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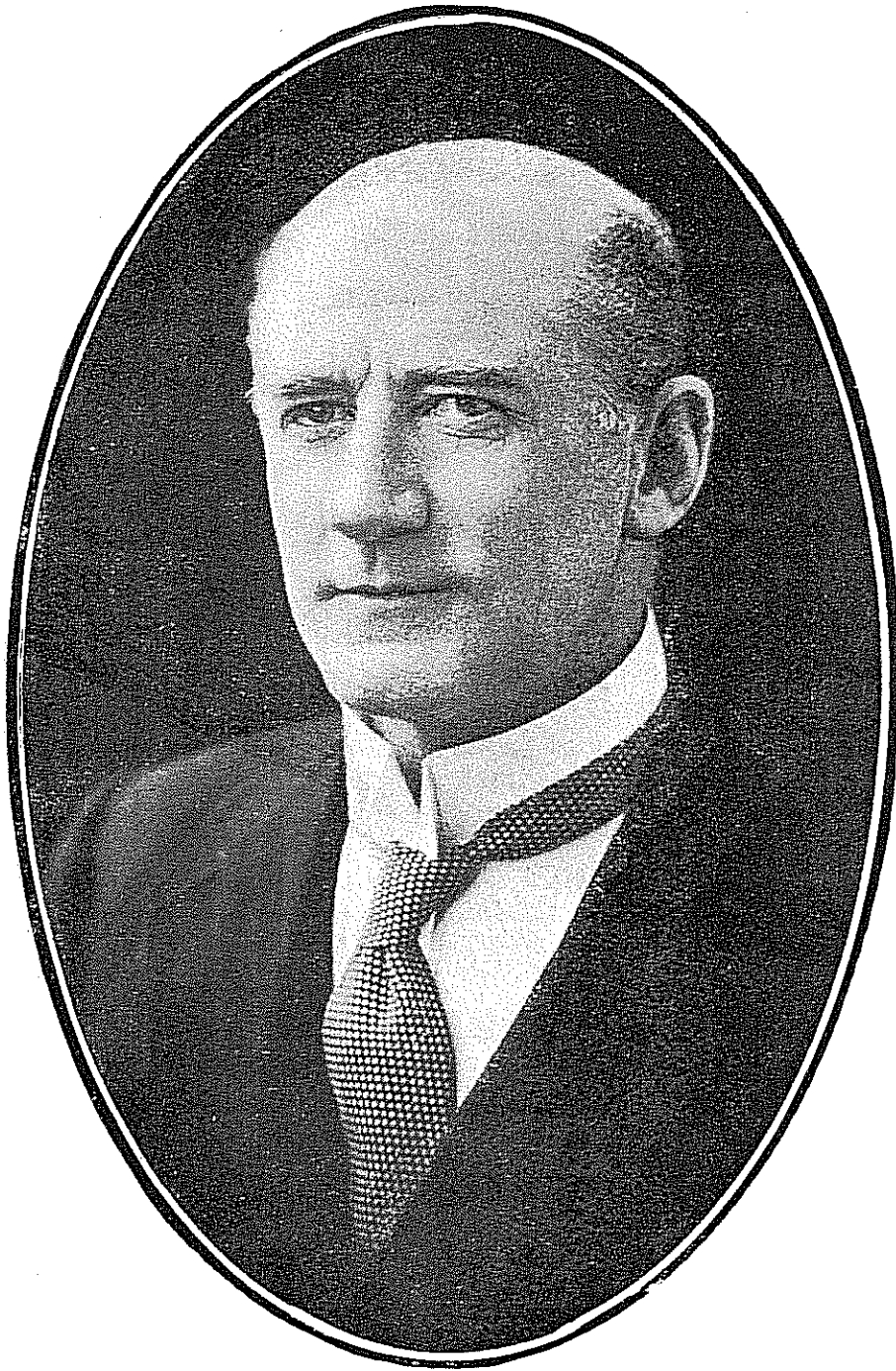
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Brithers and Sister Scots,

Your Council has pleasure in submitting the Fifty-seventh Annual Report of the activities of the Society together with Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June, 1938.

MEMBERSHIP.

