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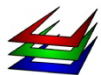
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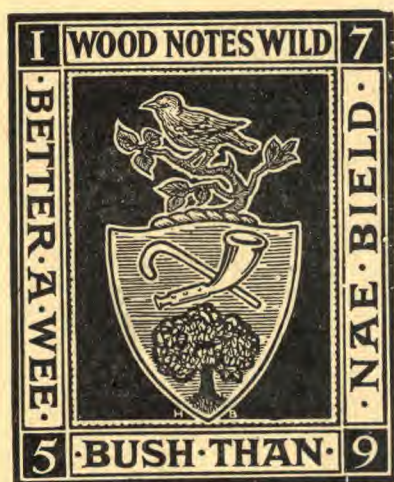


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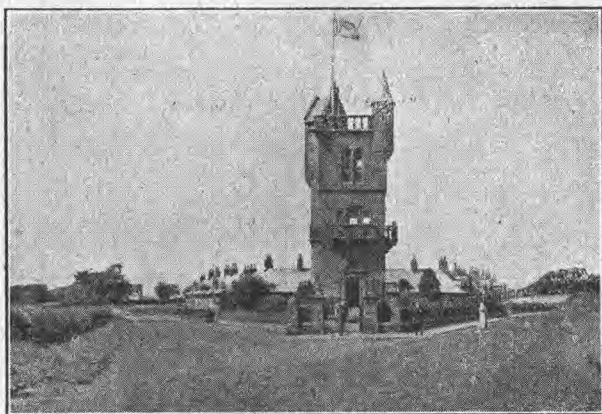
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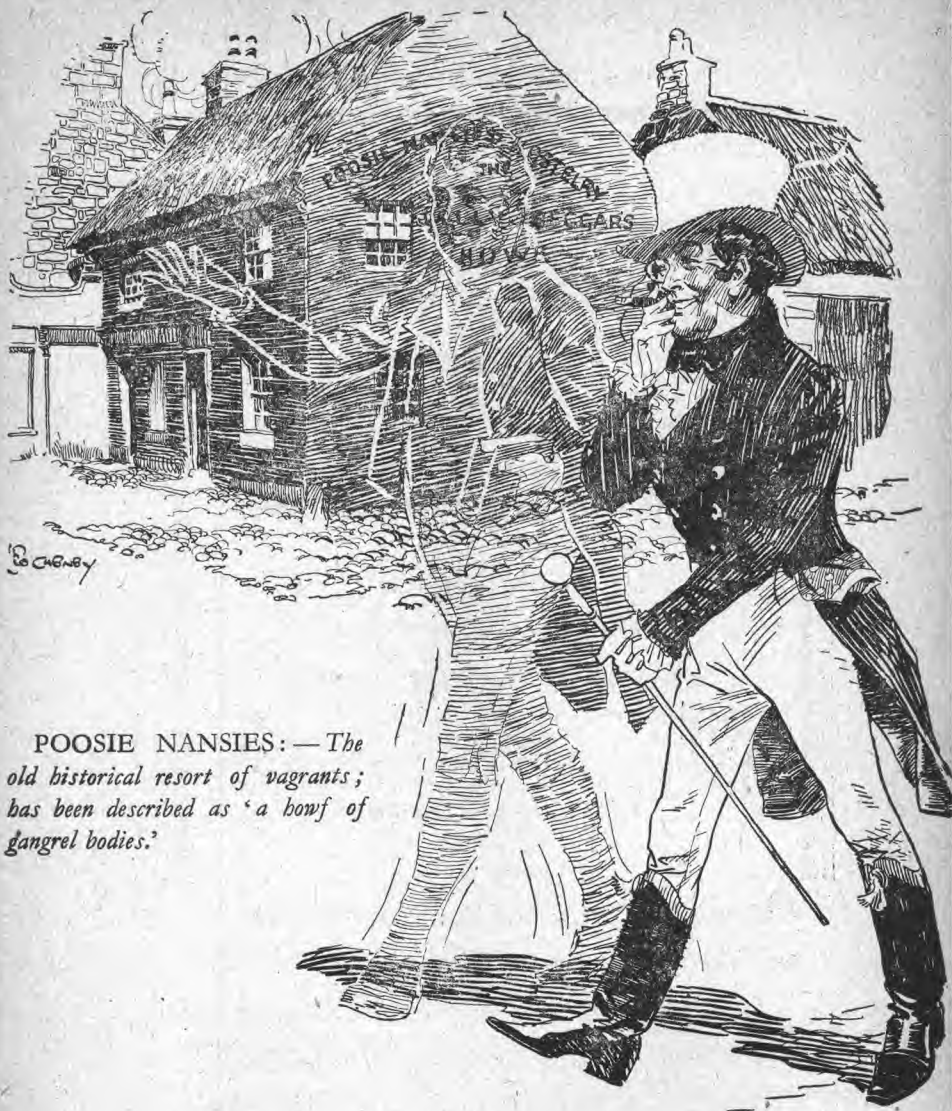
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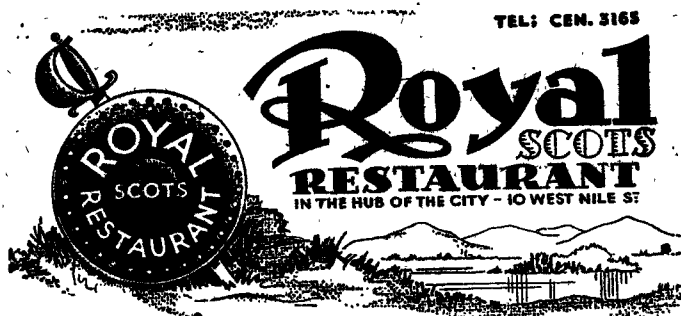
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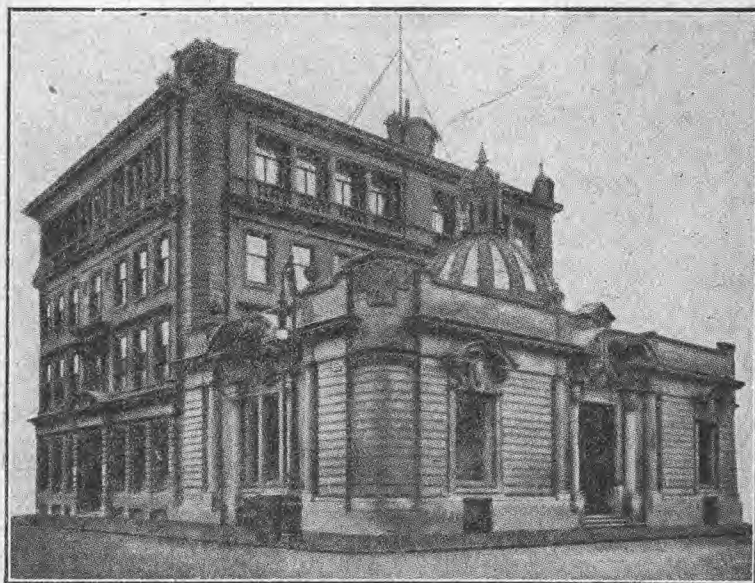
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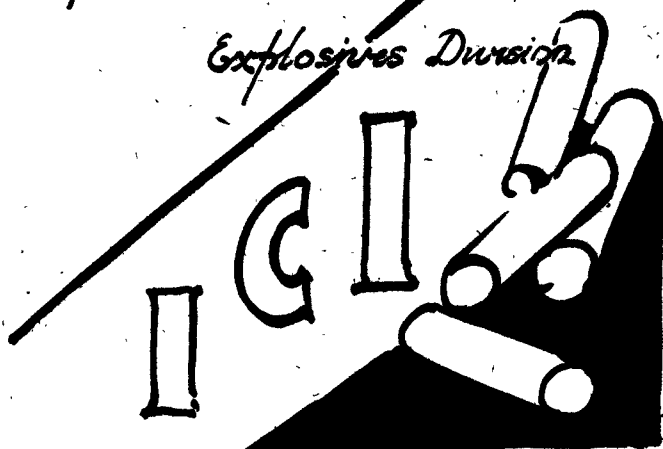
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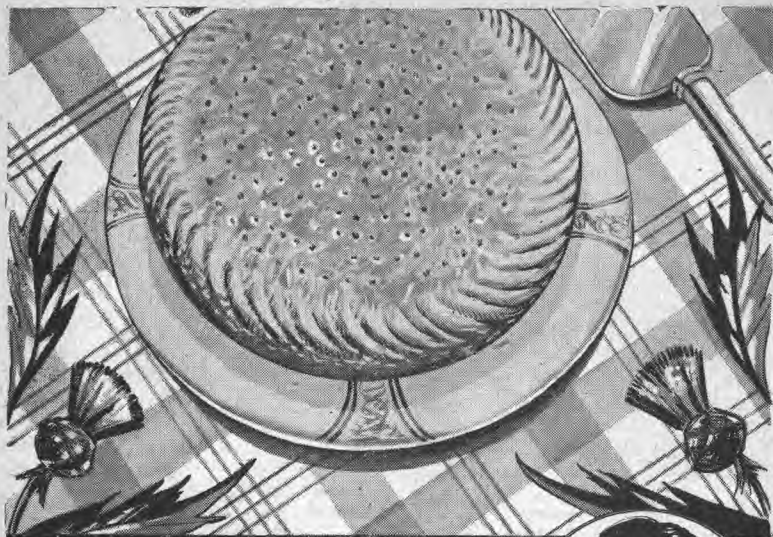


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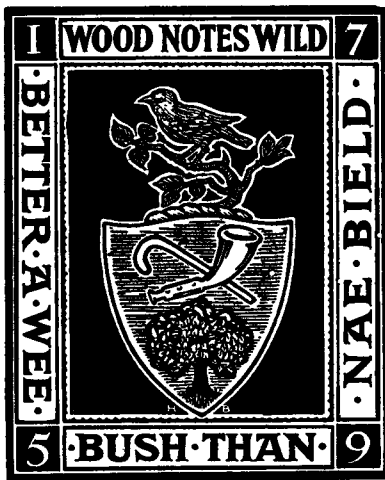
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I have settled matters greatly to my satisfaction  
with Mr. Evesch. — It is certainly not  
what he should be nor had he given me what

I shall find it necessary  
to comfort you.

PORTIONS OF LETTER FROM BURNS TO HIS WIFE  
(See note on opposite page)

## EDITORIAL

### WHY NOT?

Time and again during the past half-century the exodus of British literary relics from this country to lands abroad has been the occasion of controversy and complaint. The departure of manuscripts of Robert Burns has been the subject of particularly powerful lamentations, and recent publication of the fact that a manuscript of "Scots wha hae" had gone to America and was preserved there, was the cause of much heart-burning up and down Scotland. A speaker at a Burns Night celebration at Ayr even went so far as to suggest that the document might have been returned to Scotland under a lend-lease arrangement.

This speaker—a former Secretary of State for Scotland—ought to have known that within 500 yards of the building in which he stood two separate texts of the same song in Burns's writing were safely housed in the Museum of the Burns Cottage at Alloway. It would, in this case, have been the height of folly for the Trustees of that institution, or even any other established custodian of Burnsiana, to have purchased a third copy. Nor would any particular patriotic cause or erudite purpose have been served by anyone else doing so.

Even had these two copies not been safely preserved at Alloway it is doubtful whether respect and love for Burns is well served by the raising of a hue-and-cry over the acquisition by another country of manuscripts of his works.

