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Brither and Sister Scots,

Your Council has pleasure in submitting this Fifty-ninth Annual Report as it shows progress, at least in membership, but not to the extent that should be when we consider the number of Scots and of Scottish descent who are in our State and who should be assisting to uphold the traditions of the Homeland.

A resolution of loyalty to the Throne and Empire at this troublous time was forwarded to the Prime Minister, and has been acknowledged by the Prime Minister, also by the Governor-General on behalf of the King.

Membership.

During the year fifty-four members have been elected, including Associate (Lady) members and Master Ross Menzies — a life member. The total membership now stands at 575.

Our ranks have suffered loss in the death of Mrs. Hill (widow of the late Past Chief, W. J. Hill) and Mr. Sandford Ross (a life member).

On your behalf letters of sympathy have been forwarded to the relatives.

A number of resignations has been received, owing to removals, transfers, and other circumstances.

We are anxious to start the compilation of a list of our members who have enlisted and gone away on active service. Will relatives kindly hand in their names to the Secretary?

The Chief.

Mr. Anderson, though a very busy man in his office of Railways Commissioner, has always found time for

the multifarious duties that fall to the lot of a Chief, and it is with regret we have to announce that he cannot see his way clear to continue in office for another year.

We take this opportunity of thanking him and Mrs. Anderson for their two years of office and our good wishes for the future go with them. As Immediate Past Chief we know we can rely on his advice and support.

The New Chief.

It is with pleasure that we announce to the members that Captain Duncan Menzies has consented to accept nomination as Chief for the year just commencing, and we can assure him of the loyal support of the Council and members of the Society. Mr. Menzies has done much in fostering the activities of our Society, and has assisted very materially in the affiliation of the country societies under the Scottish Association, which is now functioning and showing progress under our Society.

We all wish Mr. Menzies a happy and successful period of office and, with Mrs. Menzies to assist, we look forward to still further advancement.

The Council.

The Chieftains, Directors, and other Officers as listed on the first page of this report, have met regularly and carried on the work of their respective offices with perfect unanimity and with the main object in view — the furtherance of the Society's scope and influence.

Nominations for the various vacancies have been received and are listed on the notice paper.

Hallowe'en.

Another wonderful night at the Palais Royal when nearly one thousand adults and two hundred children were present. On the floor the children danced till

9 p.m. when they retired to a special marquee to be regaled with supper provided by the Chief.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G.), and Lady Muriel, together with the Master David Liddell-Grainger, favoured us with their presence during the bairns' part of the programme.

Representatives of affiliated and kindred societies, together with interested prominent citizens, completed a goodly list of invited guests.

Before the bairns' retired, His Excellency presented the C. M. Taylor Cup (named after the donor), together with miniatures for the Eightsome Reel Competition, which was won by the "Leith" set, under Miss Ruth Creedy and Master Norman MacKinnon as leaders.

Mr. Taylor has intimated that he will present another set of cups for competition at the coming Hallowe'en in October next. Our hearty thanks is due to Mr. Taylor for his unstinted liberality in this connection.

St. Andrew's Dinner.

This was a "braw nicht" at the "Grosvenor" and the pleasure of the evening was enhanced by the presence of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, K.C.M.G.

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

The guests included many prominent citizens, among whom were the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, The Premier, Base Commandant Brig.-Genl. Martyn, Commander S. R. Symonds, R.A.N., President of the Lothian Club (Mr. N. MacKinnon), Sir Herbert Hudd, Hon. M. McIntosh, Sir David Gordon, Lieut.-Col. F. M. Best, and Col. L. R. Thomas.

The principal toast, "The Land o' Cakes," was proposed by Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., of Scots Church;

"The Caledonian Society and Its Chief" by Prof. Sir Stanton Hicks, Kt.; "Australia" by Dr. A. Grenfell Price, C.M.G. The speeches were broadcast over the national network through the courtesy of the A.B.C. (Col. Thomas).

Highland Ball.

