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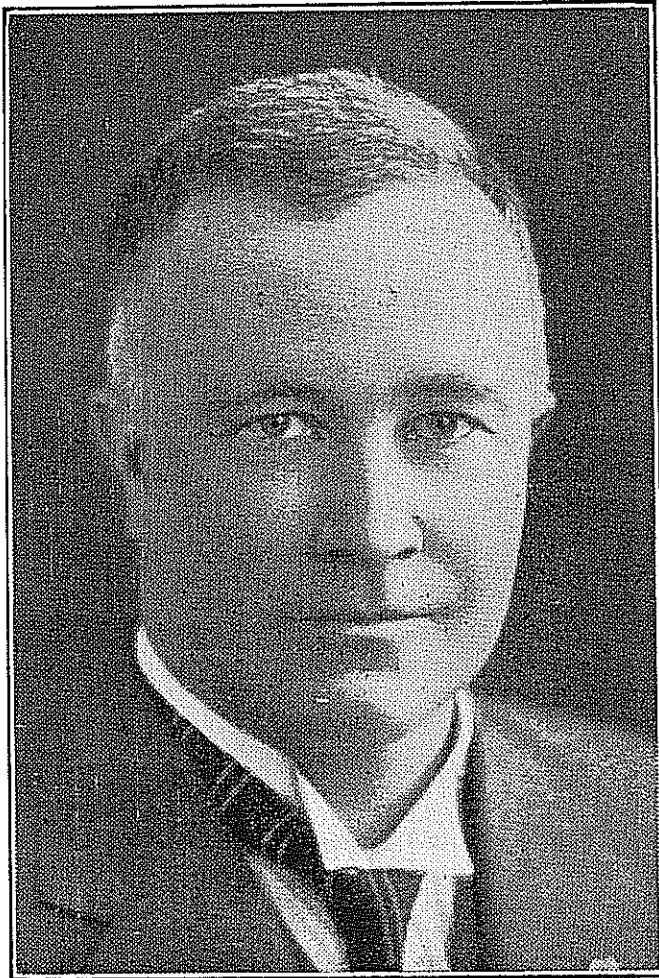
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Brither and Sister Scots,

Your Council has pleasure in presenting the Sixty-first Annual Report, together with the Financial Statement for the year ending 30th June, 1942. The expenditure shows a further reduction of £218 9/7 as compared with 1941, and a credit balance of £84 8/11 as against a debit balance of £34 10/8 last year.

Membership.

During the year twenty-five new members were elected, which includes Associate Members. The total membership is now 503.

The Society lost the following old and esteemed members through death during the year: Past Chief R. Wemyss, Chieftain G. J. Smith, Sir George Murray, Jno. I. Robertson, T. E. Barr Smith.

On behalf of members, letters of sympathy were forwarded to their relatives.

As our Society is anxious to compile a list of our members who are on active service, will members kindly forward their names to the Secretary?

The Chief.

Capt. Duncan Menzies, J.P., and Mrs. Menzies have been very active and busy during the year in the interests of this Society. We take this opportunity of thanking them both for their untiring efforts.

The Council.

The Chieftains, Directors, and Officers have met regularly during the year and, under the able direction of our Chief, have worked to further the interests of the Society and members in every way.

Members of the Council as set out in the notice paper retire through the effluxion of time, and nomination to fill the vacancies called for to be elected at the annual meeting.

Hallowe'en.

Once more a very merry and bright evening was spent at the Palais Royal. Approximately eight hundred adults and two hundred children were present.

As usual, the Bairns danced until 9 p.m. and then had supper in the special marquee, this supper being provided by our worthy Chief for their enjoyment.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor, Col. A. S. Hawker, and Miss Hawker favoured us with their presence.

Representatives of affiliated and kindred societies and other prominent citizens were amongst the invited guests.

Previous to the Bairns retiring, the Lord Mayor presented the C. M. Taylor Cup (named after the donor), together with miniatures, for the Eightsome Reel Competition, which was won by the set led by Miss Yvonne Fulton and Miss B. Severen.

Our sincerest thanks are due to Mr. Taylor for his unstinted liberality in this connection.

St. Andrew Dinner.

This was again held at the "Grosvenor." The Chief (Capt. D. Menzies, J.P.) presided, and the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Col. A. S. Hawker, was present.

The Chief and his guests were piped in by Pipe Major W. Niven and Piper Ingram. During the evening "The Haggis" was also piped in "wi' a' the honours."

The guests included many prominent citizens.

The principal toast, "The Land o' Cakes," was proposed by Rev. J. R. Blanchard, B.A., the toast of "The Caledonian Society and Its Chief," by Mr. Geoffrey S. Reed, K.C., "Australia," by Hon. Malcolm McIntosh, M.L.C., and "The Army, Navy, and Air Force," by Mr. Andrew D. Young.

A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Highland Ball.

It was decided not to hold this function this year on account of the unsettled war conditions.

Pipe Band.

