vote of thanks to the Sub. Committee for their work was moved by Mr Robertson, Angus Branch.

This ended the business of the meeting.

James Stewart Murray
11/11/52

1st November 1952

The twenty third Annual General Meeting of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday, 1st November 1952, at 2.30 p.m. in the McHellan Galleries, Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow.

Present

Lord James Stewart Murray - Duke of Atholl presided, and there was approximately an attendance of 450 members of whom 80 were delegates representing Branches.

Chairman's Remarks

Lord James Stewart Murray in his address reminded the members that this meeting was of special significance being the first to be held under the new title of The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. He knew how greatly the members appreciated the honour conferred on the Society by His Late Majesty. Lord James said that it was hoped that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth would be pleased to grant the Society's request of giving it her patronage, and he thought that this might be possible because the work of the Society was not confined to Scotland but had spread its influence to the Dominion, America and many other places.

The President said that it would seem that almost by accident the Society had produced in Scottish Country dancing an antidote to that dangerous boredom to be seen among so many of our workers, caused by the technique of mass production and the deadening effect of a rather top-heavy bureaucracy. That, in itself was an important contribution to the welfare of the community.

Lord James continued his remarks by mentioning that the Society now had 62 Branches with an approximate membership of 14,500. He said that on looking through the Branch reports he was struck by the fact that Miss Milligan seemed to have solved the secret of perpetual motion and that he would not be surprised if by next year there were letters of thanks to Miss Milligan from such places as Singapore and DeBend, Shanghai! In conclusion, Lord James thanked the members of the various Committees for their work during the year, and also all those who worked behind the scenes including the Secretaries of Branches.

Minutes: The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd November, 1951, (circulated in the Bulletin) were approved and signed.

The Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd March, 1951 (circulated in the Bulletin) were approved and signed.

Adoption of Annual Report: The Annual Report, which was published in the Bulletin was adopted having been proposed by Mr Sharpe (Dumfries) and seconded by Miss Anderson (Edinburgh).

Adoption of Financial Report: The Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet (circulated to members) were presented by Mr Duncan (Banff) a member of the Finance Committee. He said that in the accounts for 1951/52 certain changes had been made with the object of making

them clear and concise. Comparative figures for the previous year had been added. The Revenue account showed that the Society had had a good year and in spite of increased expenditure the surplus had been maintained. Membership had increased; administrative expenses were higher largely because a full time clerical assistant had been appointed. The Bulletin had been exceptionally expensive, but fortunately owing to the fall in the price of paper the 1952 Bulletin would be nearly £100 cheaper.

Included in the expenditure was the cost of revising the Constitution, which had cost £396.12.6 to print in draft and in its final form. The Society's thanks were due to its legal adviser for his expert help and advice and for his modest fee of £55.

The Publications account which was shown separately showed that purchases at £3,471 had doubled the previous year's figure; in addition to the normal publications for members several books had to be reprinted and at the date of the Balance Sheet there was a further liability for publications in the hands of the printers totalling £2,038. For this reason the Society had made no additional investments, apart from placing £1000 in a Bank Savings Account.

Mr Duncan drew attention to the 1952/53 estimates

which were presented for the first time, and referred to the fact that £300 reserved to meet the cost of the new Constitution would not now be required.

Mr McKell (Kirkcubright) moved the adoption of the Annual Accounts and Balance Sheet, and Mr Litchfield (North West Ayrshire) seconded the motion which was carried.

Re-appointment of Auditor.

Mr Adam (Stirlingshire) proposed the re-appointment of Mr Norman McKinnon, C.A. of Messrs Hylop, Dyle & McKinnon C.A. Ayr as Auditor. This was seconded by Mr Clement (Perth) and unanimously adopted by the meeting.

Election of Office-Bearers.
1952-53

Miss Milligan proposed the confirmation of the appointment of Lord James Stewart Murray (Duke of Atholl) as President and of Mrs Stewart of Fusanachloch as Hon. Vice-President. She paid tribute to the help Lord James had given to the Society and to Mrs Stewart for her inspiration in the beginning of the Society.