Once again this annual event was a great success and the Ladies' Committee attended on the morning and decorated the Palais. Flags and pictures of Scottish interest helped to add to the gaiety of the scene. Officers and privates of the Scottish Regiment again attended and after the opening grand march, ten debutantes, trained by Mrs. J. Ogg, partnered by members of the Scottish Regiment, were led to the Chief's Box by the Pipe-Major W. Niven and presented to the Chief and Mrs. Anderson. In the official party were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, with other distinguished visitors.

The Pipe Band contributed selections during the supper interval.

Thanks are due to all who contributed to make the ball such a success.

A donation of ten guineas was made to the Fighting Forces' Comforts Fund and ten guineas to the Red Cross Fund.

Pipe Band.

At the beginning of the year the Band practised hard to again try for the "Dewar Cup" in Sydney — unfortunately, this contest was cancelled, owing to the declaration of war.

The Band Patron, Mr. W. W. McGregor, tendered the Band a dinner at the "Oriental."

Pipe-Major W. Niven sustained a severe accident but all are pleased to see him back again with us.

Pipers Ron. Crawford and John Smith have been absent owing to prolonged sickness, but are on the road to recovery.

Pipe-Sergeant D. McGregor was appointed Pipe-Major of the 27th Battalion, S.A. Scottish Regiment.

Tenor Drummer J. Ashton joined up with the 2nd 10th Battalion and was selected and went away as Drum Major of their Regimental Band.

Pipe-Sergeant C. Logan has resigned.

Notwithstanding all the above setbacks, the Band has persevered with practice and is to be congratulated.

War activities have called for the Band to play at many functions.

Thomas Caldwell, V.C., late of the Royal Fusiliers, has joined as Drum Major in succession to J. C. Stephens, who, since retiring, frequently comes to the Band Room on practice nights and helps in keeping the drill up to standard.

At the Annual Smoke Social the local representative of Lord Dewar, Mr. Claude Halifax, presented a handsomely worked, gold-braided Drum Major's Sash and Pipe Banner. The Band has received also a tenor drum with sticks and carriage, the gift of Mr. W. W. McGregor, and a table for chanter practice from Mr. Geo. Small, of Torrensville.

A Clansmen's Ball was held mainly to raise funds for the Sydney visit. His Excellency was present and the nett proceeds amounted to £128. As the Sydney contest was cancelled, the Band organized a trip to the South-East societies, and this was financed entirely from the Band's own funds. This effort was greatly appreciated and has done much to foster Scottish sentiment among our worthy affiliated societies and their members.

During the year the Band, under engagement, visited Jamestown, Murray Bridge, Mt. Barker, Pt. Adelaide, Glenelg, Unley, Modbury, Lobethal, Nairne, and Brighton. Altogether, the Band has turned out on

thirty-nine occasions, seven of which were for our Society, fifteen for charity without any fee, the latter being for the Red Cross, Comforts Fund, Distressed Soldiers, Home for Incurables, and St. John Ambulance. — Four church parades were also attended. Our members must realize from these activities of our Band just what a tower of strength they are to our Society. We congratulate them on their achievement among so many setbacks, but the "will to do" is strong in them and we feel confident they will carry on from strength to strength.

Bairns' Class.

This still continues to increase in popularity and there were well over one hundred bairns on the opening night of this season (1940). The competition for the C. M. Taylor Cups helps very materially to stimulate the interest. This season sixteen of the senior bairns were presented with Prefects' badges, and they will materially assist the younger bairns to attain proficiency. The efficient working of this class is due to the untiring energy of the Instructors J. Ogg, L. Niven, and J. Mitchell, with Miss Luff in attendance at the piano. A piper is always "rostered" for each evening and a member of the Council is also present.

Instructor Cyril Cruse, owing to removal, handed in his resignation and an appreciation of his assistance with the class is here recorded.

Tennis Club.

The season just ended was very successful and enjoyable. It was a pleasure to welcome several new members, especially some of the older members of the Bairns' Class. It is hoped that they will maintain their interest in the Club, so that it may continue to be a useful adjunct to the Society.

The appreciation of the members is extended to the Chief (our Patron) and Mrs. Anderson for the interest they evinced in the Club.

It is desired to record the thanks of the members to those ladies who so generously and thoughtfully provided afternoon tea; this was deeply appreciated.

Mr. G. Angus rendered valuable service as captain, and Mr. W. Pitchford as secretary.