New members elected for the year were 72, showing a satisfactory increase. It is anticipated that during the year upon which we have just entered there will be an influx of Associate (Lady) members now that the fee is only 10/6 per annum.

The total number of members, including Life, Honorary and Ordinary, is 462, and this only represents a small percentage of those whom we think should link up with us.

Rev. Wm. Gray, a life member, who did much for the Society, passed away during the year.

Mr. Donald Nicholson, the genial Secretary for so many years, was called to higher service quite suddenly.

Hon. Thos. McCallum, M.L.C., also died suddenly within a few miles of his station. He was a man of many parts, and his passing leaves us poorer.

On your behalf regrets were forwarded to the relatives in each case.

THE CHIEF.

Sir George has filled his second year of office with that grace and dignity that is characteristic. Often his regrets are voiced that his duties as a Minister of the Crown so often call him away and deny him the privilege of doing more for the Society. As he passes out to the ranks of Past Chiefs we tender him our thanks for what he has

done for the Society, and in this he has been ably and willingly assisted by Lady Ritchie and their daughter, Miss Ritchie.

THE NEW CHIEF.

We express our pleasure that Chieftain C. B. Anderson, I.S.O., has consented to accept nomination as Chief for the year just beginning, and we can assure him of the loyal support of the Council and members of the Society. We wish him a happy period of office.

THE COUNCIL.

At the election 12 months ago, the retiring members were re-elected, and Mr. J. J. Whyte, our City Fire Chief, was elected to fill a vacancy which had occurred. He has already justified his election, and has been of distinct value to the Society in many directions.

Mr. Duncan Menzies has been appointed to represent the Society on the Council of Scotch College.

We offer congratulations to Mr. Jno. McLeay on his election as a member of Parliament.

HALLOWE'EN.

The Bairns' night it truly was and attracted all the relatives and friends as well. The Palais presented a brilliant spectacle as over 150 bairns took the floor, while others looked on; 193 afterwards enjoyed supper in a marquee at the invitation of the Chief. The total attendance was 1,083—approximately 750 adults and the balance bairns.

The invited guests included the members of Council and ladies, Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Premier and Mrs. Butler, representatives of kindred Societies, country Caledonian Societies, and other prominent interested citizens.

Mr. C. M. Taylor again generously donated cups for an Eightsome Reel Competition, which were won by the set under the Misses Howie.

The ladies attended to the decorations, which were much admired.

The Chief and Lady Ritchie assisted by Miss Ritchie were efficient host and hostesses, and everyone pronounced the function a great success. Great praise is due to Instructors J. Ogg, L. Niven, C. Cruse and J. Mitchell for the efficiency of the bairns.

After 9 p.m. till midnight the adult dancers had a happy time.

ST. ANDREW'S DINNER.

This traditional function was held once again in The Grosvenor, and we were honoured with the presence of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Sir G. J. R. Murray, K.C.M.G., B.A., LL.M.

There was a distinguished gathering, including Hon. Sir David Gordon (President of the Legislative Council), Hon. Sir Geo. Ritchie (Chief of the Society and Chief Secretary), Sir Lavington Bonython (President of the Royal Society of St. George), the Lord Mayor, Brig. Martyn, Commander Rosenthal, and Past Chiefs of the Society.

The Chief and guests also the Haggis were "piped in" by Pipe Major W. Niven and Pipe Sergeant D. McGregor. The principal toast "The Land o' Cakes" was proposed by Rev. Donald McNicol, V.D., Sc.F.; "The Caledonian Society and its Chief" by Professor J. McKellar Stewart, M.A., D.Phil., and "Australia" by Dr. Charles A. E. Fenner. The speeches were broadcast through the National network through the courtesy of the A.B.C. (Col. Thomas).

BURNS' NIGHT.

This was celebrated with band items, Scottish dances and a most illuminating lecture on "Burns—the man" by Mr. T. Scott Bryce, President of the Lothian Club. The lecture dealt with the personal characteristics of the Immortal Bard, and was pronounced "a real treat." The hall was comfortably filled.

HIGHLAND BALL.

On May 20th another brilliant spectacle was presented at the Palais Royal in the Highland Ball—a function which had not been held for a decade. The hall was tastefully decorated by the ladies, and 670 (including the members of the Pipe Band) attended.