Mrs Brom seconded the proposal which was approved by the meeting.

Chairman: Only one nomination was received for the Office of Chairman, Miss Milligan was therefore elected.

Vice-Chairman: No nominations having been received for the Office of Vice-Chairman, Mrs Brom the present Vice-Chairman was re-elected by the delegates.

There were eleven nominations for the six vacancies on the Executive Council. On a vote being taken the following members were elected:

Mrs Gudgeon (Rochdale) Mrs Hutchison (Dundee) Miss Logan (Perth)
Mr Macleod (Glasgow) Mr Murray (Inverness) Mr Robertson (Ayr).

Donation to

King George II.
Memorial Fund.

Permission having been obtained by the Chairman to discuss a matter which was not on the Agenda, a recommendation was put forward on behalf of the Management Committee that a first donation of £50 be sent from the Society to the King George II Memorial Fund, and that Branches should be invited to send in further contributions to the fund by the end of January.

The meeting unanimously approved the recommendation after a motion was moved by Mr McKell (Kirkcubright) that the amount donated by the Society should be £250.

Resolutions from Branches

(1) Clackmannanshire & Lockhart Branches:

Mrs Hill (Clackmannanshire) proposed "that the four weeks of the Summer School be divided into a) one fortnightly course and two courses of one week each or b) four courses of one week each". Mrs Murray (Lockhart) seconded the resolution. Mr McKell (Kirkcubright) moved an amendment recommending that in ^{while} future consideration should be given to one week applicants, ~~but that~~ ^{the arrangement should remain as at present and} there should be no definite ruling as to the length of the courses. Mr Wheeler (Glasgow) seconded the amendment. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried.

(2) Edinburgh Branch.

Dr Thomson moved the resolution, seconded by Miss Edwards, "That this meeting, i.e. the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Body, views with concern the amount of work and expense involved in the distribution by Branches of Head Office circulars, and considers that these duties should not be carried out by a Branch on its present proportion of the annual subscription."

Mr Adam (Strikingshire) put forward an amendment that the matter be directed back to the Executive Council for full discussion. This amendment was seconded by Mr McLeod (Glasgow). On a vote being taken the resolution was carried.

Mr Gray (Edinburgh) proposed "that the proportion of the annual subscription to be retained by Branches shall be increased from 10 per cent to 20 per cent." Miss Anderson seconded the motion. An amendment was tabled by Mr McKell (Kirkcaldy) and seconded by Mr Robertson (Angus) "that if Branches found that undue expenses were incurred through postage of Head Office circulars a claim for reimbursement should be made by the Branch to the Executive Council. On a vote being taken the amendment was carried."

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Meeting 1953.

Votes of Thanks

The President announced that the Executive Council had accepted with pleasure the invitation from Ayr Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in Ayr in 1953.

Mr Gray (Edinburgh) proposed a vote of thanks to Lord James Stewart Murray for presiding at the meeting, to the Glasgow Branch for the hospitality shown to the Society and for the successful arrangements for the Autumn School.

This concluded the business of the meeting

John Stewart Murray
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31st October 1953

The twentyfourth Annual General Meeting of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society was held on Saturday 31st October 1953 at 2.45 p.m. in the County Hall, Ayr.

Present Lord James Stewart Murray (Duke of Atholl) presided and there was an approximate attendance of 500 members of whom 81 were delegates representing 40 Branches

