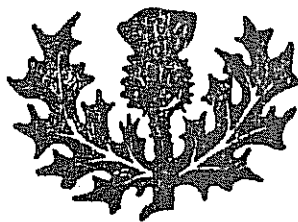


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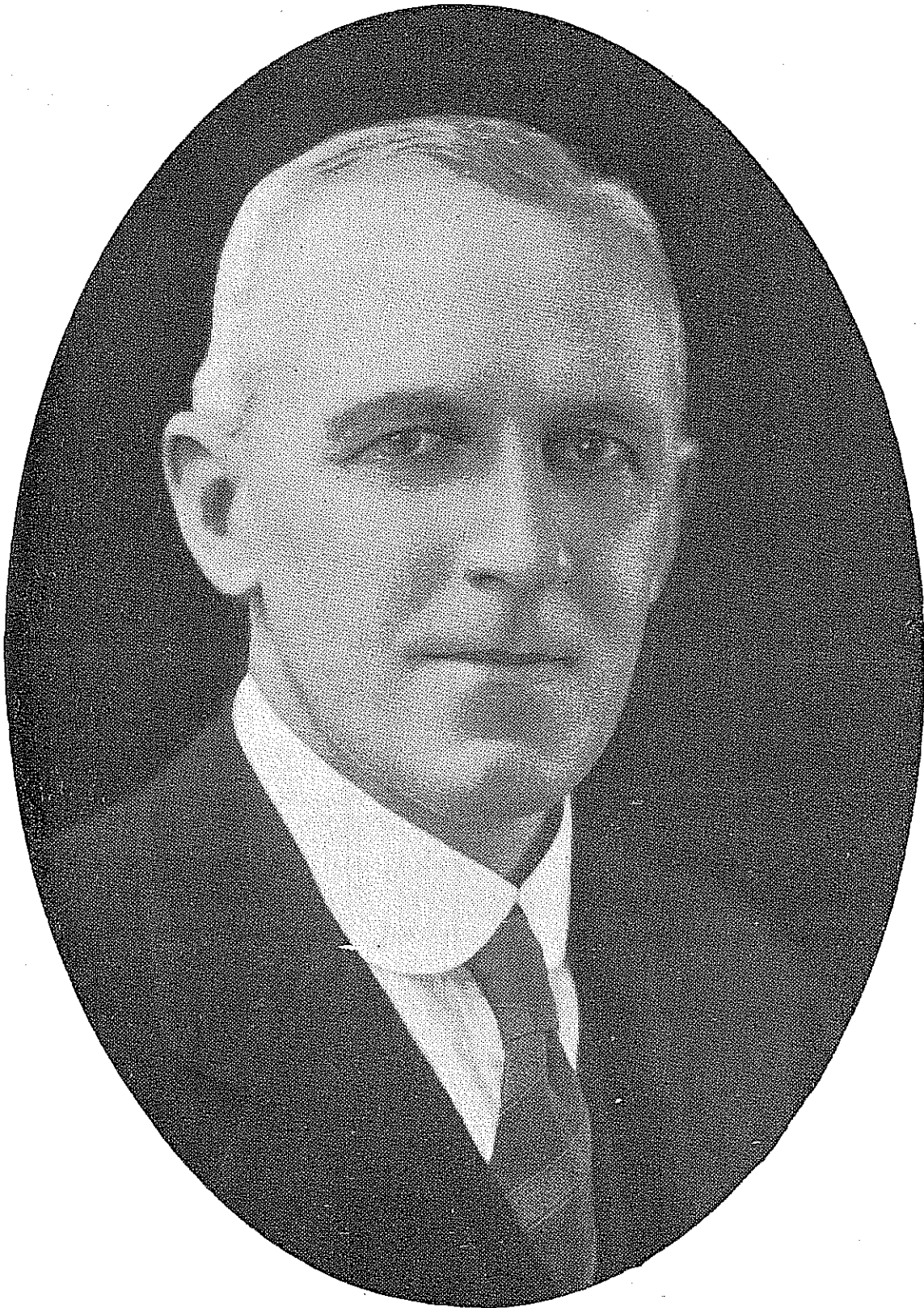
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FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT
1938-1939

Brithers and Sister Scots,

Your Council submits this Fifty-eighth Annual Report with a degree of satisfaction, also the Financial Statement for the year ended June 30, 1939, as both show forward movement.