The primary importance of such documents is to establish the correctness of a text, and in the case of Burns's poems this has already long since been done in any instance where doubt existed. Even had it not, present-day western scholarship makes no monopoly of knowledge; and it is scarcely conceivable that should any verification of a text be called for, facilities for carrying it out would be withheld by an institution or individual in another English-speaking or Western European country.

The secondary interests of these cherished yellowish sheets on which Burns poured forth his thoughts is that they symbolise regard and affection for him. When another poet wrote "And did you once see Shelley plain?" he was voicing a rapture that is conjured up similarly by the

touch of the very paper which Burns held, the book he owned. Such sentiment goes deep, and who shall decry or belie it? To be remembered is a deep, passionate human craving, and all creative work is in a way an endeavour to cry halt to the fugitive moments of our lives. The poet in his verse builds "a monument more lasting than brass," and his admirers for their part not only keep his memory alive in their hearts but also seek by all means to perpetuate it and hand it on.

In this sense the fact that men in other lands cherish the memory of painter, poet or musician sufficiently to want to surround themselves with his works is doubly a tribute to him. From Shakespeare to Flecker, from Horace to Ronsard the hope of fame long after life or in far parts of the world has persisted. The thought of being remembered a thousand years afterwards or ten thousand miles away gives a special spur to the poet or artist.

In the case of America this cherishing of Burns's memory has a distinctive appeal that it would be stupid to disparage in a spirit of narrow parochial nationalism. A country with a short literary history but a strong feeling of the English-speaking tradition, the U.S.A. has been and is no mean contributor to our scholarship and learning. Should she not be welcome to acquire such literary relics as "Scots wha hae"? Should we not in turn be glad to see such manuscripts preserved in places like Harvard College or the Huntington Library at San Marino?

Burns, one feels, would so rejoice. He was no narrow nationalist and, living in a time of acute social and international ferment akin in many respects to ours, he voiced the need of universal brotherhood with a fervour never needed more acutely than to-day. To him the cherishing of his works by admirers overseas would undoubtedly be a consummate triumph for his beliefs. He would have enjoyed the description by Lord McGowan—given to Sandyford (Glasgow) Burns Club—of how he "accepted the invitation of the late Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan to visit his wonderful library. There, in a small room—the holy of holies—jealously guarded, I held in my hands a manuscript of 'Scots wha hae,' I am not ashamed to confess how moved I was when I read the actual hand-writing of our great poet and thought of what had inspired this work—intense love of country."

Cannot we, therefore, as a nation whose chief greatness is that we have made ourselves felt all over the five continents and the seven seas, rejoice when claimants outside our land set themselves out to acquire Burns manuscripts?

Yet another argument has, however, been brought forward in this connection. Another speaker, also at a Burns gathering, claimed that since Burns is the poet of humanity, all humanity should share his relics. His manuscripts should not be allowed to be private property at all but should, in current parlance, be nationalised.

It is a tempting thought that, like the sun in the morning and the moon at night in a current stage success from the U.S.A., our literary treasures should also be free-for-all and communal property. But without being unduly diehard or Blimpish it is difficult to see this as an immediate solution of the problem of the emigration of literary or artistic treasures, or to feel emboldened to ask the Government to nationalise Burns as a contribution to our Scottish culture.

## “ YON WILD MOSSY MOUNTAINS ”

### AN INEDITED MANUSCRIPT

#### I

Yon high mossy mountains, sae lofty and wide,  
That nurse in their bosom the youth of the Clyde,  
Where the grouse lead their coveys thro' the heather to feed,  
And the shepherd eyes his flock as he pipes on his reed.

#### II

Not Gowrie's rich vallies nor Forth's sunny shores  
To me hae the charms o' yon wild, mossy moors;  
For there, by a lonely, sequesterèd stream,  
Resides a sweet lassie, my thought and my dream.

#### III

She is not the fairest, altho' she is fair;  
O' fine education but sma' is her share;  
Her parentage humble as humble can be;  
But I loe the dear lassie because she loes me.

#### IV

To Beauty what man but must yield him a prize,  
In her armour o' glances, and blushes, and sighs?  
And when wit and refinement hae polish'd the darts,  
They dazzle our een, as they flee to our hearts.



## LETTERS FROM, AND TO, ROBERT BURNS

The first of the three items recorded here is No. 238 in the Clarendon Press edition of Burns's *Letters*, with note "MS. not traced." It was referred to in last year's issue of the *Burns Chronicle* as having been sold at London in 1945, and is now owned by Mr. Clark Hunter, who has kindly supplied this copy.

The second item was printed in the Large-Paper Edition of the *Complete writings of Burns* (1927; 10 vols.). It has the great interest of being the earliest letter addressed to Burns that is known to be in existence; the original is now in Alloway Burns Cottage Museum. M'Candlish was then a student in Glasgow College, at which he had matriculated in 1777. He afterwards changed his name to Candlish.

The larger of the two portions of manuscript reproduced on the opposite page is "Part of a letter Mr. Burns to Mrs. Burns and given by her to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Adam Armour, Mauchline"; no. 315 in the Clarendon Press edition of the *Letters*. The second fragment lately came into the market; obviously it belongs to the same letter as the first one. Other fragments probably survive somewhere.

J. C. E.

### I

TO MRS. DUNLOP OF DUNLOP, AT MR. DUNLOP'S, HADDINGTON

Mauchline, 28th April, 1788

Madam,

Your powers of reprehension must be great indeed, as I assure you they made my heart ach with penitential pangs, evn tho' I was really not guilty.—As I commence Farmer at Whitsunday, you will easily guess I must be pretty throng; but that is not all.—As I got the offer of the Excise business without solicitation; and as it costs me only six weeks attendance for instructions to entitle me to a Commission; which Commission lies by me, and at any future period on my simple petition can be resumed; I thought five and thirty pounds a year was no bad dernier resort for a poor Poet, if Fortune in her jade tricks should kick him down from the

little eminence to which she has lately helped him up.—For this reason, I am at present attending these instructions to have them completed before Whitsunday. Still, Madam, I prepared with the sincerest pleasure to meet you at the Mount, and came to my brother's on Saturday night to set out on Sunday; but for some nights preceding I had slept in an apartment where the force of the winds and rains was only mitigated by being sifted thro' numberless apertures in the windows, walls, etc. in consequence I was on Sunday, Monday and part of Tuesday unable to stir out of bed with all the miserable effects of a violent cold.—

You see, Madam, the truth of the French maxim, “*Le vrai n'est toujours le vraisemblable.*”—Your last was so full of expostulation, and was something so like the language of an offended friend, that I began to tremble for a Correspondence which I had with grateful pleasure set down as one of the greatest enjoyments of my future life.—

You see the consequence of all this.—I like to sit down, when I write to a *Friend indeed*, and give way to the unpremeditated miscellaneous effusions of my heart; instead of which my unlucky Cold has forced me on a drawling epistle of dull apologies, than can serve no positive good end, but negatively I trust, will prevent that excommunication from the much esteemed priviledges of your friendship, which, in appearance I so justly deserved; & which I dread infinitely more than all the Anathemas of the Vatican, or the equally infallible General Assembly.

As I hold this no letter, but what the Quarrel-Brokers, alias, the Lawyers, call, a Reply I shall trouble you with a letter by our Edinr. Carrier, who I believe sets out next week.—I shall be coming frequently to Ayrshire thro' the Summer; and if I am not so happy as meet you at Dunlop, I shall be in Edin. some time before Midsummer, when if the irresistible hand of Predestination do not interpose, I shall see you at Haddington.—

Your books have delighted me; Virgil, Dryden & Tasso were all equally strangers to me; but of this more at large in my next.—

I have the honor to be, Madam,  
your much indebted humble servt.

ROBT. BURNS

## II

JAMES M'CANDLISH TO MR ROBERT BURNS,

At Lochlie, in parish of Tarbolton, to the care of  
James Caldwell, stabler in Ayr, by Ayr.

Glasgow, February 13th, 1779, Saturday

Dear Robert,

I received your friendly and entertaining letter about eight days ago, which, you may be shure, give me no small satisfaction. I am always happy in hearing from those with whome I have been so intimately acquainted as you. My real acquaintances are, indeed, not very numerous, but I always thought it was better to have few, whose fidelity could be relied on, than a great number without this best of all qualifications. The effects of a correspondence betwixt faithful acquaintances is very agreeable, and that pleasure is, indeed, as you observed, very much increased by the variety of situation which must many times take . . . persons most intimately connected. I must be very sensible of this at present; a few thoughts of any of my friends or acquaintance in the country serve as a more moderate exercise to the mind engaged, in general, to severer studies. Nor is it less agreeable, now and then, when conveniency offers, to send them a few of my own, although I am sensible they, generally, have not so much intrinsic value as is sufficient to make amends for the postage.

I am happy to hear you are engaged in such an useful and agreeable a study this winter as you tell me. It is a study productive of the most rational pleasure, and I think it is most admirably calculated to your present situation, as being of all studies one of the most proper to enable men to regulate their conduct aright. And, besides, it requires not such a numerous and expensive train of assistants as many others. A steady reflection of what passes in oneself, and an attentive observation to what passes among men in the world in general, is the most effectual means one can use for studying human nature to advantage. I think, likewise, a few books, when well chosen, may tend considerably to facilitate this study, and they generally render it more agreeable. I fancy you will be pretty shure of succeeding tolerably well in it, as I am convinced of your usual . . . of reflection, and your observing the conduct and . . . of others. And I always admired your choice. . . . You tell me you are reading Pope's epistles as an assistant, and I believe you could not have got one more excellent than him in the poetical way. He as a poet expresses himself admir-

ably well, but when considered as a philosopher you will find him chargeable with a few faults. He seems not to have been a man calculated for deep and abstract subjects, and sometimes, when he attempts to shine in that province, he is unlucky. And besides, we must not wonder that he was guilty of some small errors, since he adopted most of his philosophical notions from Bollingbrock, his great friend. I think he is most exceptionable in that part where he reduces all the principles of men's actions to reason and self-love. It is almost impossible, I think, to see in what sense he takes reason and self-love. I do not pretend to be qualified for giving you any rule how to read him with most advantage: durst I presume to give you any, it would be briefly this, when you read him, to judge as well as admire.

You say you are attending a dancing school this winter. I think you are exceeding right in that. Since nature has not made man perfect in any respect, but made him capable of arriving nearer perfection by his own industry, it seems to me no less a part of his duty to take some pains in polishing, as it were, the rude . . . the body, than in improving the weak powers of . . . mind. And besides, in this polite age, a man is [not] looked on as fit for decent and respectable company [without] it. But I must willingly confess many persons make very ridiculous use of it.

I am more than I can [tell] you delighted with your verses, and I hope, in the course of our present correspondence, you will now and then favour me with such stanzas as you may think fit. I have not made any attempts in that respect, although I am not shure but, if I was to take pains, I might perhaps be able to do something to poetry. But the college is not favourable for cultivating an acquaintance with the muses. With regard to the last thing you mentioned in your letter, I really cannot give you any answer as yet. But I will be singularly obliged to hear your thoughts with regard to myself: I hope you will be free with me without any kind of reserve.

Altho' I write to you, yet you must consider my letters as in some measure common to both you and my other dear acquaintance, Gilbert; and I shall be glad to have a few lines from any of you who may think it most convenient.