Chairman's Remarks Lord James Stewart Murray in his Chairman's address traced the history of Scottish country dances

from the time of the Reformation to the present day. He said that owing to the views of the early Church no one really knew what our ancestors danced before the seventeenth century. Certainly there were records of the names of dances but no description as to how they were danced. Lord James went on to say that most of the lairds remained Scottish Episcopalians and danced in spite of the opposition of the Reformed Church. Gradually the influence of the Church relaxed a little & the dances were handed down from the laird to his followers & from the farmer to his farm workers. As a result the dances became national to the Highlands & Lowlands. When however the lowland dances spread to the North

the tunes were speeded up and some of the intricate Highland steps introduced. Thirty years ago, Lord James continued the soldiers returning from the war brought with them dances of negro-American origin & these caught the imagination of the public the national dances were almost forgotten. It was then that Mr Stewart and Miss Milligan these two quite invincible ladies signed a covenant against the introduction of these "ungodly" dances. Scotland soon capitulated with England not far behind and the years have shown that Scottish country dances have infiltrated peacefully to the Continent, the Dominions and America.

Minutes The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st November 1952, circulated in the Bulletin were approved & signed. At this juncture a delegate requested that the standing orders be suspended in order to allow Branch delegates whose names had not been submitted by their Branch secretaries in accordance with the Constitution to take an active part in the meeting. The Secretary

explained that she had taken legal advice on the matter and had been informed that to take any such action would be a violation of the Constitution. The meeting agreed that the rules of the Constitution should stand.

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Adoption of Annual Report The adoption of the Annual Report, circulated in the Bulletin was proposed by Miss McKeat Perth, seconded by Mr. Macleod Glasgow and was unanimously agreed upon by the meeting.

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Annual Accounts The accounts, also circulated in the Bulletin were presented by Mr. Duncan, Banffshire, Convener of the Finance Committee. He stated that this year the accounts had been drawn up in practically the same form as last year, the main difference being that the cost of books supplied free to members was shown both as a charge to Revenue and a credit to the Publications Account.

Referring to the Revenue Account Mr. Duncan mentioned that subscriptions income had risen by £200. The total of £374.16.0 received from Branches towards the King George VI Memorial had been included and this amount together with the £250 donation from the Society had made a total of £624.16.0. Members were advised that, acting on a suggestion at the

last General Meeting details of royalties had been given & the amount received from the gramophone companies was most significant. The drop in the surplus on sale of publications as compared with 1951-52 was due to the fact that last year Messrs Paterson's Publications, anticipating a rise in the cost of the Society's publications had bought very heavily but that this bulk buying had ceased during 1952-53.

On the expenses side it was noted that administrative expenses had risen but that a saving of £115 had been made on the publication of the Bulletin.

Examination fees & expenses were down owing to fewer examinations being held during the year. Under the expenses incurred by team demonstrations abroad he referred to the donations which had been received from the Branches for this purpose.

Turning to the Balance Sheet Mr. Duncan informed the meeting that the office furniture & equipment of the Society had been re-valued & that it had been agreed by the Finance Committee that a 10% depreciation would in future be written off each year.

Referring to the stock held by the Society he drew the members' attention to the necessity of tying up

large sum's journey in stocks. It had been thought by the Finance Committee that the stock now held would be adequate for some time but a reprint of the pocket edition 4-6 was now apparently necessary. The Finance Committee had decided to earmark £400 annually to be put to a reserve fund for reprinting of future publications. The income received

during the year exceeded expenditure but there was a reduction in comparison with last year's figures due partly to the £400 transferred to the publications reserve fund. A further £1500 had been invested in building society shares but apart from this investments remained

as in 1951-52. Mr Murray (Inverness) moved the adoption of the annual report & Balance Sheet. Mr Scott (Glasgow) seconded the motion which was carried.

Appointment of Auditor The confirmation of the appointment of the Auditor, Mr. Norman Mackinnon C.A., was moved by Mr. Kennedy Smith, Ayr seconded by Miss Richardson, Gallowayshire and unanimously approved.

Appointment of Treasurer Mr. Duncan, Banffshire proposed the recommendation for the Executive Council that Miss D. M. Vaughan F.C.A. should be appointed as permanent Treasurer of the Society. Mr. Robertson, Arbroath

seconded the motion which was carried by the meeting.