Membership.

New members elected for the year numbered sixty-six, which shows steady progress, and of these a number are Associate (Lady) members.

The total membership, including Life, Honorary, Ordinary, and Lady Associates, is 506, a nett increase of forty-four for the year, but there are still a great number of Scots and those of Scottish descent who should be helping to uphold the traditions of the Homeland.

Our ranks have been reduced by the death of the following: Mrs. A. J. Allen, Mr. A. J. Radford, Sir John Melrose, Mrs. Jas. Murray, Mr. Allan McGregor (Sydney), Mr. G. A. Noble.

On your behalf letters of sympathy were forwarded to the relatives.

There have also been several resignations owing to removals and other circumstances.

The Chief.

Mr. Anderson, along with his wife, has won his way into the hearts of all the members with his genial personality. The dignity of office is personified in our Chief and it is a source of joy to us all that he has consented to fill the office for a further twelve months.

At all times and in all quarters they can rely on the solidarity of support from members.

The Council.

At the last Annual Meeting the retiring directors were re-elected and the election of Mr. Menzies to the position of Chieftain left us with only seven directors instead of eight. We have, however, received nominations for five directors, one of whom will be elected Chieftain, and the Council will be brought up to full strength again. In addition to the three retiring directors, who are re-elected, you will welcome the addition of Duncan Fraser, Jr., who has acted as auditor for so many years; also Mr. J. McGregor Soutar, who is well known in municipal and other circles.

We regret that an additional nomination is necessary, owing to the request from Mr. C. M. Taylor to be relieved of office as Director. He has served the Council well and liberally, with a special interest in the Bairns' Class, for many years and has annually donated eight cups for the winners of the Eightsome Reel Competition at Hallowe'en for the Taylor Cup. We are assured of his continued interest but his decision is irrevocable.

Hallowe'en.

The Bairns' night it was, and attracted friends and relatives. The Palais was a gay spectacle with over 900 adults and 250 children. About two hundred of these took the floor and most of them in the tartan kilt of their respective clan. They retired to a special marquee where they were regaled with supper provided by the Chief.

It was unfortunate that both His Excellency the Governor (Sir Winston Dugan) and Lady Dugan, also the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, were unable to attend owing to their absence from the State.

There was a goodly list of invited guests present, including representatives of kindred and country societies and prominent interested citizens.

The C. M. Taylor Cup for the Eightsome Reel Competition was won by the "Leith" set under Miss M. Vivian and Master N. MacKinnon as leaders.

During the evening Hon. Sir George Ritchie, K.C.M.G., was presented with a Past Chief's Badge, and replied to complimentary remarks made by Chief C. B. Anderson, Esq.

St. Andrew's Dinner.

This was held as usual at the "Grosvenor" and was a brilliant success. Owing to Court mourning, His Excellency (Sir Winston Dugan) regretted he had to cancel his acceptance.

There were eighty-two present, which included many distinguished citizens—besides the proposers of the toasts. Among them were the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor (A. G. Barrett), Base Commandant (Brig. A. M. Martyn), Brig.-Gen. S. Price Weir, Hon. Sir Geo. Ritchie, and Hon. Sir David Gordon.

The Chief and his guests were "piped in" by Pipe Major W. Niven and Pipe Sergeant D. McGregor. During the dinner "The Haggis" was also "piped in wi' a' the honours."

The principal toast, "The Land o' Cakes," was proposed by Capt. J. G. Duncan-Hughes, M.C., M.V.O., "The Caledonian Society and its Chief" by Hon. Sir Herbert S. Hudd, M.C., K.B.E., and "Australia" by Hon. Sir J. Wallace Sandford, M.L.C. The speeches were broadcast over the national network through the courtesy of the A.B.C. (Col. Thomas).

Highland Ball.

The Palais Royal on May 11 looked gay indeed after being decorated by the ladies, beflagged and ornamented with special pictures of Scottish interest, then comfortably filled with ladies dressed in colours that added lustre to the scene, accompanied by gentlemen in the kilt, also officers and privates of the Scottish Regiment.