His Excellency the Governor and Lady Dugan were received by the Chief and Lady Ritchie, the members of the Band as a guard of honour. The party was piped to the Chief's box. Included among the guests present were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Brigadier Martyn (Army) and Mrs. Martyn, Commander Rosenthal (Navy) and Mrs. Rosenthal.

During the supper the Pipe Band with Drum Major Stephens and led by Pipe Major W. Niven, demonstrated marching and counter marching, and were recalled twice.. Everyone seemed to enjoy a happy evening, and indeed the function was so popular that it has been decided to make it an annual fixture. The next Ball will be held on Friday, 19th May, 1939, and following numerous requests will be a Debutante Ball, and the Debutante Dance will be with kilted officers of the new S.A. Scottish Regiment.

PIPE BAND.

The Band is proving quite a good advertisement for the Society, and many requests are made for its services.

Besides attending at the Society's functions it has performed at many notable places both in the city and suburbs, particularly in the cause of charity, amongst the most important being the Distressed Soldiers' Appeal, the After Care of Infantile Paralysis, Tubercular Soldiers, etc., etc.

The Band excelled itself at Sydney on 1st January by winning the quickstep championship and gaining second place in the open selection—only missing the coveted "Dewar Cup" by a small mar-

gin. The contest was open to the Commonwealth, and considering it was the Band's first visit to an Interstate contest, its performance was outstanding. The Band was accorded a civic welcome in Sydney by the Lord Mayor, Sir Arch. Howie.

During the past few months the Band has on several occasions visited the country, namely, Port Wakefield, Aldinga, Morphett Vale, Nuriootpa, Port Pirie and Crystal Brook, where at all times the bearing of the members, their drill, dress and skill has evoked admiration.

Although the practice room in Gawler Place is anything but inviting, much praise is due to the members for their regular attendance and enthusiasm.

During the year it was found necessary to equip the Band with additional uniforms and equipment to bring it up to full competitive strength, and this was made possible through generous donations, prize money and earnings.

The cost of the additional uniforms and drums, all of which has been paid, was £103/18/2, and the Band has asked the Society to accept same as a gift.

SCOTTISH FAIR.

So as to provide funds for the visit of the Band to take part in the New Year's competitions in Sydney, the ladies held a very successful Fair on 21st August, and the nett proceeds were £153. We heartily congratulate them on the result of their effort.

BAIRNS' CLASS.

This has made wonderful progress and finished with over 100 pupils. This season we have 100 pupils to start with, and it augurs well for the Hallowe'en. The instructors are doing a wonderful work, and aided by Miss Luff as pianiste and the prefects, it is remarkable the speedy progress the bairns make with the dancing.

Jim Mitchell was appointed instructor in place of H. Dodd, resigned. Last year's prefects, Betty Burrage, Daphne Fleetwood, Mary and Janet Howie, were presented by the Council with junior members badges for their 12 months' services rendered.

Mr. C. M. Taylor has again generously donated two large and six small cups for competition in the eightsome reel at the next Hallowe'en—this acts as an incentive to the bairns.

ADELAIDE COMPETITIONS.

Our congratulations are tendered to some of our own as winners in the Highland dancing section at the above competitions, Mary Ogg, Hazel Vivian, Gill Plenty, Ida Tarbath, and Joyce Ogg.

TENNIS CLUB.

The Tennis Club, socially, had a very successful season, several new members joined up, and next season can be looked forward to with confidence.

It is hoped to have the courts put into good order before next season starts, and to augment the funds of the Club, bridge is being introduced on Friday nights. Owing to pressure of business, Mr. E. H. Knox wished to resign the secretaryship of the Club, but was persuaded to carry on.

The officers of the Club are:—Patron, the Chief (Sir Geo. Ritchie); President, I.P.C., M. Fotheringham, Esq.; Vice-Presidents, Members of the Council; Captain, Mr. N. MacKinnon; Vice-Captain, Mr. S. Watson; Secretary, Mr. E. H. Knox.

The thanks of the Club is extended to all those who assisted during the year, and hope to receive a continuance of their support next season.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

These have been well attended, and interesting programmes have been submitted.