Election of Office Bearers Mr. Gray, Edinburgh moved the re-appointment of Major the Lord James Stewart-Murray, Duke of Atholl as President of the Society and Mr. Stewart of Farnacroich as Hon. Vice President. The motion was seconded by Miss Melhigan & carried unanimously.

Chairman As only one nomination had been received for this office Miss J.C. Melhigan retained the position of Chairman of the Executive Council. Three nominations were received for the office of Vice-Chairman and ten nominations for the six vacancies on the Executive Council. The following were elected:-

Vice-Chairman Mr. M. K. Brown

Six Elected Members:-

Miss A. Anderson Mr. Hutchison

Miss B. Anderson Mr. Macleod

Mr. Judger Mr. Murray

Resolutions from Branches London and West Renfrewshire Branches "That the proportion of subscriptions retained by Branches be increased from 10% to 20%". Mr. Ferguson London proposed the resolution

Seconded by Mr. Finney West Kenfrewshire
Mr. McKel, a member of the Finance Committee
moved a direct negative to the resolution to the
effect that the percentage of the subscription retained
by Branches be maintained at 10% This was
seconded by Mr. Aitkenhead, N-W. Ayrshire.

On a vote being taken the direct negative to the
resolution was carried

Annual General Meeting 1954
The Chairman announced that invitations
had been received from Aberdeen & Edinburgh
Branches but that these had not been considered
by the Executive Council. The meeting was asked
to decide whether this matter should be dealt
with at the Annual General Meeting or at the
next meeting of the Executive Council & it was
agreed to remit it to the Executive Council
After the business of the meeting the Chairman
called upon Miss Meligan to speak on Miss
McFellan's retirement. Miss Meligan paid
tribute to Miss McFellan's faithful service as
Treasurer for eleven years & expressed the grati-
tude of the Society for all the work she had done
towards establishing the finances of the Society on
a sound basis. Miss Meligan then handed

Miss McFellan a cheque and a bound
volume of the pocket editions

Miss McFellan in reply expressed her thanks
to the Society & spoke of her happiness in her work
as Treasurer. She said that her interest in the
Society would still continue & that she now
hoped to have time for active participation
in the dancing

Vote of Thanks
Mr. Sharpe, Dundee, proposed a vote of
thanks to the Chairman for presiding at
the meeting and to the Ayr, North West
Ayrshire and Kilmarnock Branches for
their hospitality & arrangements for the
Autumn School
This concluded the business of the meeting

Jean Meligan

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3 30 October 1954 The twenty fifth Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 30th October 1954 at 2.30 p.m. in the Music Hall, Aberdeen.

Present In the absence of the President, The Duke of Atholl Miss J.C. Milligan, Chairman of the Executive Council presided and there was an approximate attendance of 500 members of whom 91 were delegates

Before the meeting started messages were read by the Secretary for Her Majesty the Queen, The Duke of Atholl and W^o. Stewart of Tarsnabreich.

Chairman's Remarks Miss Milligan in her Chairman's address began by congratulating the Society on the excellent Annual Report, a satisfactory year with increased memberships, new Branches & Affiliations, a packed successful Summer School and a sound financial position. Thanks were due to all those who had contributed through the year by giving of their time & talent to demonstrations and a special mention must be made of "An Edinburgh Fancy" which was produced by Edinburgh Branch and was a first-class performance full of interest to all. In her opinion it merited a wider publicity.

Miss Milligan went on to say that the increase in affiliations overseas showed how important propaganda was; this was the real object in the minds of

the founders of the Society and had been loyally backed up by the original Branches. She wondered if such loyalty to the original objects of the Society still existed. Did the Branches fully realize their indebtedness to the central body? Did they realize that without it they could not exist? Did they recognize the central body as their Alma Mater? It was feared that some were getting a little commercialized, thinking of what they could get rather than what they could give. Were they giving all the help they should to struggling bodies at home & abroad?

The Secretary had received a letter from Lady Elgin telling her of groups in Nova Scotia and another in Prince Edward Island who were very interested in Scottish Country dancing but had no means of getting a teacher. It had been suggested that the Society might consider sending out a copy of the films so that the dancing could be started on the right lines.

