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A WORD FROM THE CHIEF

September 1992

Upon reflection of the last three years that I have been Chief of the R.C.S. I realise that quite a number of changes have occurred to the advantage of the Society in a number of ways: a closer fellowship among members and a deeper understanding of Caledonian friendship and our great culture.

I am sure that our members will be delighted to know that Her Excellency, The Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell A.C. D.B.E., Governor of South Australia has accepted our invitation to become Patron of The Royal Caledonian Society of South Australia.

On the 8th August I was a guest of the Mildura Pipes and Drums at their Annual Dinner. It was a first for me to go out of the State to an annual function like that, so believe me I was highly honoured to do so, and I met numerous Caledonians that I knew from attending other country Caledonian Societies' functions. I must say it was great to get that overwhelming welcome. There is no doubt in my mind that The Royal Caledonian Society is looked upon as the Mother of all Caledonians, and that the well-being of the RCS is always a concern. It is that concern, that we, the Royal Caledonian Society, must make every effort to press ahead with the things that must be done, and keep that flag flying for our fellow Scots, and that heritage we all so dearly love.

Representation has again been made to the Adelaide City Council regarding our listing on the Townscape Proposal. I think it is inevitable that there will be some sort of restrictions put on the RCS, however we can only wait and hope for a favourable outcome.

We are keeping a close eye on all our monetary transactions, making sure that all our moneys are well spent and saving every cent we can. It is a very true saying "Look after the cents and the dollars will look after themselves". Keeping our Society in a sure and prosperous position is no mean task these days. My gratitude goes to those members who unselfishly give their expertise and their valuable time for the betterment of the Society and its members. Senior Chieftain Doug Williams offered a proposal at our AGM in August to help reduce the large bank loan debt hanging over our heads. Please read his suggestion and let us know if you are prepared to invest in the future of our Society and building.

Bill Paterson
Chief

WORKING BEE Saturday, 17th October 8am start. Ladies required for kitchen and providing sustenance for the Workers.

QUIZ NIGHT Sat. 26th Sept. 7.30pm Basket Supper Tickets at door

MEMBERSHIP FEES are due for 1992/93. Please forward A.S.A.P.

So far only 63 Corporate and Associate members have renewed of the 165 who receive this Newsletter.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thirty seven members attended our Annual General Meeting, held on 21st August, where reports were presented, elections held and general Society matters discussed. W.H. Paterson was elected Chief for a fourth term. Our Hon. Secretary, Janine Powell accepted the additional responsibility as Treasurer, with Ron Modra as Assistant Treasurer. At the subsequent Council meeting the Chief was pleased to appoint Doug Williams as Senior Chieftain and Jeff McFarlane as Junior Chieftain.

We were sorry to accept the resignation, due to business pressure, of Bairns Director Mr Trevor Kossatz. Our expressions of thanks to Trevor for the excellent service he has given to the Bairns class and the Society was expressed at the A.G.M. and again at Council. We are pleased that he will be able to attend our functions, as time permits, and that his wife, Roselee and their two delightful little highland dancers will be able to continue with us. Trevor writes *"I can only hope that whoever takes over as Bairns Director will have the enthusiasm to develop the Bairns Class to its full potential and work to encourage the Bairns in their endeavours."* The appointment of Director responsible for the Bairns is yet to be made.

A special mention must be made of the large gilded Royal Caledonian Society plaque which was made and donated by Senior Chieftain Doug Williams. We are indeed fortunate to have such a talented member of our Society, who is willing to give his time and expertise in furthering the beauty of our R.C. Hall. "Many thanks, Doug!" Members, please take time to admire his handiwork when you next visit the Hall.

Congratulations to the willing workers who have already put so much work into the cleaning, painting, decorating etc. They have done a remarkable job and have quite transformed our hall entrance, etc. Lennox Pawson rates a special mention for the new carpet tiles. Thank you Lennox!

We shall be inviting our Patron, Her Excellency The Honourable Dame Roma Mitchell AC. DBE to attend our St Andrew's Dinner. Hopefully she will be free to attend this function and we will have the opportunity to meet and welcome her. Don't forget to book your tickets early with the Secretary and arrange to share your table with your friends.