WINTER SOCIALS.

These are held on alternate Wednesday evenings, and a splendid orchestra is provided. Formerly a book of tickets was purchased, but the Committee decided that a nominal charge of 6d. per dance should be tried to defray the additional cost incurred. Both modern, old style and Highland dances are provided, and those who attend enjoy a happy time. We hope for a decided increase in attendance.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Examinations were held for scholarships and the successful applicants were: Scotch College (Ross Duncan), Presbyterian Girls' College (Sibely McLean), Muirden College (Cath. Maughan). Reports at the end of the term indicate that all these students are making satisfactory progress.

RULES.

These were revised and submitted to a General Meeting, when they were approved and adopted.

ROSTER.

At the request of the Council a roster of members of the Council and Pipers from the Band was drawn up so as to ensure the attendance of a member of Council and a Piper at the Social Evenings and the Bairns' Class.

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL.

A church service was conducted by Rev. N. L. D. Webster, B.A., on Sunday, 28th November, in the Adelaide Town Hall, when the Pipe Band marched from Government House to the Town Hall and attended service, afterwards marching again to the starting point. Representatives from the Lothian Club and our own Society took part in the service.

EMPIRE COUNCIL.

Our Society has affiliated with the above, and invitations were issued to our Council members to attend a welcome home to His Excellency and Lady Dugan on their return from their trip to England.

MADAME SCOTIA RECITAL.

This was held in the Unley Town Hall, and those who attended were regaled with Hebridean songs accompanied on the clarsach by Madame Scotia with a running commentary of stories of the Isles.

SCOTTISH REGIMENT.

The uniforms for this regiment are now nearing completion, and shortly we will have the pleasure and pride of seeing a kilted regiment in our midst. Permission was obtained to adopt the kilt (McKenzie tartan) and the sporran of the Seaforth Highland Regiment, Scotland.

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

Visits have been made to the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society, Port Pirie Caledonian Society, and Penola Caledonian Society by members of our Society, also to functions of the Lothian Club and the Royal Society of St. George.

BAIRNS' PICNIC.

This was held at Hazelwood Park on a perfect day, and sports and a real picnic outing were enjoyed by all. The ladies attended to the arrangements.

LADIES' INDOOR BOWLS CLUB.

Very pleasant afternoons on Tuesday are being held each week, and the attendance is growing. Already the cost of the material for equipment has been paid for.

BRIDGE EVENINGS.

On Saturday evenings tables for bridge are set out (charge 1/- each player) and six prizes are donated each evening. You are assured of a warm welcome (aided by radiators these cold nights).

BOOK OF DUNDEE.

A valuable addition to our Library was made by donation from the Council. This was formerly the property of the late Rev. Dr. Geo. Davidson.

FLOWER DAY.

Our ladies decorated the Burns and McDouall Stuart statues on Flower Day, and this added their quota to the festival.

SMOKE SOCIAL.

The Council tendered the members of the Band a complimentary social in honour of their success on their return from the Sydney Competitions.

TRAVEL TALK.

"Scotland Revisited" was the title of a lecture delivered by Mr. C. G. Tolley. This was aided by a map of Scotland and was most interesting. Songs and solo dancing completed a pleasant evening.

PIPERS, DANCERS AND JUDGES' ASSOCIATION.

A movement has been inaugurated to form an Association for the better carrying out of competitions and generally to improve the national dancing in this State.

W. McLENNAN.

The Council in view of the long and untiring service of Hon. Piper W. McLennan have been pleased to confer on him a Life Membership and this will take place at the Annual Meeting.

FINANCIAL.

As the Financial Statement shows, a profit was made on all functions save St. Andrew's Dinner, where a slight loss was incurred.

Some members' subscriptions are in arrears, and we would ask the attention of those concerned, as we are still working on an overdraft.

Necessary alterations and improvements to the Hall, especially in ventilation, were carried out during the year, and now these are completed we look forward to the response from members with their subscriptions and other efforts that are being put forward to wipe out this deficit, and once again to have a credit at the bank. This is where the individual member can help.

THANKS.