Miss Milligan in ending her remarks said she realized how many of those at the meeting did not need to have these points outlined but they too could do their more of how to help - they were the heaven and a little heaven leavened the lump.

The Chairman again said how she welcomed everyone to the meeting which she felt was like a family gathering where could they gather better than at Aberdeen where they always received such a warm & affectionate welcome

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 31st October 1953 having been circulated in the Bulletin were approved and signed

Adoption of The adoption of the Annual Report circulated in the Annual Report Bulletin was proposed by W. Robertson, Cuthbert seconded by Miss Arnold, K. Keady & approved by the meeting

Annual Accounts In the absence of the Convenor of the Finance Committee the Accounts, also circulated in the Bulletin were presented by W. Hardie

Turning first to the Revenue Account W. Hardie pointed out that subscription income had risen by £300 and affiliation fees by £12; one new Branch had been formed & 12 groups affiliated during the year

Donations appeared lower but this was because in the previous year the Branches had contributed £375 to the George VI Memorial Fund.

The surplus from the Summer School was £421 a figure that, it was anticipated, would not recur owing to the rise in costs & in particular the charge for residence which was going up

Royalties showed an increase of £50 the surplus on publications was £1,353 as compared with £815 in 1952-53 and £1,155 in 1951-52

On the expenditure side administrative expenses had risen by £100; the Bulletin owing to its increase in size had cost £487 examinations had not been so expensive and among honaria & gifts was the £50 given to the retiring Treasurer Miss McFellau & £9 to Miss Todd, Miss Hadden's assistant who had left to be married. £15 had been written

off furniture & equipment of £400 had been set aside to meet the cost of reprinting the Society's publications a heavy item of expenditure which occurred every four or five years; £125 for film production of 1500 towards the cost of acquiring & furnishing a central Head quarters in Edinburgh. After meeting normal expenses & making these reserves there was a surplus income of £1030 which had been added to the Capital Account

Turning next to the Balance Sheet W. Hardie stated that office equipment & furniture had been depreciated by 10 per cent. that music books & leaflets certified by the Treasurer stood at £4534 about the same figure as in the previous year and

investments had been increased by a further purchase of £1500 in Building Society shares. Cash at bank & in hand at £5,680 was high but since the end of the year £1000 from the Savings Account had been invested in Building Society shares & the Publications Reserve of £800 & the Headquarters Fund of £1530 had also been separately invested in the Dunfermline Building Society. Thanks were due to the Glasgow Branch who had contributed £30 to the Headquarters Fund.

Finally, in early August the expenses of the Summer School which totalled over £3000 had been paid.

Mr. Hardie then invited questions & after Mr. Gray had commented on the large cash balance at 30th June & the opening of the Headquarters Fund Mr. Hardie then presented the Estimates for 1954-55 which he stated had been based on the 1953-54 figures.

Mr. Davison, Berwick-on-Tweed proposed & Mr. Stephen, Richmond seconded the adoption of the accounts & estimates which were carried unanimously by the meeting.

Report of Research Committee
Mr. J.B. Frizell reported as convener on the work of a Committee set up by the Edinburgh Branch with the approval & co-operation of the National Council of S.C. Dancing the Society to inquire into the origins & history of

Scottish Country Dancing. He said that the first phase of the Society's work in the revival & teaching of Scottish Country Dances had been consolidated: the Society had now been challenged to trace their ancestry & the influences which had affected their development down the centuries before memories faded & the facts were lost for ever. The Society was indebted to many agencies for the distribution in all parts of the world of preliminary questionnaires. A special word of thanks was due to the Scottish Tourist Board.