Past Chief Marian Johnson

Editor

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Chief and members of Council welcome the following new members and extend to them an invitation to all Society functions.

"C'ead Mile Failte" A hundred thousand welcomes.

D. Janet Tassie and James M. Burrage

THE GAELIC CLASSES

Tutor: Mrs Fenella Topping

Anyone listening to sounds coming from the upstairs room in the R.C.S. could be forgiven for thinking that they were visiting "Eilean a'Cheo", otherwise the Isle of Skye.

The number of people attending the class increases weekly. Judging from their happy faces, they are thoroughly enjoying their lessons.



THE ROYAL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

is proud to present

- ST ANDREW'S DINNER -

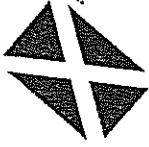
Saturday 28th November

at the Caledonian Hall, 379 King William Street, Adelaide

7 pm for 7.30 pm Cost \$20 per person

Tickets may be booked by contacting the Secretary Tel: 231 5268

N.B. If Members and Guests have a preference as to seating arrangements please make this known when making your booking with the Secretary.



THE CROSS OF SAINT ANDREW
- PATRON SAINT OF SCOTLAND

Saint Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, was one of the two disciples of John the Baptist. Martyred on a November 30th day about 70 AD by order of the Roman proconsul, at Patras, in Achaia, his remains were supposed to have been conveyed by boat from Constantinople to Scotland in the fourth century, finally coming to rest at what is now the lovely cathedral town of St. Andrews. Achaius, king of the Scots, and Hungus, king of the Picts, saw the cross of Saint Andrew appear in the heavens before their great battle in 933AD with Athelstan, king of West Saxony and Mercia, and encouraged by it, went on to win a famous victory. Ever since then the cross has been the adopted emblem of Scotland; and every November 30th has been celebrated as an occasion of social and national reunion by Scotsmen in all parts of the world.

Saint Andrew, The Patron Saint of Scotland, is also acknowledged as The Patron Saint of Patra and other Islands of the Peloponnese, Greece, and of some Eastern Orthodox Churches.

In art Andrew is depicted with a normal Latin cross in the most ancient examples; the saltire cross (X), commonly called 'St. Andrew's Cross', which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was associated with him from the 10th century at Autun, and became common in the 14th. His other attribute is a fishing net.

Source: The Oxford Dictionary of Saints, David Hugh Farmer

DEBUTANTE BALL REPORT

Nine Debutantes were presented to Mr and Mrs Ken McEwin and Chief Bill Paterson at the Caledonian Hall on 15th August.

The Debutantes were:

Selena Bartlett
Rachel Kelly
Amanda McLean

Heather Cockerill
Kate Meegan
Karen Page

Ailsa Gordon
Kathryn McFarlane
Kelly Tansing

Their Partners were:

James Burrage

Lucas Callisto

Iaian Carr

Bruce Hamlyn

Darren Mathews

Robert McGregor

Evan Morgan

Sebastian Nazar

Graham Sperrin

The Debutantes and Partners are members of RCS, RCS Bairns Class, RCS P&D, relatives and friends. Heather McInnes and Scott McFarlane, who are members of the Bairns Class, were attendants. They presented thank you gifts to Mr and Mrs McEwin, and to Mr and Mrs Graham Cockerill who trained the Debutantes and their partners.

The music for dancing was provided by Hi-Flite. The Pipes and Drums of RCS provided entertainment during the evening. The Master of Ceremonies was Mr Lennox Pawson. Supper was provided by RCS Catering Service. Photographs of the presentation were taken by Steve Supple. The colour theme for the evening was deep pink and white.

Sincere thanks to the above mentioned people and to Barb Hamlyn, Heather Carr and Mignonne McInnes for their help during rehearsals. Thanks also to the members and bairns who helped before, during and after the event.

Three birthdays were celebrated on the night: Congratulations to Mr Reg Laught, Mr Jack Moffatt, and Kate McFarlane.

Jeff McFarlane, Social Director

EXCERPTS FROM CATERING COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE A.G.M.