After the opening Grand March, in which nearly everyone took part, followed by a short dance, twelve debutantes, partnered by officers of the Scottish Regiment, were led up the length of the hall by Pipe Major W. Niven and presented to the Chief and Mrs. Anderson. In the Chief's box were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, and other distinguished visitors.

During supper the Pipe Band contributed selections, which were much appreciated. Thanks are due to the ladies and others who assisted to make this ball the success it undoubtedly was.

Pipe Band.

The Society is proud of its Pipe Band and its reputation is spreading far and wide. Besides attending at the Society's functions mentioned in this report and Quarterly Meetings, individual players are rostered for the Bairns' Class. During the past twelve months the members of the Band have attended thirty-seven functions, including visits to various country centres, Aldinga, Mount Barker, Nuriootpa, Gawler, and as far as Jamestown.

Their help was much appreciated in the recruiting Campaign Parades for the 27th Battalion. Fifty-six Band practices have been held and a good average attendance at all times. Besides Pipe Major W. Niven and Pipe Sergeant D. McGregor, special mention, we feel, should be made of the excellent work in organization being carried out by Mr. Andrew Small, the Business Manager and Sergeant Drummer C. Duff, who has for fourteen years specially trained the young drummers. The band now numbers twenty-three members. It is with sincere regret that we report the resignation of J. C. Stephens as Drum Major of the Band. His ability as instructor is outstanding and the general discipline and marching of the Band under his instruction helped materially in the Band's success in the Sydney Competitions. We are pleased to announce that Sgt.-Major Thomas Caldwell, V.C., of the Royal Scots

Fusiliers, has joined the Band as Drum Major. The Band intends to try and bring back the "Dewar Cup" from Sydney at the coming New Year and are holding a "Clansmen's Ball" and other functions to raise funds for the visit. We wish them every success.

Many functions for charity have been readily attended by the members of the band.

Bairns' Class.

Last year's class reached the 120 mark and the system of "Proficiency" badges and the competition for the Taylor Cups helped to maintain the interest. This year the class at the time of writing this report numbers 112 and the bairns are making wonderful progress under Instructors J. Ogg, L. Niven, C. Cruse, and J. Mitchell, assisted by the Prefects. Miss Luff has again taken her seat at the piano and provides the necessary harmony, being only relieved by a piper once or twice during the evening. A new piano has been purchased and adds much to the pleasure of those who use it.

Tennis Club.

The Club had a very pleasant and happy social season. It was with regret that the resignation of Mr. E. H. Knox as Secretary was received, and the members wish to thank Mr. Knox for the work he did in connection with the Club, especially in its inaugural stage. Mr. W. Pitchford was elected Secretary in his stead. A tournament was held during the season, and congratulations are extended to Miss D. Buttery and Mr. S. Watson, winner of the lady's and gentleman's prize respectively. The courts are being improved for the coming season and it is hoped that more members of the Society will actively interest themselves in the Club by joining up. The courts are situated at the rear of the South Park Bowling Club, and the Captain (Mr. N. MacKinnon), Vice-Captain (Mr. S. Watson), the Secretary (Mr. W. Pitchford), or any member of the Club will be pleased to give particulars to intending members.

Quarterly Meetings.

These have been well attended and we express our thanks to those artists who assisted to make them a success, particularly T. Scott Bryce, Esq., for recital of some of Burns's works, also Rev. Gordon Powell, M.A., B.D., for lecture and lantern views of Scotland.

Life Members.

The Council decided to confer life memberships on Messrs. Jas. McKinna and D. E. McDonald for their valuable services rendered in the past to the Society. These were much appreciated.

Congratulations.

The Society desires to offer its congratulations to Hon. Sir Walter G. Duncan, M.L.C., on the honour of knighthood bestowed by the King for services rendered. We also congratulate the son of Chieftain D. Menzies on having been selected as a Rhodes Scholar, and the son of Mr. D. D. Gordon is also congratulated on winning the Joseph Fisher Medal in the Commerce Course. This boy was formerly the holder of one of the Society's scholarships at Scotch College.

Winter Socials.

These are being held on alternate Tuesday evenings this season, instead of Wednesdays as last season. A full range of modern, old style, and Highland dances is provided and, altogether, the evenings are very enjoyable. We hope to see these dances, which are available for members and friends accompanying them, better patronized than in the past.