Although research was necessarily a long & patient process there had already been an encouraging response. Mr. Frizell quoted from documents of different classes in (1) family papers (2) excerpts from newspapers & (3) songs & ballads which contained much that was constructive & even amusing in the glimpse of the social conditions of the times. He drew particular attention to material which was available in America & an offer of help from the Folklore section of the Library of Congress. He felt certain that if every member of the Society helped the harvest would be a rich one & would serve to establish Scottish Country Dances as a part of the very history & living spirit of Scotland.

and as something which, if cultivated, would help to keep us the nation that we are & enable us to give something of beauty to a world anxious for solace & refreshment.

The Chairman expressed the thanks of the meeting & commended this important matter for a search to the earnest attention of the Branches.

Appointment The confirmation of the re-appointment of the Auditor Auditor Mr. Norman MacKinnon C.A. of Hylopho Lyle & MacKinnon Ayr was moved by Mr. McKell, Kirkcaldy & seconded by Mr. Patterson, Aberdeen and approved by the meeting.

Election of Office-Bearers Miss Milligan proposed the appointment of the Duke of Atholl as President of the Society of the Countess of Elgin, the Countess of Falloway the Duke of Hamilton Mr. Stewart of Fasnaclouch & Vice-Admiral The MacIntosh of MacIntosh as Honorary Vice-Presidents. Mr. Christie, Newton Stewart seconded the proposals which were approved by the meeting.

Chairman & Vice-Chairman One nomination was received for the Offices of

Chairman & Vice-Chairman. Miss Milligan was therefore elected as Chairman & Mr. Leslie as Vice-Chairman.

Six Elected Members

The following

were elected by vote :- Miss A. Anderson (Edinburgh), Miss Braine (Aberdeen) Mr. Judger (Stalybridge) Mr. Hutchison (Dunfermline) Mr. Macleod (Glasgow) Mr. Murray (Inverness)

Resolution Resolution from Glasgow Branch

a) "That the ban on affiliation of Clubs, Associations etc within Scotland be removed"

b) "That affiliation be granted whether there is a Branch in the area or not provided a reasonable proportion of the members of bodies seeking affiliation be individual members of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society"

c) "That paragraph (b) apply not only in Scotland but throughout Great Britain"

Miss J. H. Adams Glasgow moved the resolution which was seconded by Miss Kenyon, Glasgow. Speeches in favour of and against the resolution were made & finally a direct negative was moved by Mr. Robertson, Ayr, & seconded by Mr. Gilmore, Ayr. On a vote being taken the negative to the resolution was carried.

2.9.11.1955

The Chairman announced that the Executive Council had accepted an invitation from Edinburgh Branch to hold the Annual General Meeting in

Edinburgh on 26th November 1955

Vote of Thanks

W. L. G. Gray proposed a vote of thanks to the
Chairman for presiding at the meeting & to
Aberdeen Branch for their hospitality during
a most enjoyable week-end.

J. M. Stewart Murray
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8. RESOLUTIONS FROM BRANCHES:—

London and Renfrewshire West Branches.

"That the proportion of subscriptions retained by Branches be increased from 10% to 20%."

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1954. To confirm place of meeting.

VOTES OF THANKS

M. F. HADDEN, *Secretary*, R.S.C.D.S.,
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THE ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD IN

COUNTY HALL

County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr

ON

SATURDAY, 31st OCTOBER 1953, at 2.45 p.m.

In the Chair

MAJOR THE LORD JAMES STEWART MURRAY, DUKE OF ATHOLL

AGENDA

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS.

2. MINUTES. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 1st November 1952 (circulated in the Bulletin).

3. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT. (circulated in the Bulletin).

4. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND BALANCE SHEET (circulated in the Bulletin).

5. TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR.

6. APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER. The Executive Council on 7th August 1953, unanimously recommended that Miss D. M. Vaughan, F.C.A., interim Treasurer from 31st August when Miss McLellan's resignation took effect, be appointed to the permanent post.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR YEAR 1953-54.

To confirm the appointment of the President, Major The Lord James Stewart Murray, Duke of Atholl, and the Honorary Vice-President, Mrs Stewart of Fasnacloich.