Since the ½ yearly Meeting the Catering Committee has catered for the Clansmen's Ball (a Pipes & Drums function) and the Burns' Supper.

To assist the Catering Committee, we **REQUEST THE CO-OPERATION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS to PLEASE BOOK EARLY.** We require numbers to be finalised at least a week before a function to allow adequate lead time in arranging appropriate quantities of food for a function.

We have also received complaints at recent functions about seating arrangements. If members and guests have a preference as to seating arrangements, we request that this be made known when making your booking with the Secretary. Only Janine will take requests for special seating arrangements so please let her know.

A very BIG THANK YOU to our families and friends for their help and assistance throughout the past year.

Roselee Kossatz, Isobel McFarlane, Brenda McLean

(And a very big thank you to Roselee, Isobel and Brenda and their helpers from all who have enjoyed their hospitality at the functions. Well done ladies!)

5EBI

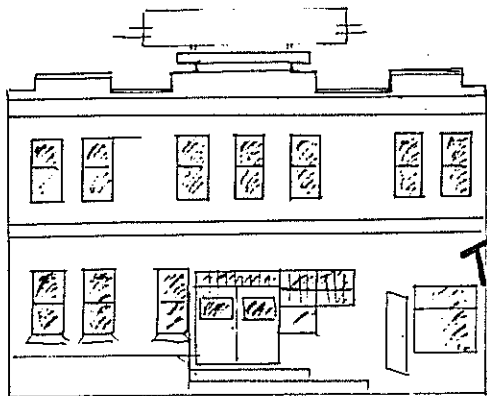
ANNUAL 5EBI RADIOTHON AND CELTIC NIGHT

Fenella Topping writes: The Annual 5EBI Radiothon will be held from 6 pm Friday Sept. 25th, till late on Sunday Sept. 27th, 1992. During the Radiothon EBI broadcasts as usual. However the station is 'OPEN HOUSE' and welcomes listeners and friends to come in and join in the fun. There is always plenty of food and drink and lots of entertainment. Friday evening, after the launch, is usually a quiet time but this year we have decided to change all that. This year, Friday night is "CELTIC NIGHT" so come along and "lets have a ceilidh". It is a great venue and we hope to have Fiddles, Uilleann Pipes, Singers, Accordians, Whistles, Singers, Community Singing and lots, lots more. A good old fashioned CEILIDH or - in modern terms - a jam session.

○ THE TIME HAS COME

The following suggestion from Senior Chieftain Dougie Williams was put to the A.G.M. of the Society as a means of reducing the large debt and interest rates which we have hanging over our heads. Drastic steps need to be taken and we ask that you consider the following;

**** WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO PAY
10 YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP FEE IN ADVANCE?**



THIS!

This money would be used to pay off some of the principal and so reduce our large quarterly interest payments.

Currently we owe \$63,000 to the State Bank and \$72,500 to the Mortgage Trust holders.

OR



THIS!

**** WE WANT TO PAY
OFF OUR DEBTS
BUT NEVER HAVE
ENOUGH \$\$\$**

If you can help with advanced membership fees, becoming a Life Member, make a loan or outright gift we could cover all our other expenses by continuing to run the dances on Wednesday and Sunday nights, hiring the hall, etc.

**** WE WANT TO KEEP THE SOCIETY FUNCTIONING IN
THE HALL AND WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE.**

To register your interest, or provide an alternative suggestion to our dilemma, please contact our Honorary Secretary, Mrs Powell.

***** BAIRNS CLASS NEWS *****

Applications in resume form are invited for the position of Bairns' class Dancing Instructor/Instructress for 1993 and are to specify qualifications held. The successful applicant will be required to teach the positions, movements and steps of Highland and Scottish Country Dancing to the Bairns as laid down by the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, and be responsible for various activities and competitions. An honorarium for services is based on the applicant's performance to raise the overall standard of dancing, control and communicate with students, promote a friendly atmosphere and increase the number of attendees to the Bairns Class.

Dancing classes are held on Friday evenings from 7.30pm until 9.30pm during School terms, which for 1993 are as follows:

Term 1 : January 25 to April 8

Term 2 : April 27 to July 2

Term 3 : July 19 to September 24

Term 4 : October 12 to December 12, (Bairns Class concludes on 19th November with a Ceilidh and presentation of trophies).