During the year the Band visited Mount Barker, Clare, Whyalla, and the Burra, besides taking part in patriotic carnivals at Unley, Adelaide Oval, and Semaphore; also the annual St. Andrew's Service, the Cheer-Up Hut, Home for Incurables, and Adelaide City Corporation concerts. Amongst our Society's functions, the Band played at the Highland Ball and Hallowe'en.

Special reference should be made to the Whyalla trip, which, on account of the splendid results achieved which the Band set out to accomplish—namely, the bringing together of the many Scottish families and the formation of the first Whyalla Caledonian Society. Naturally a three days' trip of this nature—covering some 536 miles—entails heavy expense and organization, yet, so far as the Band is concerned, the cost was nil—thanks to the generosity of the Broken Hill Pty. Coy., the Adelaide Steamship Coy., and the Adelaide Steam Tug Coy., all of which companies contributed unanimately to my request, fully recognizing the importance to Whyalla of the Pipe Band's visit.

I also wish to record the hospitality of the people of Iron Knob in providing lunch for the whole of our party on its homeward journey, after the Band's impromptu visit to the local Children's Annual Bush Picnic.

The Band's visit to Clare and Burra will remain living memories to all of us whose fortune it was to participate. Unquestionably our Band's "Scottish Lament," performed at these centres, impressed all who witnessed this ceremony — more especially the Returned Soldiers of the local branches.

Roll of Honour. The names of nine members now adorn our Honour Board, as follows:

J. A. Ashton, 2/10th Inf.
K. R. Grierson, 2/8th Field Amb.
G. A. Thomson, 2/8th Field Amb.
J. McDonald Smith, R.A.N.
K. Cameron, 3rd I.C.T.
A. Fleetwood, 27th Battn.
J. Fleetwood, 27th Battn.
D. McGregor, 27th Battn.
J. Mitchell, 27th Battn.

It is with profound regret that I record the death of one of these noble men, Piper John McDonald Smith, who was stricken with illness whilst engaged on a Naval Mine Sweeper. He was transferred to a lighter and conveyed to Port Melbourne, but died in an ambulance before reaching hospital.

Piper Smith was buried at the Cheltenham Cemetery, Adelaide, with full naval honours, and members of our Band attended in uniform whilst Pipe Major Niven played our tribute, "The Flowers of the Forest."

Bereavements: I regret to record other bereavements: Mrs. Sutherland, wife of Pipe Sergt. J. Sutherland; W. Dunbar, familiarly known as "Scottie Dunbar," who was an honorary member of our Band; Miss Margaret Duff (daughter of Drum Sergeant C. Duff).

The sympathy of all officers and members of the Band was duly extended to the bereaved relatives.

Finance: The Statement of Receipts and Expenditure will disclose a credit balance, and considering that no call has been made on our Society for uniform repairs, reeds and drum replacements, this in itself can be looked on as satisfactory.

Finance, definitely, was the greatest problem of every band manager to-day, owing to the fact that it was impossible to raise funds to maintain instruments and uniforms, etc. Not only good playing, but smart appearance on parade, must be upheld if a band wants to hold its pride of place in the eye of the public. Where bands were giving of their best and continuous service for patriotic functions, war rally efforts, etc., they should be entitled to some monetary recognition from the Government for the reason that bands are essential and a great asset to the community — in fact, they were a real antidote for gloom and despondency in those times of trial and war worries, and help to keep up the spirit of our people.

Band Room: Owing to the Military Authorities having taken over our Band Room for medical stores, we were without accommodation for some time. However, through the generosity of the Commercial Travellers' Association we have been granted the use of a room in their premises at Commerce House. Although not large enough for our usual Band Practice, it gives us the opportunity of keeping up our Chanter Practice.

Recognition: During the year the Band members felt that some small recognition was due to two of its oldest and most highly esteemed members for their long and faithful service, and at a function held in the Band Room suitable presentations were made to Piper Major Niven and Drum Sergt. C. Duff.

In conclusion, I desire to thank our Patron, Mr. W. W. McGregor, for his continued help and interest in the welfare of the Band, also our worthy President and Vice-Presidents, especially for their presence with the Band when visiting country towns — the Band does appreciate this very much; also Mr. McDougall's talent at band concerts. A word of thanks is also due to the Chief of our Society, Capt. Duncan Menzies, for his whole-hearted interest in the work of the Band.

Bairns' Class.

It was decided to continue this class for the season, and the splendid work put in by Mr. J. Ogg, Mr. L. Niven, and Miss Kay (the Instructors) makes this most enjoyable and popular with the Bairns.

Quarterly Meetings.

These have been again well attended during the past year and our thanks are due to all those who assisted to make the meetings so enjoyable.

Winter Social Dances.

These are still being held on alternate Tuesdays, and are being conducted by a Floor Committee, under the chairmanship of Director Norman MacKinnon.

Scholarships.

The present holders are P. McLeay and I. B. Muir-den, Scotch College; Miss H. J. Miller, P.G.C.; and Miss Thirza Viner, Muirden College. These pupils are all doing first-class work in their various studies.