No more, but remains, with my best wishes to all your family, your honest friend,

(signed) JAMES M'CANDLISH

ADDRESS ON PROPOSING " THE IMMORTAL  
MEMORY "

to the

DUMFRIES BURNS CLUB

on

24th January 1947

by

REV. HAROLD A. COCKBURN, B.D., M.Th.

My first word must be one of appreciation for the honour you have done me by inviting me to fulfil the high task of proposing the Immortal Memory, remembering, as I do, that so recently as in July last there was commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the Poet's death. Dumfries Burns Club, belonging to the place where the Poet died, holds this year a special place in the thoughts of Burns lovers the world o'er so that I feel doubly honoured in having been chosen for this occasion. Would that as Minister of St. Michael's, in whose graveyard all that is mortal of the Poet lies buried, something of the spirit of the bard might fall upon me that I might be more fitted for the task before me; for he is indeed a bold man who undertakes to speak on Robert Burns. Attempts have been made by the most learned in our land and the most illustrious in our history, and even they have fallen short of the ideal. Sometimes I think that those who understand the ploughman poet best are not the learned and the great, but the ordinary man who mixes freely with his fellow men in the rough and tumble of life, and has a natural understanding of their desires and fears, their hopes and ambitions, their temptations and their sins. It is he who can enter deepest into the thoughts and feelings of the poet and can speak for him a true word of appreciation. Perhaps that is why you have seen fit to invite me, a fellow citizen of this Royal and Ancient Burgh, and one who can lay claim to neither high learning nor illustrious name. It is because of this that I make bold to attempt the impossible, knowing that if I fail, I shall at least have the comfort of being in excellent company.

My main theme is a simple one, namely to try to show that Burns was absolutely sincere and yet advocated causes

that were contradictory to each other. He was different from you and me in that he spoke, and somehow had to speak, the things that were in his mind, while you and I, and ordinary folk like us, speak only the things that we want others to know about us. We are too afraid of what others will think of us to blurt out the thoughts which from time to time take possession of us. If they be low or mean or unpleasant thoughts, and which of us does not have them at times, then we bottle them up within ourselves until they pass, and we can speak again the things that fit our station and our outward character. But once in a while a man is born—it happens but rarely in human history—but once in a while a man is born who must say what he thinks and feels, for no other reason than that he thinks and feels them, and one of these rare creatures was Robert Burns. You and I and ordinary beings like us have not the courage to reveal for all and sundry to see, the darker passages of our minds or the shady instincts that sometimes rest in our breasts. But Robert Burns had the courage to say what was in him—indeed, was so made that he could not help giving immediate expression to his thoughts and moods—without fear or favour and irrespective of consequences. The difference therefore between Burns and us is that the character of Burns is open for all to see, the good and the bad, the strong side and the weak, the noble and the sordid, whereas with you and me, we are only seen as we want others to see us.

This courage of saying what is in us without fear or favour is shared by geniuses and little children. Just as a child blurts out what is in his mind with no thought of consequences so did Robert Burns. There was, for instance the little girl who, when Mr. Jones came to dinner sat throughout the meal watching him and then blurted out: "When are you going to take a drink of water, Mr. Jones?" "And why, my dear do you want me to take a drink of water?" asked Mr. Jones, to which came the answer: "Because Mother says you drink like a fish." Or, again there is the story about Burns when he was an exciseman. Entering a house where he suspected brewing had been taking place, he found that the woman of the house had slipped out at the back door as he had come in the front, leaving a servant girl and a little child in the house. "Has there been any brewing here for the Fair" asked Burns. "Oh, no, sir" said the maid, "we hae nae licence for that." "That's no' true," exclaimed the child "the muckle black kist is fu' o' the bottles of yill that ma mither sat up a' nicht brewing for the Fair." "Well" answered Burns "we're in a hurry just now, but when we return from the Fair we shall examine the muckle

black kist." It is a delightful story, revealing the benevolence of Burns the Exciseman, but it is told to illustrate my point that the necessity of speaking the truth that is in him at the moment is shared by geniuses and little children. This does away with any accusation of insincerity in Burns for at the time of speaking, whatever his mood, it was Burns speaking from the heart. The result is that almost in the same breath he could rhyme off such poems as "Willie brewed a peck o' mau't" and "To Mary in Heaven" and at the same time be sincere in them both. At one moment we find him advocating the careless, free life of wine and women, and at another the noble sentiments of "The Cottar's Saturday Night." Now he is dancing with the De'il and again standing in reverence before his Maker, at one time singing of his Bonny Jean, at another of any passing jade. Thus it comes about that in Burns we find the opposite moods and opposite opinions expressed with equal fervour and with equal sincerity. At the time of writing them it was the Burns of the moment speaking from the heart, with this result, that whatever the cause which you wish to advocate, Burns is your man, but the strange thing is that the opponents of your cause will find in the same poet their strongest supporter.

Let me illustrate this with three examples.

1. Let us say that we wish to advocate the glorification of drink. Well Burns has been held up as a worshipper of Bacchus the God of Drinking and certainly it is not difficult to find in his writings quotations which will support your arguments. His descriptions of conviviality are both vivid and convincing :

" But to our tale : Ae market night,  
 Tam had got planted unco right,  
 Fast by an ingle, bleezing finely,  
 Wi' reaming swats, that drank divinely :  
 And at his elbow, Souter Johnny,  
 His ancient, trusty, drouthy crony "

" The nicht drave on wi' sangs and clatter,  
 And aye the ale was growing better."

But to use Burns as an advocate for drinking is to ignore the fact that he can be quoted equally well against it, for while the story of Tam o' Shanter and Souter Johnny "boozing at the nappy and getting fou and unco happy" shows one side of the picture, the views of Kate sitting at home nursing

her wrath shows the other, so that the temperance advocate finds his champion too in Burns :

“ Ah, gentle dames it gars me greet  
To think how mony counsels sweet,  
How mony lengthen'd sage advices,  
The husband frae the wife despises !

“ Now, wha this tale o' truth shall read,  
Each man and mother's son take heed ;  
Whene'er to drink you are inclined,  
Or cutty-sarks rin in your mind,  
Think ! ye may buy the joys o'er dear ;  
Remember Tam o' Shanter's mare.”

Yes, if Burns can be quoted as an advocate of licence in drinking, he can be equally quoted against it :

“ O Tam ! hadst thou but been sae wise  
As ta'en thy ain wife Kate's advice !”

The same could be said in regard to my second illustration, namely licence in love. The upholders of free love find their advocate in Burns and their strongest arguments in his poems. They can point to his lines to the fair charmer Ellison Begbie :

“ When in my arms, wi' a' thy charms,  
I clasp my countless treasure, O ;  
I seek nae mair o' Heaven to share  
Than sic a moment's pleasure, O !”

or to the lines to Annie Rankine :

“ But a' the pleasures e'er I saw,  
Tho' three times doubled fairly—  
That happy night was worth them a',  
Amang the rigs o' barley.”

or to the lines to Mrs. M'Lehose :

“ Had we never loved sae kindly,  
Had we never loved sae blindly,  
Never met—or never parted—  
We had ne'er been broken hearted.”

or to the lines to Mary Morrison and Deborah Davies and Nannie Fleming and Mary Campbell and the rest.



Yes there is evidence enough for any advocate of free love, but it can be shown that those who advocate the sanctity of the Home and the beauty of conjugal faithfulness find in the same Burns their greatest champion. Was there ever such a condemnation of free love as appears in those lines from the "Cottar's Saturday Night" about young Jennie blushing bonnie:

"Is there, in human form, that bears a heart—  
A wretch, a villain, lost to love and truth—  
That can, with studied, sly, ensnaring art,  
Betray sweet Jenny's unsuspecting youth?  
Curse on his perjur'd arts, dissembling smooth!  
Are honour, virtue, conscience, all exil'd?  
Is there no pity, no relenting ruth,  
Points to parents fondling o'er their child?  
Then paints the ruined maid, and their distraction wild?"

And could there be a finer, nobler, sweeter picture of conjugal faithfulness and true love than is to be found in "John Anderson, my Jo, John":

"John Anderson my jo, John,  
When we were first acquent,  
Your locks were like the raven,  
Your bonnie brow was brent;  
But now your brow is beld, John,  
Your locks are like the snow;  
But blessings on your frosty pow,  
John Anderson, my jo.

John Anderson my jo, John,  
We clamb the hill thegither;  
And mony a canty day, John,  
We've had wi' ane anither:  
Now we maun totter down, John,  
And hand in hand we'll go,  
And sleep thegither at the foot,  
John Anderson, my jo."

Yes, if Burns can be quoted on the side of free love he can equally be quoted on the side of conjugal faithfulness:

"To make a happy fireside clime  
To weans and wife,  
That's the true pathos and sublime,  
Of human life."

My third illustration of the opposites in Burns is on the subject of religion. Those who wish to sneer at the deep things of life, to poke fun at the Church, and to cast ridicule on the preacher can find in Burns any amount of ammunition and can claim in him their chief advocate and fellow baiter. They have only to turn to "Holy Willie's Prayer" and with sententious tones quote any one of the verses:

"I bless and praise thy matchless might,  
Whan thousands thou hast left in night,  
That I am here afore thy sight,  
For gifts and grace  
A burnin' an' a shinin' light,  
To a' this place."

or:

"Yet I am here a chosen sample,  
To show thy grace is great and ample;  
I'm here a pillar in thy temple,  
Strong as a rock,  
A guide, a buckler, an example  
To a' thy flock."

Yes, they have only to roll off these verses to feel that they have so worsted their opponents that there is nothing more to be said.

Or should they wish to caricature the preacher—a favourite pastime of those who are spiritually blind—they need no arguments of their own but can find more eloquent speech in the Works of Burns:

"Now a' the congregation o'er  
Is silent expectation;  
For Moodie speels the holy door,  
Wi' tidings o' damnation.  
Should Hornie, as in ancient days,  
Mang' sons o' God present him,  
The very sight o' Moodie's face  
To's ain het hame had sent him  
Wi' fright that day."

And those who would treat lightly the powers of evil—call them what you will, Auld Hornie, Satan, Nick or Cloutie, then it is with ready tongue they lisp the words of their finest advocate, Robert Burns:

“ Whyles rangin’ like a roarin’ lion  
 For prey, a’ holes an’ corners tryin’;  
 Whyles on the strong-winged tempest flyin’  
 Tirlin’ the Kirks;  
 Whyles, in the human bosom pryin’  
 Unseen thou lurks.”

But having said all that, can it be the same man who paraphrases the 90th Psalm?

“ O Thou, the first, the greatest friend  
 Of all the human race,  
 Whose strong right hand has ever been  
 Their stay and dwelling place.”

Can it be the same man who writes in a letter to his father :  
 “ Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve Him  
 day and night in His temple; and He that sitteth on the  
 throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more;  
 neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall  
 feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of  
 waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”  
 Is it the same man who writes about these verses: “ I am  
 more pleased with them than with any ten times as many  
 verses in the whole Bible, and would not exchange the noble  
 enthusiasm with which they inspire me for all that this world  
 has to offer.”

And, can it be the same man who writes the “ Cottar’s  
 Saturday Night ” and in it exalts the Home where religion  
 has its rightful place :

“ Then kneeling down to Heaven’s Eternal King  
 The Saint, the Father, and the husband prays :  
 ‘ Hope springs eternal on triumphant wing ’  
 That thus they all sh’d meet in future days.”