The Council wishes to thank all those, both members and non-members, who have assisted to make the various functions a success; also the Honorary officers: Treasurer (Mr. W. E. L. Hill), Auditors (Messrs. A. Ross Scott and D. Fraser, Jnr.), Drum Major (J. E. Stephens), Pipe Major W. Niven, the Pipe Band and Hon. Pipers and Instructors, Pianiste (Miss Luff), and Accompanist (Mr. W. Robinson), lecturers, artists and lady members who have assisted in various ways with decorations, etc.

On behalf of the Council,

W. J. ANGUS,

Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1938.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bank of Australasia	82	Land and Buildings	6,890 9 3
Mortgage	1,500 0 0	Furniture at cost	522 11 6
Capital A/c. as at 1st July, 1937	5,633 18 7	Library at cost	22 5 5
Add Donations Pipe Band and Library	109 3 2	Pipe Band Uniforms at cost	472 16 7
	5,743 1 9	Shop Fittings at cost	38 0 0
Less excess of Expenditure over Income	100 8 2	War Pictures at cost	15 16 10
	5,642 13 7	Petty Cash	5 0 0
Furniture Depreciation Reserve 30/6/37	290 10 6	Cash in Savings Bank	1 19 10
Plus Depreciation for Current Year	20 16 7	Savings Bank:	
	311 7 1	Mortgage Liquidation Fund	40 12 9
Library Depreciation Reserve 30/6/37	9 2 7	Boys' Scholarship Fund	112 7 1
Plus Depreciation for Current Year	0 15 10	Inscribed Stock, Boys' Scholarship Fund	570 0 0
	9 18 5		
Pipe Band Uniforms Depreciation Reserve 30/6/37	295 2 8		
Plus Depreciation for Current Year	36 17 10		
	332 0 6		

Shop Fittings Depreciation Reserve 30/6/37	22 11 0	
Plus Depreciation for Current Year	1 10 11	24 1 11
War Pictures Depreciation Reserve 30/6/37	9 7 3	
Plus Depreciation for Current Year	0 13 0	10 0 3
Mortgage Liquidation Fund		40 12 9
Boys' Scholarship Fund		682 7 1
Girls' Scholarship Provision A/c.		56 12 10
		<u>£8,691 19 3</u>

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SUMMARY OF BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT, 30th JUNE, 1938.

RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Balance at Bank 1/7/37	94 16 6	Scotch College	8 0 0
Interest on Inscribed Stock	22 16 0	Balance at Bank 30/6/38	112 7 1
	<u>£120 7 1</u>		<u>£120 7 1</u>

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
For Year Ended 30th June, 1938.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£	s.	d.
To Bairns' Class	18	19	3
" Caretaker	107	0	0
" Donations	11	2	1
" Girls' Scholarship	16	17	1
" Hall Expenses	40	9	1
" Hallowe'en	60	11	9
" Highland Ball	80	0	1
" Insurance	15	12	0
" Interest	78	0	3
" Lighting and Power	27	0	1
" Ladies' Bowls Club	5	10	6
" Pipe Band	5	11	0
" Printing and Stationery	44	0	10
" Rates and Taxes	77	17	8
" Secretary	108	0	0
" Scotia Recital	14	2	0
" Socials	30	15	4
" St. Andrew's Dinner	51	9	8
" Sundry Expenses	24	19	4
" Telephone	17	17	8
" Depreciation	60	14	2
" Girls' Scholarship Provision A/c. ...	56	12	10
	£953	2	8
By Bairns' Class	20	3	0
" Hallowe'en	70	4	0
" Highland Ball	153	10	0
" Ladies' Bowls Club	5	10	6
" Rents	209	14	6
" Scotia Recital	7	10	6
" Socials	5	15	6
" St. Andrew's Dinner	40	19	0
" Subscriptions	339	7	0
" Savings Bank Interest	0	0	6
" Balance being excess of Expenditure over Income for Year trans- ferred to Capital A/c.	100	8	2
	£953	2	8

Audited and found correct and in accordance with books and vouchers produced.

W. E. L. HILL, Hon. Treasurer
W. J. ANGUS, Secretary

A. ROSS SCOTT } Hon. Auditors
D. FRASER }

16/7/38.

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SUMMARY OF BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

Add to Receipts—

Interest Savings Bank £2/14/7



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