You will be asked at the Annual Meeting to assist the Council in the appointment of a sub-committee of three ladies and three gentlemen members to assist the Council's Social Committee in the conduct of these socials. The Secretary will be pleased to receive nominations prior to July 28.

Scholarships.

Examinations were held for a scholarship at the Presbyterian Girls' College, and was won by Jessie Eglinton, that at Muirden College by Roma Catt, and at Scotch College Ross Duncan was granted a further year.

Sibely McLean, the holder of last year's scholarship at P.G.C., was granted a further year, but resigned this in favour of another scholarship which she had won. All the holders are doing well.

Scottish Festival.

A church service was conducted by the Rev. N. L. D. Webster, B.A., on St. Andrew's Sunday, November 27, in the Adelaide Town Hall. Our Pipe Band headed the march of the 27th Battalion (S.A. Scottish Regiment) to the Town Hall from Government House gates. Representatives from the Lothian Club and our own Society took part in the service. The Lord Mayor was present. It is estimated that there were 1,400 in the hall and the gates were closed and hundreds could not gain admission.

Empire Council.

Our Society, which is affiliated with the Council of Empire Societies, took part in a farewell to Sir Winston and Lady Dugan, also to Lord and Lady Gowrie. A wreath was laid by our Chief on the Queen Victoria Statue on Empire Day.

A reception to welcome the Governor-Designate, Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G., is being arranged for Monday, August 28, at 4 p.m.

Tea will be provided and circulars with details, also tickets (2/- each), will be available for members in the first week in August, when application may be made to our Secretary.

Flower Day.

The ladies, under the directions of Mrs. Anderson, decorated the Burns' Statue on North Terrace.

Scottish Regiment.

Our Council and members have played a big part in the recruiting of the above and the full quota, plus ten per cent., was reached before Christmas. A letter of congratulation was received from the Minister of Defence. The number has now reached six hundred. The Recruiting and Welfare Committee, which included, among others, all the members of our Council, is being carried on under the title of "Friends of the Regiment."

Chieftain Menzies organized a concert party, which delighted the Regiment when in camp at Fort Largs, with an evening's entertainment.

Our Pipe Sergeant D. McGregor has been appointed Pipe Major of the Regimental Pipe Band, and we congratulate him.

Bairns' Picnic.

This was held at Hazelwood Park on November 5, and special trams conveyed the majority to and from the grounds. A pleasant day was spent in perfect weather.

Ladies' Indoor Bowls Club.

This has increased rapidly and there are now over fifty members, who spend very enjoyable Tuesday afternoons in the hall. Several exchange visits have been made with other clubs.

Scottish Concert.

A splendid programme was arranged by the ladies, the proceeds to assist in the reduction of the mortgage, and these and other efforts have considerably helped our finances, as will be seen from the balance sheet.

Pictures.

In connection with the Scottish Tour, pictures of New Zealand were shown and were much appreciated.

Bridge Club.

This has been carried on continuously under the direction of Chieftain D. Menzies, and has been the means of raising £36 this year towards a reduction of the mortgage.

The King's Piper.

We were delighted to entertain Pipe Major Harry Forsyth and Mrs. Forsyth. Their charming personality was liberally commented on by those who were privileged to meet them. We were sorry their stay was so short as they were only here during the time the steamer was in port. One of our pipers, Norman McDonald, travelled on the same boat to the Homeland, and members of our Pipe Band "piped" them away from our shores.

We have since received a letter of thanks from the King's Piper from Buckingham Palace.

Affiliation of Societies.

Our Chief (Mr. Anderson) paid a special visit to Mount Gambier recently and met delegates from the societies in that district, with a view to their affiliation with our Society.

Subsequently, a meeting of delegates was held at Lucindale and was attended by Chieftain Duncan Menzies on behalf of our Society. At that meeting the delegates unanimously agreed to recommend affiliation to their respective bodies.

Port Pirie Society has been approached and has forwarded a favourable reply.

A new society was formed recently at Mount Barker and their first Chief was installed by Past Chief M. A. Fotheringham, while Chieftain D. Menzies acted as chairman. This Society is making rapid progress and has agreed to affiliation with us.