“ From scenes like these old Scotia’s grandeur springs,  
 That makes her loved at Home, revered abroad.”

Yes, it is the same man, and I hope I have made my point  
 clear that Burns was different from us in that he had to speak  
 the thoughts that were in him according to the mood of the  
 moment, and that at the time of speaking he was absolutely  
 sincere though often advocating causes the direct opposite of  
 each other.

On this the 150th year of his death, I think it is fitting that here in the Dumfries Club, attention should be turned to that tragic event, and I want you to picture Robert Burns, as, near the end of his life, he sat by the Brow Well, where he had been sent to take the waters and to bathe in the Solway. There he sits, pinched and worn, a shadow of his old buoyant, cheerful self. He knows he is a dying man. He writes to his brother to take a fond farewell of his Mother, and to Mrs. Dunlop, "Your friendship with which for many years you honoured me was a friendship dear to my soul. The remembrance adds one pulse more to my poor palpitating heart. Farewell!"

Mrs. Walter Riddell, his former friend, happened to be staying near the place and asked the poet to dine with her, and she tells how his first salutation was: "Well, madam, have you any commands for the other world?" and then how he spoke of his death with firmness as well as with feeling as an event likely to happen soon and which gave him concern, chiefly for leaving his four children so young and unprotected and his wife hourly expecting a fifth.

Yes, Burns knew he was a dying man and as he sat alone at the Brow Well, many must have been the thoughts that ran through his fertile brain.

He would remember his childhood days in the Cottage at Alloway, the wind sighing through the thatch of a night, his Father mending a pair of boots, his Mother busy in the repair of household garments and the sound of Hawkie, the cow, hoasting through the partition.

Then how:

"The cheerfu' supper done, wi' serious face  
 They round the ingle form a circle wide;  
 The sire turns o'er, wi' patriarchal grace,  
 The big ha' bible, ance his father's pride:  
 His bonnet rev'rently is laid aside,  
 His lyart haffets wearing thin and bare:  
 Those strains that once did sweet in Zion glide—  
 He wales a portion with judicious care,  
 And 'Let us worship God' he says with solemn air."

His father to whom he owed so much—how his thoughts must have travelled back to him, that strict, just, honest Godfearing man with the ambition to rise and carry his family with him, like Moses, out of Slavery, but who somehow was dogged by ill fortune and killed by hard labour and worry. Like Job of old he suffered every ill and seemed to cry with him: "Though he slay me yet will I trust in Him."

Was it of his father he wrote when he penned "Man was made to mourn"

" When chill November's surly blast  
 Made fields and forests bare,  
 One evening as I wandered forth  
 Along the banks of Ayr,  
 I spied a man whose aged step  
 Seem'd weary, worn with care;  
 His face was furrow'd o'er with years,  
 And hoary was his hair.  
 But see him on the edge of life,  
 With cares and sorrows worn,  
 Then age and want, oh! ill matched pair!  
 Show man was made to mourn."

Then the Mount Oliphant days when the lot of the household was one of incessant toil against adverse circumstances, when he, himself no more than a haffin boy did a full man's work, and learned what he could from John Murdoch, next to his father, the moulder of his character.

And the farm at Lochlea; he would remember it, for when they went there, hopes were high that prosperity at last would lift them out of slavery into freedom, and safe from the hands of grasping overlords and upstart factors. But *that* venture too, ended in disaster and in a court case which threatened Wm. Burns with prison as a common debtor and which took such a toll of his health that it brought him to the brink of the grave.

Yes, it was the brutal last days of Lochlea when Wm. Burns was laid aside with his final illness, when Gilbert bore the brunt of the farmwork and Robert did the work of two men, it was the brutal toil of these days that brought the stoop to Burns's shoulders that remained with him to the end of his life.

Then he would remember Mossgiel where he and Gilbert set up as farmers in their own right. It must have seemed to him as he sat there as if a curse had been put on whatever land he ploughed, for again, bad seed and adverse weather left the brothers with an almost empty granary and with completely exhausted finances.

Through it all went on the struggle to be a poet, and the thrill about this time was the Kilmarnock edition of his poems which led to his visits to Edinburgh.

I wonder what were his thoughts on his Edinburgh visits, the first one when he was lionised and flattered, received as a favourite in fashionable circles, when it must have seemed

that at last he had attained, had surmounted the obstacles of his birth, won the victory against fearful odds, had struggled on 'gainst wind and tide and had reached the haven which is called success. I wonder if he imagined that he had left the plough for ever, that up to now he had been a ploughman struggling to be a poet, and *now* the struggle was over and the victory won. If so, his second visit must have disillusioned him, for *then* he was *coldly* received. He went to Edinburgh, no doubt thinking his genius would be enough to keep him in high society, only to find that human friendship is a fickle jade and that not even genius can break down the long standing barriers of caste. It would seem therefore that he came away from that second visit not without sourness of spirit and not without bitterness of feeling. Perhaps it was after this visit that he wrote :

“ Is there, for honest poverty,  
 That hangs his head and a' that?  
 The coward-slave, we pass him by,  
 We dare be poor for a' that!  
 For a' that, and a' that;  
 Our toils obscure, and a' that;  
 The rank is but the guinea stamp;  
 The man's the gowd for a' that.

What tho' on hamely fare we dine,  
 Wear hodden-gray, and a' that;  
 Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine,  
 A man's a man for a' that,  
 For a' that and a' that,  
 Their tinsel show and a' that;  
 The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor,  
 Is King o' men for a' that.

Ye see yon birkie, ca'd a lord,  
 Wha struts, and stares, and a' that;  
 Tho' hundreds worship at his word,  
 He's but a coof for a' that,  
 For a' that and a' that,  
 His riband, star, and a' that,  
 The man of independent mind,  
 He looks and laughs at a' that.”

These are the sweeping general statements of an embittered soul, forgetful of the fact that among the birkies ca'ed Lords there would be honest men while among those

who dine on hamely fare and wear hodden-gray and a' that, there would be some fools and knaves.

So back he went to Ellisland—I wonder what his true feelings were? Up to then he had been a ploughman struggling to be a poet. Did he go back to the old life feeling now that he was a poet tied to the plough? Were thoughts like these in the mind of Burns as he looked out from the Brow Well. And then, Dumfries and the Excise—but all his thoughts regarding Dumfries were for Jean and his bairns. What anguish was in his mind is revealed by the letter he sent to Robert Graham, a Commissioner of Excise, when through a cruel informer an enquiry into his political views threatened his dismissal: “Sir, you are a husband and a father. You know what you would feel to see a much loved wife of your bosom and your helpless, prattling little ones turned adrift into the world, degraded and disgraced from a situation in which they had been respectable and respected and left almost without the necessary support of a miserable existence.”

As to his life in general we can guess his sentiments. He was a big enough man to acknowledge his faults. “I have been taking a peep through ‘the dark postern of time long elapsed’ and, you will easily guess, t’was a rueful prospect. What a tissue of thoughtlessness, weakness, and folly! My life reminded me of a ruined temple; what strength, what proportions in some parts! What unsightly gaps, what prostrate ruins in others.”

Such were the thoughts in the mind of the Poet, and it must have been a sad relief when on the 18th July 1796 he returned in a spring cart to his Home in Dumfries, a sad return indeed, his wife laid aside in childbirth, and Jessie Lewars, the sister of a brother Exciseman, to manage the affairs of the household and to nurse the dying poet. Grateful for her angelic ministrations, almost with his dying breath he said “Thank you” in one of the bravest and tenderest of love poems:

“O, wert thou in the cauld blast,  
On yonder lea, on yonder lea,  
My plaidie to the angry airt,  
I’d shelter thee, I’d shelter thee.

Or did misfortune’s bitter storms  
Around thee blaw, around thee blaw,  
Thy bield should be my bosom,  
To share it a’, to share it a’.

Or were I in the wildest waste,  
Sae black and bare, sae black and bare,  
The desert were a paradise,  
If thou wert there, if thou wert there.

Or were I monarch o' the globe,  
Wi' thee to reign, wi' thee to reign,  
The brightest jewel in my crown  
Wad be my queen, wad be my queen."

And when the doctor who was attending him brought a bill telling of a Menagerie which was to visit Dumfries the poet took it and wrote on the back

"Talk not to me of savages  
From Afric's burning sun,  
No savage e'er can rend the heart  
As Jessy, thou hast done."

That bill, I understand, is still in the possession of the Lewars family.

And so, on the 21st July 1796, all was over, and the ancient Churchyard of St. Michael's which had taken into her ample bosom generation upon generation of the people of Dumfries, rich and poor, high and low, now received the remains of Scotland's most illustrious son.

On this the Anniversary of his birth and the 150th year of his death I give you the toast of the Immortal Memory;

"All honour to his name, and peace to his bones."



# ANNIVERSARY SERMON

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REV. ROBERT ROBERTSON, B.A., B.D.

## “ AULD LANG SYNE ”

“ Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.”—*Song of Solomon*, VIII, 7.

When I was a minister in London I always got a tremendous inspiration on the evening of St. George's Sunday, when my Church was packed with the Hampstead Division of Boy Scouts. Gathered as we were at the heart of this great Empire, I could never conduct those services without deep emotion. For I knew that many of those fellows would be going out to their life-work in the ends of the earth, and I often wondered whether in some far-off outpost of Empire the memory of those services would come back to them. If any of them are listening now, I send them greetings for the sake of those old days in St. George's, Brondesbury.

Now I am broadcasting from the Auld Kirk of Ayr. Scotland too has sent many of her sons overseas, and it may be that some of our laddies in the Forces or elsewhere are listening tonight. They may be assured that we are remembering them in this mother kirk of the “ auld toon ” on the shores of the Firth of Clyde.

We have had a week of broadcasting from Ayr, but long before the B.B.C. was thought of Ayr had sent out a broadcast that girdled the whole world.

For Robert Burns lived here, and worshipped in this very Church as a boy, and it was he who gave the world its supreme anthem of friendship: “ Auld Lang Syne.” Yesterday was the anniversary of his birth, and last night the strains of this song would echo to the ends of the earth. It has entwined itself round the heart of every Scot, but its

appeal does not stop there. At the beginning of American broadcasting to Europe one of the first things heard by British listeners was the vocal wind-up of a dinner. And the tune was "Auld Lang Syne." Yes, wherever the English tongue is spoken, men and women will sing with feeling:

"Should auld acquaintance be forgot,  
And never brought to mind?"

What is the secret of its appeal? It is twofold. It gives a voice to two of the most enduring sentiments of the human heart: love of home and childhood, and love of kindred and friends.

(1) Love of home and children: This nostalgia for the days that have gone persists wherever we go, and however high we may climb. The grown man who years ago descended on the great city, and made a name and fortune there, still yearns for the scenes of his boyhood and the home of his early days. The exile across the seas, amid Arctic snows or tropic sunshine, still hears the calls of the hills of home:

"From the lone sheiling of the misty island  
Mountains divide us, and the waste of seas—  
Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland,  
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides."

Can some of you tonight hear the tinkle of the burn among the heather you fished through long summer days in your boyhood? You went home with light heart through the gathering dusk, and you can still see the light in your mother's eyes and feel the touch of her hand as she welcomed you home. Life has given you much since then, but it has never given you anything quite so wonderful as the care-free joy of those boyhood days. That is why you always feel a tugging at the heart when you sing:

"We twa hae run about the braes,  
And pu'd the gowans fine;  
But we've wandered mony a weary fit  
Sin' auld lang syne."

