

1884-1885

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN
Caledonian ♦ Society.

Honorary Chiefs:

HON. ALEXANDER HAY, M.L.C.
HON. DR. ALLAN CAMPBELL, M.L.C.

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J. L. STIRLING, ESQ., M.P.

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HON. R. D. ROSS, M.P., Speaker of the House of Assembly
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CONSTITUTION.



ARTICLE I.

NAME, TITLE, AND LOCATION.

This Society shall be known by the name and title of "THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN CALEDONIAN SOCIETY," and shall have its head-quarters in Adelaide.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. Only Scotchmen, the sons and grandsons of a native of Scotland, and sons of members shall be admitted as members of this Society.

SECTION 2. Every candidate for membership must be of good moral character, and be proposed and seconded by members in good standing. The member proposing shall hand to the Secretary at a regular meeting of the Society a written notification thereof, giving the name, age, occupation, address, and place of nativity of the candidate who shall be balloted for at the following meeting, and on being balloted for and elected, be introduced to the Society, and sign the constitution and by-laws. That all candidates for membership shall lodge Ten Shillings as a nomination fee, which, if the candidate is elected, shall be credited to him as his entrance money, or in the event of non-election shall be returned.

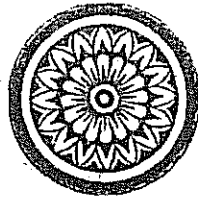
SECTION 3. Election shall be by ballot, and one black ball in five shall be sufficient to exclude any candidate from membership.

SECTION 4. Honorary membership may be conferred by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular meeting upon individuals, in consideration of their eminent character, or for services rendered the Society. The recipient shall not be liable to the payment of dues, nor shall he be entitled to vote or hold office, but shall enjoy all other privileges of the Society.

PREAMBLE.



Being desirous of assisting towards the establishment and maintenance of relations of friendly intimacy among those who are of Scottish birth or extraction, and of keeping alive in them an interest in Scottish customs, we do form ourselves into a Society, bearing the designation of "The South Australian Caledonian Society," whose chief objects shall be to bring together Scotchmen in South Australia for their mutual benefit, for the encouragement and practice of the games, and preservation of the customs and manners of Scotland, and the promotion of a taste for her language and literature; to encourage the settlement of natives of Scotland in South Australia, and to disseminate information regarding this colony in Scotland, and to assist any who may be in difficulty or distress, as far as may seem expedient and the resources of the Society permit; to establish and support a reading or club room with library for the use of members; and for the establishment of a fund to carry out any national or philanthropic objects.



ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

The officers of the Society shall consist of a President who shall be styled "Honored Chief" and six Vice-Presidents, who shall be styled "Chieftains," and five Directors of the Society, an Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary, who shall hold office for one year and be eligible for re-election.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF THE CHIEF.

It shall be the duty of the Chief to preside at all meetings of the Society, preserve order and enforce the laws, put all questions, and announce the decision of the same; give the casting vote when necessary, and inspect and announce all votings and ballotings of the Society. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for such money as a vote of the Society shall order to be paid. He shall have power to call special meetings of the Society, and shall be *ex officio* a member of all committees appointed by himself. It shall also be his duty to marshal the society at its annual celebration, and on all public and festive occasions, and perform such other duties as may be enjoined by the laws or by resolution of the Society.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF CHIEFTAINS.

It shall be the duty of the Chieftains, in the absence of the Chief, to preside, and in every respect perform the duties of the Chief.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF HONORARY TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Treasurer to receive from the Secretary all the moneys of the Society, and give his receipt for the same, and shall safely keep all the funds of the Society. He shall pay all accounts or debts passed for payment by the Society, when approved by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman, and shall keep a correct account of his transactions with the Society, and present a

report of the same yearly, at the regular meeting in August of each year, giving a summary of the total receipts and disbursements of the Society for the past year, and shall submit his accounts and books to the Auditors yearly, or when the Society may direct; and when duly called for, he shall deliver up all moneys, valuables, books, papers, &c., belonging to the Society, to his successor in office.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF HONORARY SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Hon. Secretary to record the proceedings of the Society, conduct all correspondence, and keep a correct list of its members; read minutes of previous meeting, keep the seal of the Society, and attach the same to all official documents when ordered by the Society or approved by the Chief. He shall present an annual report to the Society at the meeting in August, and shall also perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be directed by the Chief or ordered by the Society, and when duly called for, he shall deliver up to his successor in office all books, papers, &c., belonging to the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

DIRECTORS OF THE SOCIETY.