Additional information and list of requirements are available from the Secretary and Applications close on 30th November with her.

***** REPORT OF THE PIPES AND DRUMS OF THE RCS *****



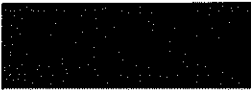
Kiwi reports that the Learners class is coming along very well with new learner pipers appearing regularly and a young learner drummer joining the ranks (more drummers are needed!). Interesting bits of news - some of the Pipers are taking Gaelic lessons on Friday nights, and the Band learnt to play Italian hymns for a recent function.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION NEWS

Director Anne Miller keeps us up to date with the news that Mr R.B. Oliver, 92, is one of the oldest Scots in South Australia; that a very successful Scottish afternoon was held at the Jolly Miller Tavern in August; and that there are some KILTS FOR SALE (Please phone our Secretary on 231 5268). The Calendar of Society Activities of the 22 fellow member Societies is available (phone Mr Basil Hoyle, 382.7359) **ALL SCOTS MUST STAND TOGETHER WITH PRIDE, AND BE COUNTED!**

JOHN McDOWALL STUART SOCIETY INC

An important outside adventure will occur at Barmera in the Riverland on Sunday 11th October 1992 at 2pm when the Society will place a plaque. The plaque will be placed on the foreshore of Lake Bonney. PLEASE MAKE THIS A SPECIAL DAY AND SUPPORT THE SOCIETY.

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THE FACE WITHIN

The Pipe-Major has no heart; his hide is iron-cold
His soul within that hide is steel; or so I have been told.
His only care is for your skill, his only love, his own.
And where another has a heart, he has a marble stone.

That's what the common wisdom holds, but common is not true.
For there is often truth behind what's in the common view.
And so it is the piper's task that hidden truth to win.
To see behind the face without and find the face within.

He goads his students into rage, he drives them into pain;
He mocks them and does not care that tears may fall like rain.
He works them when they're weary, and rebukes them when they fail -
Cuts them to ribbons with his tongue, as they stand meek and pale.

And will our competitors be fair, or come on us behind?
And will they still their tongues or in their words a weapon find?
Or wait till we are rested before making their attacks?
Or will they rather beat us down and then go for our backs?

But he has no compassion, does not care for man or beast -
And when a student's gone, he does not notice in the least.
And no-one calls this man their love, and no-one calls him friend
And none can judge him by his face, or what he may intend.

But I have seen him speak the words that bring hope from despair -
Or drop the one-word compliment that makes a student care -
And I have seen his sorrow when he hears the death bell cry -
His soul-deep agony of doubt that nothing can deny -

For on his shoulders rests the job of fitting us for war
With only knowledge to give him the clue of what to train us for.
And if we fail it is not he who pays, but you and me.
And so he cries a little when we lose, that we do not see.

And now you know the face within hid by the face without
The pain he must harbour, all the guilt and all the doubt.
The Pipe-Major has a heart; so grant his stony mask
For you and I aren't strong enough to bear that kind of task.

Bob McGregor, Jnr.
22/7/92

P & D of RCS of SA Inc

SOME SCOTTISH RECIPES FOR YOU TO TRY

DUNDEE CAKE

1½lb mixed fruit
6 oz mixed peel
8 oz SR flour
8 oz butter
8 oz sugar
4 eggs
1 dsp lemon juice
3 oz blanched almonds
Grease and line an 8" cake tin. Prepare fruit and chopped peel. Sieve the flour and salt. Cream butter and sugar. Beat in one egg at a time. Mix in flour, fruit, peel & lemon juice and 1 oz chopped blanched almonds. Put mixture into cake tin. Arrange remaining almonds on top. Bake in moderate oven for 2 hours or until firm to the touch.

SHORTBREAD FANS (makes 18)

4 oz butter
2 oz caster sugar
4 oz plain flour
2 oz ground rice
2 baking trays (greased)
Cream together the butter and sugar and work in the flour and ground rice. Knead lightly to form a ball. The mixture will be crumbly and needs putting together between rollings. Stamp out 9 large fluted rounds using a 4" cutter. Place on baking sheets, cut each into half. Separate "fans" to allow for them to spread.
Bake in centre of the oven for about 20 minutes or until pale golden colour.
Store in airtight tin or container.