(2) Then there is the love of kindred and friends: We remember "auld acquaintance"; we pledge them in "a cup o' kindness." Perhaps we didn't think much about our father and mother and friends when we were little; we just took them for granted. But, the older we grow, the more we realize just how much they meant to us. We know now that life is a poor thing without friendship. We may have made

money, or got to the top of our profession, or excelled in sport. We may have sought the lilies and roses of life, and drunk the cup of pleasure to the dregs. But these are not the things which have made life happy. We owe everything which has made life worth while to loving hearts and kind friends. As Burns himself puts it :

“ Nae treasures nor pleasures  
 Could make us happy lang;  
 The heart ay's the part aye  
 That maks us richt or wrang.”

Strange, isn't it, that we so often find our happiness in looking backward? We think of the “ good old days.” We sing of “ auld lang syne.” But why should it be so? By God's grace all this loveliness of life may be ours forever.

(1) We cannot bring back the past. We cannot renew those experiences of childhood. The old folks pass. The old home gets broken up. We ourselves have changed. But the spirit of that old home, the thing that made it such a happy place, the faith that created it, and the love that lightened it, these we can carry throughout our lives. If we seek what was best in those old days, we find it is with us still. Neither life nor death can take it from us. It goes with us through the years, and it will find its perfect fulfilment in the land where the broken fellowships of our earthly homes are knit together again, “ in the house not made with hands.”

(2) God means that our friendships, too, should yield us something of abiding worth. The old friends drop out of our life, and the seas may separate us from those we have loved. But, about all true love there is something that cannot be limited by time or space. “ Love is strong as death. . . . Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it.” For God is Love. Through our human friendships we come to the Friend who never fails. And in Him is the Love which unites us all in one great human family, and brings us, at the last, to the Home from which we go no more out.

Here, in Ayr, we cannot see you, but in this dear auld kirk tonight, we feel you are one with us in Him. May the God of our Fathers, their God and ours, cover you with His wings, guide you in all your ways, and, at journey's end, bring you and your loved ones to the land of heart's desire and the life for which we long.

## THE COPYRIGHT OF BURNS'S POEMS, 1786-1787

### I

Of the many documents illustrative of the life and writings of Burns that have survived the century and a half since his death, a group which concerns the copyright of the first two editions of his *Poems chiefly in the Scottish dialect* (Kilmarnock, 1786, and Edinburgh, 1787) is of unique interest. Two of the documents in this group have been printed by biographers and editors of the poet; the others have never been made public and indeed are practically unknown to reader or student.

The earliest of this group is the Assignment of his property granted by the farmer-poet of Mossgiel to his younger brother Gilbert, in order to provide him with funds for the maintenance of the poet's natural daughter by Elizabeth Paton of Largside. This document is wholly in the handwriting of the poet, though almost certainly it was drafted by "honest Willie Chalmers," who two days after it was written made public announcement of it at the Mercat Cross of Ayr; and it is still preserved in the Sheriff Court House there. Though well-known through its publication in facsimile on two separate occasions, it may be printed here along with the others of the group.

#### ASSIGNATION, 22 JULY 1786

Know all men by these presents that I, Robert Burns in Mossgiel: Whereas I intend to leave Scotland and go abroad, and having acknowledged myself the father of a child named Elizabeth, begot upon Elizabeth Paton in Largside: And whereas Gilbert Burns in Mossgiel, my brother, has become bound, and hereby binds and obliges himself to aliment, clothe and educate my said natural child in a suitable manner as if she was his own, in case her mother chuse to part with her, and that until she arrive at the age of fifteen years. THEREFORE, and to enable the said Gilbert Burns to make good his engagement, wit ye me to have assigned, disposed, conveyed and made over to, and in favors of, the said Gilbert Burns, his Heirs, Executors and Assignees, who are always to be bound in like manner with himself, and all Sundry Goods . . . and all other moveable effects of whatever kind that I shall leave behind on my departure from this kingdom. . . . And particularly, without prejudice of the foresaid generality, the profits that may arise from the publication of my Poems presently in the press. And also, I hereby dispoine and convey to him in trust for behoof of my said natural daughter the Copy right of said Poems in so far as I can dispose of the same by law, after she arrives at the above age of fifteen years complete. . . .

## II

But the poet did not become an emigré; jointly with Gilbert he continued to farm Mossgiel. Four months after the date of the Assignment he journeyed to Edinburgh, to arrange for a second edition of the *Poems*, and on 17 April 1787 he came to an agreement with William Creech, publisher there, for that edition. The terms of their agreement are contained in a Memorandum written by Henry M'Kenzie, author of *The man of feeling*.

17TH APRIL 1787.—MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWIXT MR. CREECH AND MR. BURNS, RESPECTING THE PROPERTY OF MR. BURNS'S POEMS

By advice of friends, Mr. Burns, having resolved to dispose of the property of his *Poems* and having consulted with Mr. Henry M'Kenzie upon the subject, Mr. Creech met with Mr. Burns at Mr. M'Kenzie's house upon Tuesday, the 17th April 1787, in the evening, and they three having retired and conversed upon the subject, Mr. Burns and Mr. Creech referred the sum to be named by Mr. M'Kenzie, as being well acquainted with matters of this kind, when Mr. M'Kenzie said he thought Mr. Burns should have a hundred guineas for the property of his *Poems*.

Mr. Creech said that he agreed to the proposal, but as Scotland was now amply supplied with the very numerous edition now printed, he could write to Mr. Caddell of London to know if he would take a share of the Book, but at any rate Mr. Burns should have the money named by Mr. M'Kenzie, which Mr. Burns most cordially agreed to and to make over the property upon these terms whenever Mr. Creech required him.

Upon Monday, the 23rd of April 1787, Mr. Creech informed Mr. Burns that he had remained in Town expecting Mr. Caddell's answer for three days, as to his taking a share of the property of the *Poems*; but that he had received no answer; yet he would, as formerly proposed and agreed to, take the whole matter upon himself, that Mr. Burns might be at no uncertainty in the matter.

Upon this, both parties considered the transaction as finished.

EDINBURGH, Oct. 23d, 1787.

On demand I promise to pay Mr. Robert Burns, or Order, One Hundred Guineas, value received.

WILLIAM CREECH

ASSIGNATION TO WILLIAM CREECH, 23 APRIL 1787

I, Robert Burns, late in Mossgiel, Parish of Mauchline, Ayrshire, presently residing in Edinburgh, hereby Convey and Make over to William Creech, Bookseller in Edinburgh, his heirs or assignees the sole property legally inherent in me of *Poems* already published by me in One Volume Octavo, and of which I am the Author, with any additions, alterations, or corrections which I may make to the said Volume in any future Edition if such shall be, upon the consideration of the said William Creech paying to me, my heirs or assignees, the sum of One hundred Guineas, for which sum he has presently given me security and satisfaction.

ROBERT BURNS

With the "Assignment" of 1786 and the "Memorandum" of 1787 before him, a recent American biographer concludes that, "when thus disposing of his copyright Burns overlooked the fact that he had already sold to his brother Gilbert all rights to approximately two-thirds of the poems, and that in so far as the poems which had been published at Kilmarnock were concerned he had no title to convey to Creech. 'I hereby dispo[n]e and convey to him in trust for behoof of my said natural daughter the Copyright of said Poems,' Burns had written in the Trust Deed executed on July 22 1786, and properly recorded. By April 17 1787, he had forgotten this entirely, and sold the poems all over again to Creech." (Franklyn Bliss Snyder, *Life of Burns*, page 225.)

This was not so: the poet had not forgotten the Trust Deed, which had been superseded by a later legal document and so had never operated.

### III

Before setting out from Mauchline for Edinburgh on 27 November 1786, Burns had instructed his legal friend Gavin Hamilton to arrange a settlement with Elizabeth Paton. This Hamilton did; and with his own hand he drew up a "discharge" which she initialed—"E P her mark"—on 1st December 1786, in the presence of two witnesses, James Smith, merchant in Mauchline, and Hamilton himself. That document has been missing for some time; but an extract from it, made many years ago by permission of the owner, is available, and may be quoted here to complete the brief story of this episode in the life of the Poet.

The "discharge" records the birth on 22nd May 1785 of a female child, which Burns acknowledged as his, "satisfied the Church and got the Child Christened . . . , and since that period hath given me a pretty liberall allowance . . . to this date, And now, by agreement betwixt Him and I, hath made payment to me of a Certain sum of money, which I have accepted and hereby accept of in full and compleat payment and satisfaction for all Board, wages, cloathing and Education which I can claim for the said Elizabeth our child untill She arrives at the age of Ten years compleat . . . Therefore I exoner, acquit and Discharge the said Robert Burns of all claims I have against Him. . . ."

J. C. E.

## BURNS AND FREEMASONRY IN DUMFRIESSHIRE

In previous dissertations\* I dealt in turn with the Masonic features of Burns's life in Ayrshire and in Edinburgh. To complete the trilogy indicated therein there remains but the concluding stage, his eight years' residence in Dumfriesshire. There, again a farmer and among Masonic confrères, he was back in his natural rural element. But his personal activities in Freemasonry do not bulk so prominently in this stage. For this there were several cogent reasons, each contributing its quota to the result.

In the first place there was lack of opportunity. Masonic lodges in the eighteenth century had not the statutory dates and fixed places of meeting that are the rule today. Nor had Dumfries brethren the Masonic enthusiasm which Burns and his colleagues had helped to infuse into the Ayrshire circles around the Kilwinning centre. For example, the Lodge in which Burns became an office-bearer in Dumfries had no meeting between the St. John Festival in 1793 and that of 1794; and the senior local lodge had to pass a regulation in 1788 that "any member within the district of Masonry who does not dine annually with the Lodge upon St. John's Day shall pay one shilling for his dinner or be expelled." Again, there was in the earlier days of his residence in the county lack of time. During this period he was a married man with the responsibilities and anxieties of a household and the nearest lodge was six miles away. He was a very busy man. Not only had he virtually to rebuild his steading in addition to the routine work of his farm, but from the autumn of 1789 he was an officer of Excise with jurisdiction over ten rural parishes, travelling in this latter capacity over two hundred miles each week, mostly on horseback. Throughout a year's loyal Volunteer service he never once missed the weekly training parade. In addition to those strenuous physical exertions his literary output was phenomenal. Finally, there was the health factor; he was a very sick man. His early hardships had by this time seriously undermined his constitution and the effects were beginning to make themselves apparent. But it is the Masonic element in his career which concerns us at present and despite these obvious handicaps the Dumfries epoch has much that is

\* Ayrshire, Burns Chronicle, 1929; Edinburgh, Burns Chronicle, 1947.

directly and indirectly of more than ordinary Masonic interest. But of that anon.