The retiring Office-Bearers of the Executive Council are :—

Chairman—Miss J. C. Milligan.

Vice-Chairman—Mrs M. K. Brown.

Both are eligible for re-election.

The six retiring Members of Council are :—

Mrs Gudger, Mrs Hutchison, Mr Macleod, Miss MacLagan, Mr Murray, Mr Robertson.

All are eligible for re-election.

The following have already been elected to the Executive Council as representatives of their Branches :—

Miss Cumming (Aberdeen), Miss Perman (Airdrie, Coatbridge and District), Mrs Robertson (Arbroath), Miss Stafford (Annan), Miss Duff (Auchterarder), Miss Macmillan (Ayr), Mr Aitkenhead (North West Ayrshire), Mr Duncan (Banfishure), Miss Brown (Bath), Miss Kane (Belfast), Mr Davison (Berwick-upon-Tweed), Mrs MacRae (Blair Atholl), Mr Howell (Birmingham), Miss Brander (Carlisle), Mrs McDougall (Carnoustie), Mr Craigie (Castle Douglas), Mrs Thomson (Clackmannanshire), Miss Armstrong (Dumfries), Mr Hardie (Dunfermline), Miss Rae (Duns and District), Mr Blain (Dumbartonshire West), Miss Bain (East Lothian), Mrs Lesslie (Edinburgh), Miss McBride (Ecclefechan), Mr Scott (Elgin), Miss Banks (Forres), Miss Pool (Forfar), Dr Seager (Fort William), Dr McLellan (Frickheim), Mrs McCulloch (Gatehouse-of-Fleet), Miss Kenyon (Glasgow), Mrs Rankin (Hamilton and Clydesdale), Mr A. L. Cumming (Hopeman), Mr Draper (Inverness), Miss Allan (Kilmarnock and District), Mr McKell (Kirkcudbright), Miss Arnott (Kirkcaldy), Mrs Cuthill (Lanark), Miss Mowat (Leven), Mr Stenhouse (Liverpool), Miss Andrew (Lockerbie), Mr Ferguson (London), Mrs Anderson (Lossiemouth), Mrs Bennett (Manchester), Miss Clavering (Moffat), Miss Hillock (Motherwell), Mr Ross (Nairn), Mrs Clark (Nether Lochaber), Mrs Christie (Newton Stewart), Professor McEwen (Newcastle and District), Mrs Gray (Peebles), Miss McFeat (Perth and Perthshire), Miss Collie (Peterhead), Miss Kidd (Renfrewshire West), Mrs Stephen (Richmond), Miss Burns (Portrush), Miss Howarth (Rochdale), Dr Robertson Wilson (Southport), Mrs Wilson (St. Andrews), Mr Adam (Stirlingshire), Mrs Hutchison (Stirlingshire East), Mrs Norris (Stockport), Mr Strachan (Stonehaven), Miss Moir (West Lothian), Mr Hunt (Winchester), Miss Nelson (Wigtown), Mrs Locke (Wolverhampton), Mrs Paisley (Whitehead, Co. Antrim).

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TRAVELLING EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

Travelling expenses and subsistence allowances may be claimed by members attending meetings in accordance with the following rates:-

- (a) Travelling Expenses
- i) Second class rail fare home to place of meeting and return.
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- ii) For those who travel by car, cost of petrol for the journey from home to place of meeting and return.
 - iii) If it is necessary to travel by night and use a sleeping car, the cost of a sleeping berth will be refunded but the overnight allowance of £15 cannot be claimed as well. The cost of meals, however, may be claimed.
- (b) Subsistence Allowances

Where it is necessary to purchase a meal and/or stay overnight, amounts payable are:-

i) Lunch	£ 3.00
ii) Evening Meal	£ 5.00
iii) Overnight Allowance	£15.00

These allowances are intended to cover the additional cost incurred by members absent from home on the business of the Society. If any member requires to stay over a second night, reference should be made to the Treasurer before completing the form.