RUM AND RAISIN TRUFFLES (makes 24)

3 tablespoons Rum
4 oz raisins
1 oz butter
1 oz icing sugar
2 level tbs apricot jam
6 oz plain cake crumbs
8 oz bar plain chocolate (melted)
Place the rum and raisins in small bowl cover and soak overnight. Beat together the butter, icing sugar and jam then stir in the cake crumbs and chocolate. Leave to stand for 10 minutes, until the mixture is firm enough to handle. Shape into 24 balls.
Place in sweet cases.
May be rolled in coconut, icing sugar or decorated.
Store in airtight tin.

B A I R N S C O R N E R

Can you find out where and when these were invented?

1. the zip fastener
2. the first life jacket
3. the first lifeboat
4. the hydrofoil
5. Ultrasound
6. Insulin
7. Aspirin
8. Vaccine
9. lighthouse

(The answers will be printed in the next Newsletter)

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

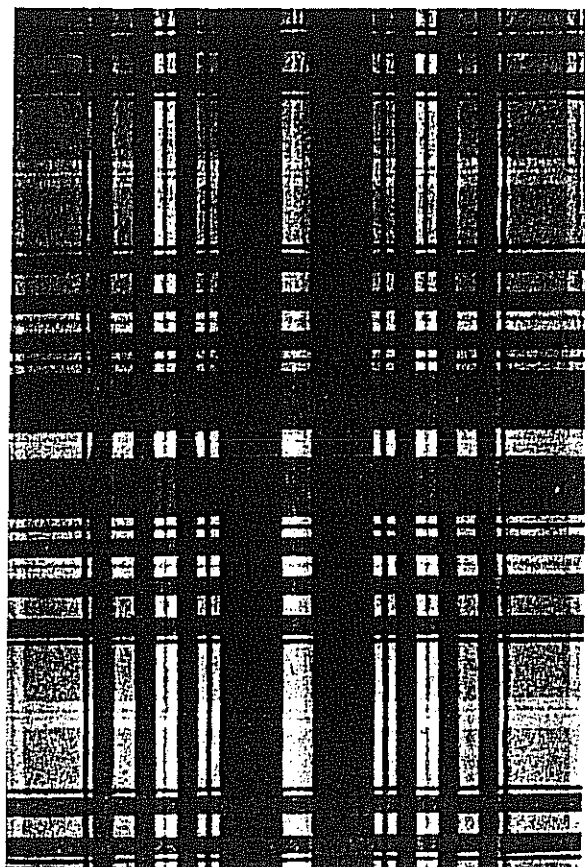
Glasgow Cathedral is a fine example of pre Reformation Gothic architecture, with a tower and spire rising from the centre. The oldest parts date from the twelfth century but most of it belongs to the three following centuries. Its crypt is one of the most perfect in Britain. It was built on the side of a monastery founded about 560 by St Mungo, the Patron Saint of Scotland.

The magnificent City Chambers, an imposing late Victorian edifice in the Renaissance style which was used as the location for the British Embassy in Moscow in Allan Bennet's award winning television play "An Englishman Abroad". Visitors to Scotland should certainly pay a visit to George Square and view this beautiful historical building.

Glasgow is a city of surprises, wide streets, large shopping areas and lots of Parks; Kelvingrove, Rouken Glen, Botanic Gardens, Kibble Palace, the list is endless.

Glasgow is only on the edge of the most beautiful scenery in Scotland, Loch Lomond is only a thirty minutes drive away. Glasgow is certainly a city of surprises.

Editor



Manufacturers of tartan have seemed to be reluctant to go back to early specimens for colour matching, tending rather to follow their own ideas of what colours ought to be, or just to try something that seems likely. One result of this is that there is now often some doubt about what colour the fine lines in particular should be, and the MacDougall tartan has been proposed with many different combinations of colour for these.