Burns's first introduction to Dumfriesshire was during his Border tour in 1787 when he spent a week in the county town and received the Freedom of that Royal burgh. A similar honour was later conferred on him by two other Royal burghs in the county, Lochmaben and Sanquhar. These with Annan and the adjacent burgh of Kirkeudbright formed the constituency of Dumfries Burghs which conjointly returned a member to Parliament. Burns wrote the political squib, "The Five Carlins" in connection with the election contest of 1789 which has an indirect Masonic association. In this skit he personified as the Carlins the five burghs and parodied their differences over the candidates seeking their suffrage. One of these candidates was Capt. (later Major) Wm. Miller, the second son of Patrick Miller of Dalswinton, the Poet's landlord, and he was portrayed in the lampoon as a "Sojer youth." He won the 1790 election and became M.P. for the Burghs. He later joined St. Luke's Lodge in Edinburgh and served as its Master from 1807 to 1811. He was a member of Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Scotland from 1809 till 1814 and in 1813 was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire.

During this first visit to Dumfries above recorded Burns paid a visit to Patrick Miller by arrangement, he having purchased the estate of Dalswinton on the River Nith two years previously. They had foregathered in Edinburgh and Miller, aware of his predilection for an agricultural life, had offered a lease of a farm on his estate on advantageous terms. For throughout his brief heyday in the Metropolis Burns cherished no illusions as to what his future course was likely to be, and such tentative plans as he had in his mind were, in the terms of his first Masonic minute, "laid in accordingly." As early as March, 1787, he wrote to Mrs. Dunlop, "I intend to return to my old acquaintance, the plough, and if I can meet with a lease by which I can live, to commence farming." Three months later, however, he wrote to James Smith of Linlithgow, "I have yet fixed on nothing with respect to the serious business of life. I am just as usual a rhyming, mason-making, raking, aimless, idle fellow. However, somewhere I shall have a farm soon." He was doubtless referring here to his active work in St. James Lodge at this time but was doing himself flagrant injustice. This was very typical of him.

Although somewhat dubious as to the outlook Burns took the farm of Ellisland six miles north of Dumfries as from Whitsunday, 1788. It was described as a "poet's choice"



so far as scenery was concerned, but a ramshackle place requiring as above indicated much masonic work of a more laborious type than he was accustomed to in order to render it habitable for his dependants. As another string to his bow he obtained the promise of an appointment in the Excise. Carlyle thought the combination a reasonable one, but how far it was a feasible proposition for one in his condition and circumstances was soon to be demonstrated. In accordance with his plans, however, he underwent the requisite six weeks course of training prior to moving to Ellisland. His instructor was the Tarbolton excise officer, James Findlay, who, incidentally, was to succeed him as Depute Master of St. James Lodge later in the year.

The prospect of the toil entailed by the Ellisland renovations served to damp the ardour of Burns. But once again he relied for consolation on his Masonic brethren for he wrote to Hugh Parker, Kilmarnock, soon after his entry ;

“ Wi’ a’ this care and a’ this grief,  
 And sma’ sma’ prospect of relief,  
 And nought but peat reek i’ my head.  
 How can I write what ye can read?  
 Tarbolton, twenty-fourth o’ June  
 Ye’ll find me in a better tune.”

This anticipated date was the annual summer Masonic festival of St. John the Baptist and the Installation of Findlay as the new Depute Master of the Lodge to ease the burden on his shoulders. Despite this effected change, however, and the assertion made by Dr. Robert Chambers in his “Land of Burns,” the St. James minute-book shows that Burns presided at meetings held at Mauchline—for the Lodge was empowered to meet in either place—on 21st. October and 11th November, although these minutes are not among those which bear his own signature. He was then living in a hut near his new homestead, described\* by him as “an old smokey spence far from every object I love or by whom I am beloved,” labouring each day on his farm and travelling each week-end forty-five miles to his old home at Moss-giel. For here his wife was undergoing instruction in farm management from his mother and sisters preparatory to joining him in December.

Although to Burns in his cheerless plight Dumfries was then† “This strange land, this uncouth climb, A land unknown to prose or rhyme,” it had at this period the dis-

\* Letter to Mrs. Dunlop, 14th June, 1788.

† Epistle to Hugh Parker.

tion of a fashionable resort; "a minor capital ruling in the South with nearly as much sway as Edinburgh rules the East. It is a place of snugness, of opulence, of taste and of pretension, as the residence and resort of genteel families, who form a comparatively large proportion of its population and give a very perceptible tone to its manners." (Wilson's Imperial Gazetteer of Scotland; 1865) It was also rich in old Masonic lodges. Although its population was but 8000 it could boast of no less than five. The senior of these was "Ye olde Lodge of Dumfries" claiming precedence from 1575. It still treasures records from 1687 and four copies of the "Antient Charges" of much earlier date. Its charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland itself constituted in 1736, dates from 1750 when it elected to throw in its lot with the new central governing body. It is now No. 53 on the roll as the "Dumfries Kilwinning" Lodge. This was not the lodge to which Burns gravitated although it has interesting associations with him. Here his eldest son, Robert, was initiated in August 1833 after his retiral from the Stamp Office in London with 29 years service and the minute records that "as a mark of respect to his illustrious descent it was agreed to elect him without payment of the usual fees." He later acted for some years as its Secretary and became Master in 1845. He died in 1857. It is also of passing interest to note that Dr. Blacklock, Burns's Masonic friend, was also initiated here prior to his translation to Edinburgh where he affiliated to Lodge St. Luke.

Whether because of its name or its early connection with the Customs and Excise service the Lodge patronised by Burns was Dumfries St. Andrew's, No. 179. It dated from 1774 and was colloquially known later as "Burns's Lodge." Here he affiliated on 27th December, 1788, the palpable inaccuracies in the minute of the occasion being doubtless the sequel to the celebration recorded. "St. John's Day, 27th December, 1788. The Brethern having Celebrated the Anniversary of St. John in the usual manner and Brother Robt. Burns in Aelliesland of St. Davids Strabolton Lodge No.178 being present the Lodge unanimously assumed him a member of the Lodge being a Master Masson he subscribed the regulations as a member. Thereafter the Lodge was shut. Tim Mackenzie. "Burns remained an active member of this Lodge until his death. The most notable of the relics of his connection with it is the apron presented to him by the Laird of Hoddam, Master of the Lodge and Provincial Grand Master of Dumfriesshire. It is described as "Chamois leather, very fine, with figures of gold some of them relieved with green, others with a dark red colour. On the

underside of the semicircular part which is turned down at the top is written in a bold fair hand, 'Charles Sharpe of Hotham to Rabbie Burns. Dumfries, Dec. 12, 1791.' In those days there was no restriction on the embroidery or embellishment of the Masonic apron such as is in force today and artists were at liberty to adorn them with any designs which might appear to them appropriate. Hence the gold and green figures depicted on this presentation one. The part turned down at the top, the flap, has the semicircular shape peculiar to Scotland, those of England and Ireland and most others being triangular.

In August, 1791, the Lodge took part in an important Masonic function, the laying of the foundation stone of the new bridge over the River Nith. This bridge was to replace the old thirteenth century structure close by, which was justly reputed to be the finest specimen of this type of masonry in Scotland and second only to London Bridge in the British Isles. Although there is no known record extant of Burns's presence at this ceremony it is highly improbable that he would miss such an outstanding Masonic event in his immediate vicinity in which his own lodge bore a share. The bridge was opened for traffic in 1794. The foundation stone had an elaborate Latin inscription which is translated thus: "By the will of Almighty God, in the reign of the most august prince, George III, and in a most flourishing period of the British Empire, the foundation stone of the bridge over Nith, to be built for public convenience and at the joint expense of the county and town of Dumfries and Stewarty of Kirkcudbright, was laid amid the acclamations of a numerous concourse of spectators by Alexander Fergusson of Craigdarroch Esq., Grand Master of the Mason Lodges constituted in the southern district of Scotland, accompanied by a respectable body of the Order, on the 19th. August of the Christian era 1791, from the institution of Masonry 5791. May the undertaking be fortunate and merit the approbation of the posterity."

The inevitable crisis at Ellisland occurred in 1791 and in November of that year Burns gave up his lease, sold off his stock and effects at what he considered a good figure, and prepared to devote his whole time and remaining energy to his new profession of gauger:

"Searching auld wives' barrels.

Ochon, the day!

That clarty barm should stain my laurels;

But what'll ye say?

These movin' things ca'd wives an' weans

Wad move the very hearts o' stanes!"

He had secured a transfer to Dumfries town in December with increased emoluments and he moved to a small house in the Wee Vennel there, now Bank Street. From this time he was freer to attend the meetings of Lodge St. Andrew's and of sixteen meetings held from this time until his death he is recorded as attending eleven. The list of these is :

1791. 27 December	1792. 30 November
1792. 6 February	1793. 30 November
„ 14 May	1794. 29 November
„ 31 May	1796. 28 January
„ 5 June	„ 14 April
„ 22 November	

In May, 1793, he removed to a more commodious dwelling in "Millbrae Hole" or Mill Vennel, now renamed Burns Street. He was appointed a Steward of Lodge St. Andrew's in February, 1792, and on 30th. November was elected Senior Warden. In this office he was present on St. Andrew's day the following year and again in 1794, no meetings as already noted having taken place in the interval. At the meeting on 5th. June, 1792, the minute records, "Ed. Andrews of the Dragoons and John Syme, Esq., of Barncaillie, were admitted brethren without fees." Syme was notorious for his hospitable board and Burns, one of his intimates, was a frequent visitor at his home. It was here that he inscribed on a tumbler the premonitory lines :

"There's Death in the cup, so beware!  
 Nay more—there is danger in touching;  
 But who can avoid the fell snare,  
 The man and his wine's so betwitching."

Unfortunately Syme's unenviable reputation as a left wing revolutionary was apt to compromise, and certainly did compromise Burns unduly, so frequently is a man judged by the company he keeps.

On 28th. January, 1796, "Mr. James Georgeson, merchant in Liverpool appeared and who being recommended by Bro. Burns was admitted apprentice." It was also agreed at this meeting, as was frequently the practice, that the admission fees of the new apprentice be applied towards the expenses of the assemblage! The last meeting at which Burns was present was on 14th. April. He had given his promise to attend on that occasion to see his friend Capt. Adam Gordon initiated and out of loyalty to him he fulfilled his promise although he was then in the throes of his fatal malady. He died on 21st. July.

Like Burns's Mother Lodge, first registered as "Tarbolton's St. David's" the Dumfries St. Andrew's Lodge met with adverse circumstances and became dormant. But while the infusion of fresh blood had a stimulating effect at Tarbolton ensuring revival under the more up-to-date title of "St. David, Tarbolton and Mauchline," no such luck attended Dumfries St. Andrew's. Its meetings, few and irregular at best, ceased altogether in 1804 and in 1816 it was finally deleted from the roll of Grand Lodge. In 1879 Grand Secretary Murray Lyon noticed that some of its effects were advertised for sale by public roup and he promptly secured them. When he reported his purchase to Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, then Grand Master Mason, Sir Michael paid the purchase price and presented the relics to Grand Lodge where they now repose. They include the minute-book with the record of Burns's affiliation and attendances and his signature to the byelaws; the lodge gavel and one of its aprons.