A meeting of representatives of all Scottish Societies in South Australia has been arranged for Monday, September 11 (Show Week) at our Hall, when we hope to report the consent of all these bodies to affiliation, and certificates of affiliation will be presented to each.

This movement marks a very important step in the Scottish history of this State, and will greatly assist in the co-operation and consolidation of the efforts of all being put forward to maintain the aims and objectives of the societies.

We wish it every success.

Financial.

The Council views with alarm the delay in paying up subscriptions when due, and special attention is drawn to this matter with a pasted-in slip where necessary, as we are still working on an overdraft.

We view with pleasure the results obtainable by the Ladies' Committee and the Bridge Club, which has enabled the Council to reduce the mortgage by £100 and the balance of the existing mortgage, viz., £1,400, has been transferred to the Savings Bank at four and half per cent. instead of elsewhere at five per cent. previously.

New Governor.

All members of our Society, we feel sure, will welcome our New Governor, Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G., and Lady Muriel Barclay-Harvey to South Australia.

On your behalf a letter was forwarded to the Governor-Designate and he has replied that he is looking forward to meeting the members of our Society.

We hope to arrange our official welcome as a Society at Hallowe'en celebration on October 27 next.

Thanks.

The Council wishes to thank all those ladies and gentlemen, both members and non-members, who have in any way assisted them during the past twelve months, also the Honorary Officers, Treasurer, Auditors, Pipe Major, and members of the Pipe Band, Hon. Pipers and Instructors, Pianiste, and Accompanist.

On behalf of the Council,

W. J. ANGUS, Secretary.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT JUNE 30, 1939.

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Bank of Australasia		61	12	2		
Mortgage, Savings Bank		1,400	0	0		
Capital A/c as at July 1, 1938	5,642	13	7			
Plus excess of Income over Expenditure	18	10	8			
	<hr/>			5,661	4	3
Mortgage Liquidation Fund		20	6	6		
Boys' Scholarship Fund		676	1	11		
Girls' Scholarship Provision A/c		123	12	9		
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ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Land and Buildings				6,909	17	3
Furniture at Cost		564	8	9		
Less Depcn., 30/6/39		332	9	6		
	<hr/>			231	19	3
Library at Cost		22	5	5		
Less Depcn., 30/6/39		11	3	1		
	<hr/>			11	2	4
Pipe Band Uniforms at Cost		472	16	7		
Less Depcn., 30/6/39		379	6	1		
	<hr/>			93	10	6
Shop Fittings at Cost		38	0	0		
Less Depcn., 30/6/39		25	9	8		
	<hr/>			12	10	4
War Pictures at Cost		15	16	10		
Less Depcn., 30/6/39		10	11	11		
	<hr/>			5	4	11
Boys' Scholarship Fund:						
Inscribed Stock		570	0	0		
Savings Bank		106	1	11		
	<hr/>			676	1	11
Mortgage Liquidation Fund, Savings Bank				1	10	6
Savings Bank, Cash				1	0	7
	<hr/>			£7,942	17	7

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

W. E. L. HILL, Hon. Treasurer.

Date, July 15, 1939.

A. ROSS SCOTT

D. FRASER

Hon. Auditors.

SOCIETY'S COMING EVENTS, 1939

- July 27—Bring and Buy Afternoon
July 31—Annual Meeting
Aug. 8—Social Dance
Aug. 22—Social Dance
Aug. 29—Variety Concert by Sunshine Revue Company
Aug. 31—Clansmen's Ball at Palais Royal
Sept. 5—Social Dance
Sept. 13—Caledonian Dance (arranged by the ladies)
Sept. 19—Social Dance
Oct. 3—Social Dance
Oct. 10—Caledonian Dance (arranged by instructors)
Oct. 17—Quarterly Meeting and Final Social Dance.
Pictorial Lecture on "Scotland" by Dr.
C. Duguid
Oct. 20—Final Bairns' Night
Oct. 27—Hallowe'en at Palais Royal
Nov. 30—St. Andrew's Dinner (Grosvenor)
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Tuesday afternoons, 2 o'clock, Ladies' Bowls
Saturday nights, 8 o'clock, Bridge Club