Either of these gentlemen or Mr. N. MacKinnon will be pleased to give any information to intending new members for the coming season. The courts are at the rear of the South Park Bowling Green.

Bridge Club.

This has carried on continuously every Saturday night under the direction of Chieftain D. Menzies, and this year has raised a further £31, making a total of £67 since its inception last year towards the reduction of the mortgage. In addition the Club has raised money for patriotic funds.

Quarterly Meetings.

Great interest has been shown in these meetings and special items have been well received by large audiences. We are indebted particularly to Dr. Duiguid for his lantern lecture on "A Recent Visit to Scotland"; T. A. Wyles, Esq., for "A Character Sketch of Robert Burns"; and G. W. Gray, Esq., for his motion pictures, "Seeking Sunshine" (Flinders Ranges) and "The Enchanted Isle" (Kangaroo Island).

Miss Greta Callow.

A concert was arranged to help in the reduction of the mortgage, but, owing to the proximity of the Christmas holidays, was not as well attended as we had hoped. Our thanks are due to Miss Callow.

Fortnightly Winter Socials.

The war efforts and other contributing factors have helped to reduce the attendance at these functions. We

ask for those who can make it convenient to come along and help to make these what they ought to be. Your badge of membership admits you free — you can bring along your friends at the nominal charge of 1/- each for admission, and a good orchestra is in attendance. We must have more support to warrant their continuance.

Scholarships.

All the scholarship holders have been doing good work and the reports each term have been very encouraging. The present holders are Scotch College: Master J. C. Rounsevell; Presbyterian Girls' College: Miss J. S. Eglinton; Muirden College: Miss V. Griggs.

The holder of the P.G.C. scholarship was granted an extension for a further year, and the same condition will apply to Scotch College scholarship holder, if his progress is considered satisfactory; but the Council has decided that in future all these scholarships will be open for competition each year, the maximum period, however, for any one holder shall be two years.

Congratulations.

During the year Mr. D. C. Menzies, LL.B., proceeded to Balliol College, Oxford, and took up his studies as the S.A. Rhodes Scholar.

Last year we congratulated one of our Society Scotch College scholarship holders on winning the Joseph Fisher Medal in the Commerce Course, and we have now pleasure in congratulating Doug. M. Gordon on attaining his membership of the A.C.A.A. (Australasian Institute of Cost Accountants, Inc.).

Miss Ellen Menzies, who is in England, has received an appointment on the staff of the Queen Alexandra Nursing Unit.

We note with pleasure also that Director John McLeay, M.P., and Mr. Reg. Walker have been elected aldermen of the City Council. These, with our Chief-

elect, will make three good Scots, members of our Society, around the table of the civic fathers; we offer our congratulations.

Scottish Festival.

Our Pipe Band marched from the Government House gates to the Town Hall to attend the church service on St. Andrew's Day. Representatives from the Lothian Club and our Society took part. Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., conducted divine service and the Town Hall was comfortably filled. The absence of the Scottish Regiment was noted, as they were in camp at Woodside.

Council of Empire Societies.

By arrangement with Empire Week Council, on Empire Day the Chief laid a wreath on the Queen Victoria Statue.

Mrs. Menzies and Miss M. Hill have been appointed to represent our Society on the permanent decoration committee of Empire societies.

S.A. Scottish Association.

Our Society has taken over the functions, administration, and funds of the above and affiliated societies in the country have been assisted. Representatives met on September 11 (Show Week), and it is intended, if possible, to make this an annual rally to link up the bodies in closer union. Visits have been made to Mt. Barker, Port Pirie, and societies in the South-East, and have greatly stimulated the effort to maintain the aims and objectives of the societies.

Bairns' Picnic.

Owing to the day fixed for this outing turning out very wet, the children were invited to the Hall, where a happy time was spent.

Ladies' Indoor Bowls' Club.

This is a very popular fixture each Tuesday afternoon, and the membership has reached the limit of sixty members. Visits are paid and received and conclude with a cup of afternoon tea.

Special Efforts.

A dance was held by the Instructors to raise funds for the Bairns' Picnic; also a Caledonian Dance in aid of the same object was held.