In the Dumfries years the traducers of Burns were at their zenith. They were few but venomous for political, ecclesiastical and other reasons, as a revenge for his many biting satires, and Freemasonry bore the brunt of their heaviest artillery. Its convivial gatherings—and in those days many were undoubtedly bacchanalian—were adjudged responsible for his rapid physical deterioration. Nor were some of his brethren such as Syme and Heron, "companions of his social joys," altogether guiltless in this respect. Early narrow-minded biographers accepted and unfortunately promulgated these propagandist calumnies and later ones re-echoed them without due investigation. "But it is the doctor and not the moralist who must answer this."\* Modern research in scientific fields affords us more enlightened perception, and here I quote the expert opinion of the late Sir James Crichton-Browne, an eminent physician and Vice-President of the Royal Institution: † "Burns's death was not an accidental event but the natural consequence of a long series of events that had preceded it, though these events were not of the nature that Carlyle surmised. Burns died of endocarditis, a disease of the substance and lining membrane of the heart, with the origination of which alcohol has nothing to do. It was rheumatism that was the undoing of Burns. It attacked him in early life, damaged his heart, embittered his life and cut short his career." Sir James, indeed, blames a faulty medical diagnosis due to imperfect

\* Professor Hans Hecht of Gottingen in his "Robert Burns," 1936.

† "Burns from a New Point of View," by Sir James Crichton-Browne.

knowledge and there is no question as to the truth of his conclusions. On his deathbed Burns said to his wife, "Don't be afraid, Jean; I'll be more respected a hundred years after I'm dead than I am now." The Dumfries Mausoleum and Trusts, the many Ayrshire memorials, and the multitude of Burns Associations throughout the universe provide abundant fulfilment of that dying prophecy.

R. T. HALLIDAY

### J. C. DICK, EDITOR OF BURNS'S SONGS

It is a great pity that so little is known about James Chalmers Dick, whose photograph, by the kind permission of his friend, Mr. A. W. Johnston of Newcastle, is reproduced in this number of the *Burns Chronicle*. A keen student of music, a founder of the Chamber Music Society in Newcastle (1880), and the friend of Joseph Joachim, the famous violinist, Dick published in 1903 *The songs of Robert Burns*. This pioneer and authoritative work, with its scholarly notes on each song, was a labour of love based upon long and careful study of Scottish music in relation to the bard's verses for the airs he selected. His conclusion was: "I designate Burns a tone-poet because he wrote for music, and his songs with their airs are a study in tone-poetry."

Mr. Dick preferred the unexpurgated text of Burns's songs as drawn from his manuscripts, from authorised editions, and from Johnson's *Scots Musical Museum*, which he regarded as "the standard collection of Scottish Song," not to be superseded as a work of reference. Similarly the airs are those named in Burns's writings, and the settings from an "examination of several hundred song books of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries."

Mr. Dick died at Newcastle on 15th October 1907, but though he was almost certainly a Scot we have been unable as yet to trace either the place or the date of his birth.

F. R. and J. H. B.

MRS. BEGG'S REMINISCENCES OF BURNS  
THE FIDDLER

Mrs. Isabella Burns Begg's reminiscences of her distinguished brother are well-known to readers of Burns, chiefly through their publication by Dr. Robert Chambers, biographer and editor of the Poet. Not so well-known is a series of Answers to Queries submitted to her by Captain Charles Gray, R.M., poet and critic, and communicated by him to George Farquhar Graham, who printed it in the second volume (pp. 160-163) of his edition of the *Songs of Scotland* (Edinburgh, 1849-50, 3 vols.). Accordingly it is reprinted here for more convenient reference.

CHARLES GRAY TO GEORGE FARQUHAR GRAHAM

Crummock, Beith, Ayrshire, January, 1847.

My Dear Sir,—Keeping in mind your advice that I should take notes of everything that Mrs. Begg might choose to relate to me respecting her brother, I have made several memoranda, of which one may be particularly interesting to you at the present time, as Editor of Wood's "Songs of Scotland." On asking Mrs. Begg if the Poet played on any instrument, she answered "yes, a little on the violin." "He would be no great proficient, I suppose?" "No: his playing was something like his singing—

"Rude and rough;  
But croonin' to a bodie's sel'  
Does weel enough."

This intimation will at once explain to you the mastery which Burns acquired over the difficult art of adapting words to our old national melodies. However little Burns' knowledge of music may have been, without that little he never could have attained that nicety of accentuation which is so necessary when words are to be vocally expressed. I trust you will agree with me in looking upon this discovery, small at it may appear to me, as the secret of Burns' success in lyrical composition. We have under Burns' own hand that he could not write words for an air unless he was master of it in his own way. Now, as Burns wrote songs for most of

our old Scottish airs, and retouched the greater part of our old Scottish ballads, it is quite clear that he could not have *mastered all the melodies*, even in his own way, without the help of an instrument. That instrument, we now find, was the violin. . . . We may take it for granted then that Burns' knowledge of 'music was sufficient to account for the exquisite tact which Moore admits he had in adapting new words to our old melodies; an art which he (Moore) thought altogether unattainable, except by one well-skilled in the art of musical composition. . . .

I am, &c.

CHARLES GRAY

Burns' first fiddle-playing began in the summer of 1781, and winter and summer of 1781-82.

In 1847 the Editor sent to his friend, Captain Charles Gray, R.M., some questions regarding Burns' musical acquirements. Captain Gray submitted these questions to Mrs. Begg, Burns' sister, with whom he was well acquainted, and obtained from her the answers here given. These answers are quite sufficient to show that Burns had *some* practical knowledge of music. Whatever might be the amount of his musical acquirements from 1781 to 1796, it was enough, for a man of his powerful intelligence, to enable him to adapt words to music in a manner that few others have been able to do; and so as to puzzle extremely the distinguished Irish poet, Moore, who was led to believe that Burns was totally ignorant of music.

#### QUERIES

1. Did Robert Burns *read* written or printed music, and could he write down music?

2. Did he play and sing entirely by the ear, or did he *read* from airs printed or written?

3. What sort of airs did he seem to prefer—slow and pathetic ones, or quick and lively ones—or did he relish both equally?

4. What became of his violin that he used to play upon? Where did he get it? Did anybody ever teach him music?

5. Was it he, or Stephen Clarke, or some one else, who wrote down the airs that he occasionally sent to Johnson and to G. Thomson?

6.

7. Question by Captain Charles Gray, R.M.—Did Mrs. Begg ever see any one dancing to the Poet's music?



## ANSWERS

1. Burns could read music, either written or printed. I have seen him write *sacred* music, but never any other.

2. He played from printed airs.

3. He liked both; but at that time pathetic airs had a decided preference. "Loch Eroch-Side" was one he often played; also, "My Nanny, O," "Tweedside," "For Lack of Gold," "Cold Frosty Morning," "Auld Rob Morris," &c. Strathspeys were his favourites in lively tunes.

4. Mrs. Begg cannot say what became of his violin. Last time she saw it, it was hanging in his bedroom in Ellisland. Has forgot where he got it. Got it two years before he left Lochlea. He never got any instructions in playing, but attended a singing-school (for sacred music) two months in Lochlea, when the teacher got the use of their *barn*, and all the young people in the neighbourhood attended. After going to Mossgiel he went three months to a singing-school in Mauchline, which is the sum total of his musical education.

5. Can't say who wrote these airs. After he went to Dumfriesshire, knew less of his doings.

6.

7. No: never saw anyone dance to his music. He had not arrived at such perfection in his fiddle-playing.

We have left the sixth question and its answer blank, because both referred merely to a visit paid by Mrs. Begg some years ago at Prestonpans, to the lady alluded to, p. 77 of this volume, in the Note upon "Lochaber no more." In September 1848, Mrs. Begg informs Captain Gray that Burns practised on the violin for about twelve months or so. He used to play in summer when they took shelter from the rain; and in winter he used to rise early in the mornings and *chap up the gathering coal*, and play away for the amusement of those in bed—so that could not be borne for ever, and speedily came to an end." In a letter in 1790 from Burns, under a fictitious signature, to Charles Sharpe, Esq., of Hoddan, Burns says, "I am a fiddler and a poet; and you, I am told, play an exquisite violin, and have a standard taste in the Belles Lettres. The other day a brother catgut gave me a charming Scotch air of your composition. If I was pleased with the tune, I was in raptures with the title you have given it; and taking up the idea, I have spun it into three stanzas enclosed." The Editor may remark that this curious passage, in which Burns himself confirms the fact of his fiddle-playing, has been hitherto altogether overlooked

by his commentators. It does not follow, from Mrs. Begg's recollection of Burns' violin practice at Lochlea in 1781-82, that he gave up the violin entirely in 1783, after the death of his father. In the fifth Answer, she says, "After he went to Dumfriesshire, (she) knew less of his doings." So that he might have continued to practise the violin after 1783 without her knowledge. This letter, in 1790, to Charles Sharpe, Esq., of Hoddam, indicates that he was then still "a fiddler." The editor has been promised some farther information regarding Burns' violin-playing subsequent to the year 1783.

J. C. E.

### ENTERTAINMENTS TAX

The following circular, which was drawn up some years ago by the late Mr. Philip Sulley and approved by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, is reprinted here for the information of officials of federated Burns Clubs. The reference No. of the Commissioners' letter approving of the circular is 329584/1932 of 11th March, 1933.

For the information of Burns Clubs arranging a Dinner or Supper, for which admission is by ticket at a price to defray cost of food and ordinary expenses (printing, hire of hall, piano, &c.), and at which songs and music are interspersed with an ordinary Toast List—and any advertisement or announcement refers only to a Dinner or Supper—it may be stated, according to the ruling of the Excise Authorities, that there is no liability to Entertainment Tax. Any payment to a musician, singer, or entertainer renders the gathering liable to the Tax.

Where a concert or entertainment is arranged, the Tax must be paid. If, however, the clear proceeds are to be devoted to charity, and the total expenses will not exceed Fifty per cent. of the total drawings, exemption can be obtained beforehand by application through the local office of Customs and Excise, on making a deposit, or repayment may be obtained later. In every such case precise accounts must be supplied.

## THE FIRST " BURNS NICHT " (ALLOWAY)

AND

## THE FIRST BURNS CLUB (GREENOCK)

When and where was the first " Burns Nicht " held? How did the poet's fellow-countrymen start celebrating his birthday and banding themselves together for a national festival in his honour which for universality and enthusiasm rivals the Scots New Year itself? These questions have often been asked, but they have never been answered to the satisfaction of those most keenly interested in the Burns cult and in the history of the hundreds of Burns Clubs which are the chief custodians of organised commemoration of the poet.

It has generally been agreed that the honour of holding the first celebration of Burns's birthday belongs to either Alloway or Greenock—but to which of them? The truth, on investigation, seems to be that Alloway had the first Burns Dinner, but that Greenock was first to form a Burns Club proper and held the earliest Club meeting.

The gathering at Alloway took place, appropriately, in the poet's own birthplace, the " auld clay biggin," in 1801, only five years after his death. But to a world in which " the twenty-fifth " can mean only January it seems curiously inappropriate that the event was held in the *summer* of that year. No contemporary report of it is known to exist, but an account was written in 1819 by the Rev. Hamilton Paul, who was an assistant minister in Ayrshire in 1801 and was present at the meeting.

Greenock Burnsians also met in the summer of 1801. One writer on the Greenock Club claims " as a well-known fact " that " Greenock was the first place to establish a society specifically named after Robert Burns "; while another says that " Greenock was the first place which commemorated his birthday in Scotland." There are here two claims, the first of which is admitted, the other not. The Club was constituted at a meeting of citizens held on 21st July 1801, the anniversary of Burns's death, but its first celebration did not take place until 29th January 1802. This gives the Alloway meeting priority, and all the evidence points to its being the first of thousands of gatherings in Burns's honour which have been held annually all over the world for many years past. Accounts of the Alloway meetings, which became

annual events, were not, however, referred to as Club meetings for several years, and it does not appear that at first there was a Club there.