It shall be their duty to take charge of all investments and funds which the Society may from time to time place in their hands, and, when especially desired by the Society, shall buy or sell real estate. They shall also transfer, exchange, or deposit any investments or funds, or any part thereof, whenever required to do so by the Society, and shall report in writing to the Society annually, in August, and deliver all property, &c., in their hands to their successors in office, or whomsoever the Society may direct,

ARTICLE IX.

COMMITTEE.

The officers to constitute a Committee, which shall include two members of the Society not in office, who

shall be elected at an ordinary meeting to manage the affairs of the Society, and shall have power to appoint standing Sub-Committees.

ARTICLE X.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. Nomination of candidates for office shall be made at the regular meeting of the Society in July of each year, and the election shall be held at the following regular meeting in August.

SECTION 2. No member shall be elected to more than one office.

ARTICLE XI.

COSTUME OF OFFICERS.

On all public or festive occasions of the Society the officers will be expected, but not compulsory, to appear in full Highland Costume; and on all such occasions they shall have the exclusive right to wear three feathers in their bonnets.

ARTICLE XII.

ARREARS.

SECTION 1. Any member who is in arrears, and such arrears having remained unpaid for a period over six months, shall, upon being duly notified, be liable to suspension by a vote of the majority of the members present at the next regular meeting after such notification has been served, should the amount still remain unpaid.

SECTION 2. No members whose dues are in arrears for over six months shall be allowed to hold office, vote, or have a voice at any meeting.

ARTICLE XIII.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Any member conducting himself with impropriety at any meeting or gathering of the Society, or using disrespectful or abusive language towards the Chief or officers, or who shall use the name of the Society unwarrantably for the purpose

of obtaining goods or money, or attempt to damage the position or character of the Society, or shall otherwise use his influence as a member of the Society to its injury, or has been convicted of a criminal offence, may be expelled by a two-third vote of the members present at any regular meeting, after having been duly notified of the charges against him, and allowed full opportunity to make his defence.

SECTION 2. Any member who, on the complaint of three members in good standing, properly substantiated, shall be found guilty of using obscene or vulgar language in the presence of ladies or children at any gathering or public meeting of the Society, shall be expelled.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUES.

Each and every member of the Society (except honorary members), shall pay the sum of 10s. as entrance fee, and an annual subscription of 10s. during membership, and payable quarterly.

ARTICLE XV.

WITHDRAWAL FROM MEMBERSHIP.

When a member desires to withdraw from the Society, he shall signify the same in writing, and, if clear on the books and free from charges, he shall be entitled to retire from membership, and shall be entitled to a recommendation to a similar Society elsewhere.

ARTICLE XVI.

DISTRICT BRANCH SOCIETIES.

SECTION 1. It will be open for the members or those entitled to become members, to form District Branch Societies, provided such district be not part of Adelaide or its suburbs, and subject to the approval of this Society.

SECTION 2. Such District Branch Societies will be bound in every way to adhere to the Preamble, Constitution, and By-Laws of this Society.

SECTION 3. They shall elect a Chieftain, Honorary Treasurer, and Secretary, who with the Chief, shall manage its affairs.

SECTION 4. That on their having fully complied with the spirit of this constitution, they shall mutually share any benefits with this Society.

ARTICLE XVII.

MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN FOREGOING ARTICLES.

All matters relating to special gatherings, national games, or other important matters to be referred to the Committee, who will have power to draw up special rules and by-laws for the carrying out of the same, and to rule and arrange for all matters not provided for in Constitution or by-laws.

ADDITIONS TO RULES.

1882.

1. That wives and daughters of members of the Society be admitted as Associated Members, and that six associated members be appointed to act on Relief Committee.

2. That a gold badge be presented to each Chief of the Society on assuming office.

3. That all gentlemen who have held office as Chief, will, on retiring, become Honorary Chiefs, of whom a list shall appear among the list of office-bearers, giving the year or years during which they held office.



BY-LAWS.



ARTICLE I.

MEETINGS.

Meetings of the Society will be held monthly; those held in the months of August, November, February, May, and July, to be for the conduct of business. The other evenings to be set apart for entertainments. The meeting night to be the second Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

ARTICLE II.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting shall be in August of each year.

ARTICLE III.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

The Chief, when he deems it for the interest of the Society, or one officer with a written request of six of the members, can at any time call a special meeting of this Society.

ARTICLE IV.

QUORUM.

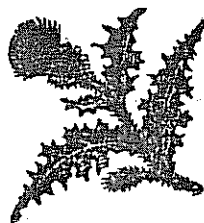
At all meetings for the transaction of business nine members shall constitute a quorum, two of whom must be officers

ARTICLE V.

The annual gathering of the Society for competition in the Scottish games shall be held at such time and place as the Society may determine—such competition to be held in public.

ARTICLE VI.