The Ladies' Committee held a Musical Luncheon, which realized £6 9/-; also other functions to assist the finances.

The Adelaide Scottish Choir, under Mrs. Jeannie Black, has rendered us signal service on various occasions, and has arranged a further concert for August 28 next. Kindly note this date in your diary.

Financial.

Many members are dilatory in the matter of paying their subscriptions and we have attached a gum slip to the notice paper herewith, indicating how the account stands. All those who are not paid up can assist us very materially in this regard.

Thanks.

The Council wishes to thank all those ladies and gentlemen, members and others, 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.

SOCIETY'S COMING EVENTS, 1940

(with approximate dates — these are subject to alteration)

- July 30—Annual Meeting.
Aug. 6—Social Dance.
Aug. 20—Social Dance.
Aug. 28—Adelaide Scottish Choir Concert.
Sept. 3—Social Dance.
Sept. 17—Social Dance.
Oct. 1—Social Dance.
Oct. 8—Quarterly Meeting.
Oct. 15—Final Social Dance.
Oct. 18—Final Bairns' Class.
Oct. 25—Hallowe'en at Palais Royal.

Friends of members may come to the Social Dances on payment
of 1/- each.

Ladies' Indoor Bowls: Tuesday afternoons, 2 o'clock.

Bairns' Class: Friday nights, 7.15 to 10.

Tennis Club: Saturday afternoons — on the courts in
the season.

Bridge Club: Saturday nights, 8 o'clock in the Hall.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

For Year ended June 30, 1940.

EXPENDITURE.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|
| To Bairns' Class | 23 | 13 | 7 |
| " Caretaker | 104 | 0 | 0 |
| " Donations | 48 | 9 | 0 |
| " Girls' Scholarship | 17 | 8 | 9 |
| " Hall Expenses | 15 | 12 | 6 |
| " Hallowe'en | 68 | 13 | 0 |
| " Highland Ball | 66 | 19 | 8 |
| " Insurance | 13 | 16 | 6 |
| " Interest | 79 | 15 | 11 |
| " Lighting and Power | 30 | 12 | 1 |
| " Pipe Band | 7 | 5 | 6 |
| " Printing and Stationery | 31 | 9 | 10 |
| " Rates and Taxes | 84 | 4 | 9 |
| " Secretary | 108 | 0 | 0 |
| " Socials | 32 | 6 | 7 |
| " St. Andrew's Dinner | 49 | 6 | 3 |
| " Sundry Expenses | 36 | 13 | 8 |
| " Telephone | 12 | 14 | 2 |
| " Girls' Scholarship Provision A/c | 21 | 0 | 7 |
| Depreciation: | | | |
| Furniture | 23 | 3 | 11 |
| Library | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Band Uniforms | 47 | 5 | 7 |
| Shop Fittings | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| War Pictures | 73 | 7 | 3 |
| | £925 | 9 | 7 |

INCOME.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|
| By Bairns' Class | 19 | 9 | 6 |
| " Donations | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| " Hallowe'en | 97 | 16 | 0 |
| " Highland Ball | 126 | 9 | 0 |
| " Insurance Discount | | 2 | 9 |
| " Interest | | 8 | 8 |
| " Rents | 182 | 19 | 6 |
| " Socials | 10 | 9 | 6 |
| " St. Andrew's Dinner | 37 | 14 | 0 |
| " Subscriptions | 304 | 4 | 9 |
| " Balance, being excess of Expenditure over Income for the year — transferred to Capital A/c | 126 | 3 | 11 |
| | £925 | 9 | 7 |

SUMMARY OF BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND, JUNE 30, 1940.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|----------------------------------|-----|----|----|--------------------------------|------|----|----|
| To Balance at July 1, 1939 | 676 | 1 | 11 | | | | |
| ” Interest Inscribed Stock | 22 | 11 | 0 | | | | |
| ” Interest Savings Bank | 2 | 17 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | | | £701 | 10 | 4 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | By Scotch College | | | |
| | | | | ” Balance, June 30, 1940 | 677 | 10 | 4 |
| | | | | | £701 | 10 | 4 |

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

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

Dated, July 15, 1940.

W. J. ANGUS, Secretary.

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