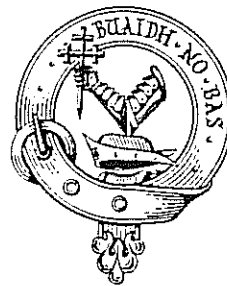
The version shown here is that recorded by James Logan in 1831 and slightly simplified from the design listed by Wilson of Bannockburn in 1819.

THE MACDOUGALLS left the main MacDonald line early on, as the sons of Dugall, eldest son of Somerled of the Isles.

Dugall's son Duncan received the lands of Lorn from his father, being styled at first 'of Argyll'; later generations modified this title to 'of Lorn', and it was some time before the patronymic MacDougall was adopted. Until 1266, the family held its island territory from the King of Norway, and even for forty years after the islands had been ceded to Scotland, held a high position there; they supported the Balliol side in the Wars of Independence and, having become matrimonially involved with the Comyns were, after the murder of the Red Comyn, among Bruce's most bitter enemies.

The victory of Bruce meant the loss of their lands, but after his death some of their possessions were returned to them and also an agreement was made with the Lord of the Isles with regard to the exchange of certain territories; however, there was no heir, and the lands passed by way of heiresses to two Stewart brothers and then to the Earl of Argyll. In 1451 a Stewart Lord of Lorn made a grant of some lands around Oban bay to 'John Macalan McCowle' of Lorn, but by the 16th century MacDougall of Dunollie was acknowledging Argyll as his superior and accepting office under him as Baillie of Lorn.

The MacDougalls then largely dropped out of public affairs, but they fought for King Charles in the Civil War and for King James in the '15, suffering heavily for their loyalty; in the '45 the young chief was persuaded to stay at home and so retained his estate.



CREST BADGE: On a cap of maintenance a dexter arm in armour embowed, fessways, couped, proper, holding a cross crosslet fitchy, gules.

MOTTO: Buaidh no bás (Victory or Death).

ORIGIN OF NAME: Gaelic Dughall (black stranger).

PLANT BADGES: Bell heath, Cypress.

WAR CRY: Buaidh no bás (Victory or Death).

PIPE MUSIC: Caisteal Dhunolla (Dunolly Castle).

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Royal Caledonian Society of S.A. Inc.
379 King William Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000

I apply to be nominated as Member of the Royal Caledonian Society, and agree if elected to be bound and abide by the Rules of the Society.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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PHONE No. (____) _____

SIGNATURE _____

CLAN: (if known) _____

PLACE OF BIRTH _____

Membership Category applied for:

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PROPOSED _____ SECONDED _____

PROGRAMME UPDATE

Sat 26th Sept	Quiz Night. Combined P&D and RCS Prizes for Correct or Humorous Answers Adm. \$5.00, \$2.00 7.30 till 12.
Sat 31st Oct	Bairns and Adults Halloween Music by Len Maitland. Basket Supper. Tickets \$5.00,\$2.00 Fancy Dress encouraged 7.30 till 12
Sat 7th Nov	John Martins Pageant, Breakfast and Lunch. Cooked Breakfast and lunch available.
Fri 20th Nov	Bairns Class Presentations and Ceilidh Basket Supper during Ceilidh Tickets \$5.00/\$2.00 Music by Len Maitland
Sat 28th Nov	St Andrew's Day Dinner Catered by RCS Catering Service Music - Len Maitland Tickets \$20.00, \$5.00 Sherries 7pm, Dinner 7.30pm
Sun 29th Nov	Celtic Festival at Sacred Heart College Oval Stalls, Highland Dancing Display, P & D
Sun 29th Nov	St. Andrew's Day Church Service: St Andrews Church, Archer Street, North Adelaide 11am
Mon 30th Nov	St Andrew's Day
Sat 12th Dec	BBQ Tea, Christmas Carols and Ceilidh (P&D Christmas Breakup) Hogmanay Dance
Sat 19th Dec	
Thu 31st Dec	

***** RENEWAL OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES 30th June *****

**Please forward your Royal Caledonian Membership Fee with
your name and address to the Office to become a financial
member for the year 1992/93.**



(\$25.00 Corporate, \$15.00 Associate/Pensioner/Student Member)
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