The foregoing Constitution and By-Laws as adopted by the Society shall not be repealed, annulled, altered or amended at any meeting other than the annual business meeting; and any member wishing such alteration or amendment must give notice of motion of such alteration or amendment at the monthly meeting immediately preceding; but during the first six months of the Society's existence, alteration may be voted at ordinary meetings on permission from the Chief. Such alterations to be passed by not less than two-thirds of the members present.



RULES OF ORDER.



1. All motions must be duly seconded before they can be entertained.
2. When a motion is duly made and seconded, the presiding officer shall state the same to the Society before it can be discussd.
3. All motions must be reduced to writing when the presiding officer shall so order it, or a member request it.
4. No motion shall be in order while the question is under debate, except to amend or lay on the table. A motion to lay on the table shall preclude debate, as likewise a motion of the previous question.
5. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless by a call to order, or for explanation.
6. No motion for a re-consideration shall be in order unless moved for by a member who voted in the majoritv.
7. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the chair, and confine his remarks to the subject under debate; and no member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject and not more than five minutes at any one time, unless by permission from the chair.
8. When a member is called to order he shall be seated until the point of order is settled, when he may proceed.
9. No member shall be allowed to use discourteous language or reflect on another while in debate.
10. No religious or political question shall be discussed during business.
11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in orders and shall be decided without debate.

ANNUAL REPORT

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.

IT is again the duty of your Committee to lay before you the annual statement of the Society's position and affairs. When last year's report was submitted allusions were made to the depressing nature of the times, from the influences of which the Society had not escaped. If the allusions had point then, it seems to your Committee that they have much more so this year.

The prevailing depression must necessarily influence all the machinery of society and cause an anxiety as widespread as intense. While we have not considered the affairs of our Society of such importance as to call forth our deepest concern, we have still felt that a great deal of care was necessary to steer a course which would at least enable us to avoid disaster, if not to achieve successes; and now, as we review the past year, we feel that in this we have attained a measure of success, and we feel thankful accordingly.

Our financial position remains much the same as it was last year at this time. Our debit balance was then £22 14s. 3d., it is now £21 7s. 2d. There is this difference, however: a balance of about £10 remains uncollected from the donations to sports, against which there are liabilities amounting to about £5.

We are sorry to report that the members' subscriptions have fallen off very seriously in the past twelve months. This year there has been received £146 3s. 6d., as against £180 12s. last year. The members whose subscriptions are in arrears have not the excuse that they have not been reminded of their indebtedness, for notices have been forwarded to them twice during the year. A little thoughtfulness would, we feel sure, make a considerable difference in the revenue.

Last year the number of members on the roll was 466. Sixty-two new members have joined during the year. We have lost 5 by death. and 21 by resignation and other causes, leaving our total membership at 502, or an increase of 32 over last year.

We deem it only right that your Committee should bear testimony to the thorough manner in which the Chief has discharged his very onerous duties during the year. All matters concerning the welfare of the Society have received his most careful attention ; his attendance at Committee and all meetings of the Society has been most regular, and by his good tact he has done a very great deal to maintain and foster a feeling of goodwill among the members generally.

At the first meeting of the Society this year the Chief delivered an inaugural address, taking for his subject "Robert Burns in 1784, and a glimpse at Mauchline 100 years ago." In discoursing on this subject the Chief laid the Society under one more obligation to him for a highly-enjoyed entertainment.

Your Committee debated very seriously the wisdom or otherwise of holding the usual sports at Easter; they ultimately agreed to recommend that the custom should not be departed from, but that more care should be exercised in the expenses, and a vigorous effort made to raise the enthusiasm of the members. A good deal of disappointment was felt when it became evident that the Adelaide Oval, which had been the place of our choice for three years, was now closed against us, but the disappoint-

ment fortunately raised our determination to make the gathering successful wherever it should be held.

All sorts of prophecies of evil were heard when it was first suggested that we should go to the Kensington Oval; in spite of these, and the more dire threatenings of unpropitious weather, the sports were an undoubted success from every point of view.

In July, 1884, the Society having decided that the original Committee appointed to carry out the Social Meetings held under the Society's auspices was altogether too small for the proper management of the same, nominated and appointed additional gentlemen, who appointed their own Secretary and Treasurer.

During the year there have been five Social meetings held, generally of a very successful nature, particularly those held on the Scottish festive nights Hallowe'en and Hogmonay. The revenue from the Socials during the year was £75 14s., the expenditure £70 10s., leaving a credit balance of £7 4s.