This year, as J. McLeay and I. B. Muirden tied in the examination for Scotch College Scholarship, the Council decided to award a half scholarship to each of them.

Council of Empire Societies.

By arrangement with the above Council, our Chief laid a wreath on Queen Victoria's Statue on Empire Day.

Tennis Club.

The Club is still carrying on every Saturday and, weather permitting, are having enjoyable outings. Under the direction of the Captain, Mr. Geo. Angus, Vice-Captain, Mr. S. Watson, and Secretary, Mr. A. C. Tonsell, a very successful season was held. New members are welcomed.

Scottish Festival.

The Pipe Band attended the Town Hall for the Church Service, at which the Rev. J. R. Blanchard officiated.

S.A. Scottish Association.

During the year a Caledonian Society was formed at Whyalla. Our worthy Chief, Capt. Duncan Menzies, J.P., Chieftain J. McLeay, J.P., Directors W. W. McGregor and A. Small, together with the Pipe Band, visited Whyalla, and installed the Chief of this Society and did much to further the interests of Caledonians in this district. The Whyalla Society reports it now has a strong membership and is doing well.

The Society presented a portrait of Robert Burns to the Whyalla Society.

Bairns' Picnic.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Hazelwood Park in pleasant weather by the Bairns, and many thanks are due to the Chief, Mrs. Menzies, and others who assisted to their enjoyment.

Bridge Club.

This has now been discontinued but not before the Chief and Mrs. Menzies had raised another £8 2/-, making a total of £105 2/- since its inception towards the reduction of the Mortgage Liquidation Fund.

Ladies' Indoor Bowls.

This event is still a very popular event every Tuesday, and any lady wishing to join should come along any Tuesday afternoon, as there are a few vacancies.

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. P. MURRAY, Secretary.

SOCIETY'S COMING EVENTS, 1942

July 28—Annual Meeting.

Aug. 4—Dance.

Aug. 18—Dance.

Sept. 1—Dance.

Sept. 15—Dance.

Sept. 29—Dance in aid Bairns' Picnic

Oct. 6—Dance.

Oct. 20—Quarterly Meeting.

Oct. 23—Final Bairns' Class.

Oct. 30—Hallowe'en.

Friends of members can come to 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.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for Year ending 30th June, 1942.

EXPENDITURE.		INCOME.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
To Bairns' Class	16 16 0	By Bairns' Class	16 5 6
" Caretaker	52 0 0	" Hall Expenses	1 5 0
" Donations	7 14 0	" Hallowe'en	75 2 0
" Girls' Scholarship Fd.	15 18 9	" Rent	267 4 0
" Hall Expenses	31 3 6	" St. Andrew's Dinner	20 18 0
" Hallowe'en	60 3 4	" Subscriptions	268 10 3
" Insurance	25 18 8	" Memorial, Miss Luff	1 13 0
" Interest	63 0 0		
" Lighting and Power	25 17 5		
" Pipe Band	7 19 5		
" Printing and Station- ery	38 5 10		
" Rates and Taxes	76 0 9		
" Secretary	52 0 0		
" St. Andrew's Dinner	37 10 2		
" Sundry Expenses	18 9 1		
" Telephones	16 10 1		
" Depreciation:			
Furniture	18 14 5		
Library	18 0		
Band Uniforms	4 3 6		
Shop Fittings	1 0 3		
War Pictures	8 6		
	25 4 8		
" Income over Expen- diture transferred to Capital A/c	80 6 1		
	<u>£650 17 9</u>		<u>£650 17 9</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th JUNE, 1942.

	LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mortgage, Savings Bank of S.A.	1,400	0 0	6,909	17 3
Capital A/c as at July 1, 1941	5,460	7 2	168	9 8
Add excess Income over Expenditure	80	6 1	22	5 5
	5,540	13 3	14	3 4
Mortgage Liquidation Fund as at July 1, 1941	114	9 0	472	16 7
Add Receipts during Year*	8	2 6	435	7 8
	122	11 6	37	8 11
Boys' Scholarship Fund	684	17 7	9	2 7
Girls' Scholarship Provision A/c	144	13 4	15	16 10
Scottish Association	14	19 10	12	0 4
*Bridge Club	£8	2 0	570	0 0
Interest	6		114	17 7
	684	17 7	684	17 7
Mortgage Liquidation Fund:				
Savings Bank of S.A. Balance			1	12 0
			84	8 11
	£7,907	15 6	£7,907	15 6

SUMMARY OF BOYS' SCHOLARSHIP FUND, 30th JUNE, 1942.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance at 1st July, 1941	677	19	2				
" Interest on Inscribed Stock	21	8	6				
" Interest Savings Bank of S.A.	2	13	11				
	£702 1 7						
				By Scotch College	17	4	0
				" Balance, 30th June, 1942	684	17	7
					£702 1 7		

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

W. E. L. HILL, Hon. Treasurer.
W. P. MURRAY, Secretary.

N. H. CAMPBELL }
A. ROSS SCOTT } Hon. Auditors.

Dated 15th July, 1942.

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