The Society having asked the Committee to conduct the Easter Monday Social meeting which was held on the evening of the last sports, resulting in a very successful issue financially, the revenue being £30 16s., the expenditure £16, leaving a surplus of £14 16s. Another Social Meeting was held during the last month by the same Committee, who were asked by the nominated members of the new Committee to conduct this one for them, and your Committee has to report that this meeting did not result in a financial success, but in a debit balance of £4 14s. 6d. Deducting this from the original balance £7 4s., leaves a credit balance of £2 9s. 6d. Altogether, including the Sports Social, the profits during the year amount to £17 5s. 6d. The greatest credit is due to Messrs. Denholm and Lapsley, who acted as Masters of Ceremonies on the various occasions.

The Literary Club is still in existence, but unfortunately does not receive that support from members of the Society which it ought to. It may be because the claims of kindred societies in the

various suburbs are stronger than ours, but we believe there are not many societies provided with programmes so attractive. Among the many young men who belong to the parent Society surely a little more interest could be manifested in this work, a work so essentially elevating and beneficial.

The Choral Class is still a great attraction to the young people of both sexes connected with the Society. It has now been in existence for about 18 months, and its course has been marked with abundant signs of improvement and success. Mr. Wm. King has so identified himself with the work of the class that we could not mention the one without the other. The concerts rendered by the class under Mr. King's direction have given it a foremost name among the musical institutions of the city; that it will continue to interpret many of those too little known melodies of Scotland for many a year to come is, we are sure, the hope of every well-wisher of the Caledonian Society.

The Shinty Club has been maintaining its prestige in the field against all comers.

The distressing times through which we are passing has greatly embarrassed those who remain of the original Charity Committee. The Committee has been quite out of funds for some considerable time, but has still been called upon to help many who are suffering from the prevailing distress. There has not been any money voted by the Society toward this object for three years, and at present the charity fund is indebted to the members of Committee for something like £12.

We would direct the attention of the Society to an apparent omission in our year's operations. Hitherto it has been our custom to hold at least two concerts in the course of the year on behalf of our funds; the series of concerts projected by the Choral Society prevented us from doing so last year, and consequently the income usually derived from this source has been lost. The Choral class, knowing the position in which their action had placed us,

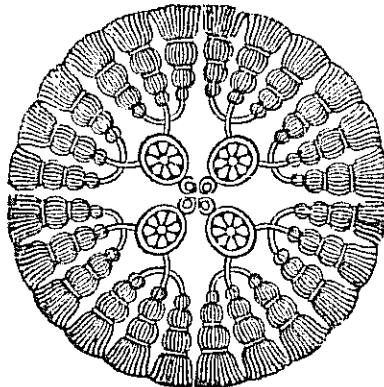
kindly offered to tender us a Concert, which when held, unfortunately resulted in a loss of £8 8s. 2d.

In relinquishing the reins of government your Committee can only express the very earnest hope that an increased success may attend their successors in office. Ours is no struggle of the *outs* with the *ins*. With one common desire for harmony and prosperity we trust the Society will see better times, and that under its new officers it will increase its usefulness in every direction.

Signed on behalf of the Executive Committee,

THOS. H. SMEATON,

Hon. Sec.



BALANCE SHEET, S.A. CALEDONIAN SOCIETY.—ANNUAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash on hand, 15th Aug. 1884	146 3 6	Overdraft at Bank of Australasia, 15th Aug. 1884	31 4 10
Subscriptions	£382 19 4	Sports—Prizes	£153 1 0
Sports—Gross Receipts	64 7 6	Expenses	172 18 6
„ Donations	447 6 10	General Expenses—	325 19 6
Loan to Choral Society refunded	9 0 0	Rents and Rates	£83 10 5
Sundry—Badges ..	£2 3 6	Advertising and Printing	29 6 8
Chief's Addresses	10 0 0	Gas	18 13 9
Rent of Hall ..	5 0 0	Hon. Secretary ..	50 0 0
	7 13 6	Hall Keeper ..	37 10 0
		Newspapers ..	26 1 9
		Postages and Petties ..	13 5 6
Balance—Overdraft at Bank of Australasia	30 9 10	Special Expenses—	
Less Cash in hand of Hon. Sec.	9 2 8	Loss on Concert in Town Hall	£8 8 2
	21 7 2	Refund to Social Committee	3 17 6
		Alterations in Gas Lights	1 18 7
		Pipe Reeds ..	2 16 3
		Piano Hire ..	1 11 6
		Exp., Coromandel Valley	3 0 0
		Interest, Bank of Australasia	2 17 2
			24 0 2
			608 16 9
			£640 1 7

Audited and found correct,
JAMES T. TURNBULL, } Auditors.
JAS. S. SCOTT, }
F. G. McCRAE, Hon. Treasurer.
T. H. SMEATON Hon. Sec.
 Adelaide, August 10, 1885.