With whom originated the idea of celebrating the anniversary of the poet at Alloway is unknown, but from the fact that the name of Burns's early patrons and friends, John Ballantine (Provost of Ayr), and Robert Aiken ("Orator Bob" of "The Kirk's Alarm"), head a list of nine persons present at the gathering in 1801, it may be safely concluded that they had something to do with it, and that, therefore, the tradition of Burns nights, unbroken ever since, traces right back to Burns's personal friends.

The account written by the Rev. Hamilton Paul says that "the party was small but select, and formed a most interesting group from the circumstances of nearly one half of the company having their names associated with some of the most gratifying particulars in the poet's history. The meeting consisted," he proceeds, "of the following sincere friends and admirers of their far-famed countryman:

William Crawford, Esq., of Doonside, by whose father the father of Burns had been employed in the capacity of a Gardener.

John Ballantine, Esq., to whom Burns addressed "The Twa Brigs o' Ayr."

Robert Aiken, Esq., to whom he dedicated "The Cottar's Saturday Night."

Patrick Douglas, Esq., of Garallan, by whose interest he was to have obtained a situation in Jamaica, had he followed out his intention of repairing to that Island.

Primrose Kennedy, Esq., of Drumellan.

Hew Ferguson, Esq., Barrack-master, Ayr.

David Scott, Esq., Banker, Ayr.

Thomas Jackson, Esq., LL.D., Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of St. Andrews.

The Rev. Hamilton Paul, who had been previously solicited by Provost Ballantine to prepare a few verses suited to the occasion, and who has since written eighteen anniversary Odes in commemoration of the birthday of Burns."

The account goes on to tell that "the company of nine sat down to a comfortable dinner, of which sheep's head and haggis formed an interesting part. . . . Before breaking up, the company unanimously resolved that the Anniversary of Burns should be regularly celebrated, and that the meeting should take place on 29th January, the supposed birthday of the Poet." The strange difficulty the 25th had in establishing itself is explained by the fact that Dr. James

Currie, the Poet's official biographer, in his *Life of Burns*, published in 1800, affirmed that the Poet was born on 29th January 1759, and this although he had in his hands the Poet's manuscript of the song, "There was a lad was born in Kyle," with its definite assertion that at Burns's birth

"Our monarch's hindmost year but ane  
Was five-and-twenty days begun."

Continuing his story, the Rev. Hamilton Paul states that the succeeding festivals were honoured by the presence of the most distinguished characters in the town and neighbourhood, that an additional room was built on to the south end of the cottage (about 1815), but that the numbers increased to such a degree that they could not, without the utmost difficulty, be accommodated. He then relates that "on 29th January 1802, the Club mustered to the number of twenty, consisting of the former nine," with additions. Although allusion is thus made to "the Club," no record is known of a Club having been constituted in Alloway before or at that date. The earliest reference to a Club there seems to be in the Rev. Hamilton Paul's poetical "Farewell to the Alloway Club," written for the celebration of 1809.

Accounts of subsequent meetings at Alloway were given annually in the press. The *Glasgow Courier* of 4th February 1802 thus reports the meeting held on the preceding 29th January:

"Yesterday a select party of the friends and admirers of our inimitable Airshire Bard met to dinner in the Room in which the Poet was born, to commemorate his birth day, when the following Ode, composed for the occasion by one of the Company, was read.

(Message from Air, dated 30th January 1802.)

ODE FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH  
DAY OF BURNS, 29th JANUARY 1802

(By Rev. HAMILTON PAUL)

Tho' clouds obscure the wint'ry skies,  
Tho' woodland honours disappear,  
Tho' storms in all their horror rise  
And waste the joyless year;  
Yet friendly, social, cheerful, gay,  
With wine and song and mirth,  
Be't ours to hail the welcome day  
That lighted first the heavenly ray  
And gave true genius birth. . . ."

There are twenty-seven lines in all in this Anniversary Ode.

The *Courier* of 3rd February 1803 records the next meeting :

“ On Saturday, the 29th instant, a select party of the patrons and admirers of our Ayrshire Poet, Burns, met to dinner at Alloway, in the room in which he was born, to celebrate his birth day, when the following Ode, composed for the occasion by one of the company, was read ; but a doubt having arisen whether the 25th or 29th of January was his birth day, and the register of births for the parish of Ayr having been searched, it thereby appears that the 25th, and not the 29th, as has hitherto been most generally believed, was the birth day of our Poet, and in the year 1759.’

The Rev. Hamilton Paul is still the official bard of Burns. His three-verse ode for the 1803 meeting is as follows :

Let others, enamour'd of seasons more gay,  
 Their Harps to the primrosy April attune !  
 Let them carol the sweets of the lily-rob'd May  
 Or garnish their lays with the rose-bud of June !  
 Not the season of beauty, the prime of the year,  
 So charming, so lovely, to me can appear  
 As the day when the Poet to Scotia dear  
 First open'd his eyes on the Banks of the Doon.  
 O ! that the-lov'd Bard, ere his Spirit was flown,  
 Ere he bade a short life of misfortune adieu,  
 Wide over my shoulders his mantle had thrown !  
 I'd have breath'd a strain worthy of him and of you ;  
 But alas ! cold for ever's the soul-kindling fire,  
 Mute the tongue that could captivate, ravage, inspire !  
 While the hands of the feeble awaken the lyre  
 And the Muses sigh out, ' Our adorers are few.'  
 Yet duly will we, as this season returns,  
 With joy to the lowly roof'd Cottage repair,  
 And, as we pour out a libation to Burns,  
 We'll toast the sweet Dames of the Doon and the Ayr !  
 And sing, till each river his woodlands among  
 Bid his rocks and his caverns re-echo the song,  
 And the winds, on their wings, waft delighted along  
 Our esteem of the Bard, and our love to the Fair.

It is strange that in spite of the 25th being established in 1803 as the actual birthday, the next meeting took place on the 28th of January in the following year. Thus, on 4th February 1804, it is recounted in the *Courier* that : “ On Saturday, 28th January, 1804, a select party of friends

and admirers of our native Bard met at the Cottage in which he was born, to celebrate his Birth day." Then the celebration was again switched from winter to summer. According to the *Ayr Advertiser* of 27th June 1805: "A numerous and respectable party . . . met on the 22nd inst. in the Cottage in which he was born to pay a tribute of respect to his memory. The Birthday of the Poet being 25th January, it had been judged expedient . . . to transfer the anniversary from winter to summer." And summer celebrations were held also in 1806, 1807, and 1808. "The Anniversary of Burns, the poet, was commemorated on the 19th current in his native Cottage in this neighbourhood by a numerous company," states the *Courier* of 26th July 1806.

The 1809 celebration is chronicled in the Rev. Hamilton Paul's article of ten years later, which concludes with his "Farewell to the Allowa Club, recited at the ninth anniversary, being the last at which the author was present." It appears, therefore, that by this time the Alloway friends had constituted themselves as a Club.

In 1810 there was a further Alloway meeting, held on 29th January. According to the *Ayr Advertiser*, it took place in the King's Arms Inn, and from the account given in the *Glasgow Courier* of 3rd February 1810 it appears that Burns celebrations were by now spreading and establishing themselves. "Monday, the 29th January," says the *Courier*, "the anniversary of the Poet's birth, was celebrated at Ayr, Kilmarnock and Greenock, with all that fervour and animation so characteristic of Scotsmen when met to commemorate the excellence of their inimitable Bard. A number of non-commissioned officers and privates of the Argyll Militia went out from Ayr to Alloway and visited the Cottage where Burns was born, attended by the Band of the Regiment, who played a number of appropriate airs. . . ."

The Alloway Club later passed out of existence, the present Club of the name being founded in 1908, but after Greenock's lead Burns Clubs sprang up thick and fast all over Scotland.

ELIZABETH EWING

## ROBERT BURNS—A MESSAGE FOR TO-DAY

“ The best laid schemes o’ mice an’ men  
Gang aft a-gley,  
An’ lea’e us nought but grief and pain  
For promis’d joy.”

So spoke Robert Burns in a well-loved address to that humblest of earthly creatures, the field-mouse.

And now in 1947, as we mark the 151st Anniversary of the poet’s death at Dumfries, it would not come amiss, I think, if those of us who revere his memory were to look upon the troubled events of our day as reminders for sober reflection; were to consider anew the timeless message of the immortal bard—a message so sorely needed at this present stage in history, when nation once again vies with nation over seemingly insoluble differences . . . when great hopes for the future, so recently revived with the cessation of world hostilities, are growing daily dimmer under the ominous shadow of fresh international disputes.

For Burns, like all truly great men, was a passionate believer in universal brotherhood—his dream was of a world-wide fraternity of men based upon the twin principles of human dignity and independence of character. This dauntless spirit of independence was the very essence of the man during his lifetime and it is the quality that shines forth most clearly out of every line he penned. Burns has sometimes been described as a politician, but he was by his very nature far above the limited doctrines and ideologies usually associated with the man of politics. The broad philosophies of Scotland’s greatest son—profound in their very simplicity—were the products of a deep understanding of human problems, an undying love for his fellow-man, and a burning hatred of injustice and hypocrisy in any shape or form. Rightly has Robert Burns been called the Spokesman of Humanity, for the voice of the peasant-poet—eternal champion of the humble and oppressed—is the voice of ordinary honest people everywhere. A voice that sometimes thunders with righteous indignation—at others, speaks tenderly of love and beauty. . . . And sometimes, with moving sadness, laments the bitterness and suffering that are the inevitable results of “man’s inhumanity to man.”



Born amidst poverty and ill-fortune, Burns grew into manhood under the same two exacting masters—his life prematurely wrecked, not so much by his oft-publicised fondness for the tavern as by the relentless toil he was obliged to undergo in the fields. Yet throughout a lifetime of privation and hardship he at all times retained the simple dignity that marked him out in any company as a man apart. Always there is evidence of that warm heart that loved all living things, great or small—while his faith in the ultimate high destiny of man was indestructible. Perhaps because of his own lowly station and the amount of sorrow he experienced on life's turbulent journey, Burns clearly recognised the value of a contented heart, however humble—just as he saw through the shallow vanities of wealth and privilege with a foresight that was at times amazing :

“ It's no' in titles nor in rank ;  
 It's no' in wealth like Lon'on bank ;  
     To purchase peace and rest ;  
 It's no' in making muckle mair ;  
 It's no' in books, it's no' in lear ;  
     To make us truly blest ;  
 If happiness hae not her seat  
     And centre in the breast,  
 We may be wise, or rich, or great,  
     But never can be blest.  
 Nae treasures nor pleasures  
     Could make us happy lang ;  
 The heart aye's the part aye,  
     That makes us right or wrang.”

Though untutored and unlettered, by all academic standards, this inspired son of a Scottish peasant rose to be the greatest lyric poet of all time—a man whose words have delighted and astonished millions of people in every corner of this vast universe. His greatest asset was that he spoke from the heart, with a conviction born of sincerity, in a language whose exquisite beauty was his natural heritage. In his day Burns knew the glow of fame—though never the security of fortune. . . . From the homely hearth-stone of a tiny cottage on the banks of Ayr to the highest literary circles of Edinburgh was a big step—but not too big a step for a man of Robert Burns's stature. Acclamation and glory were his—

yet it is significant that this great natural genius once expressed his strongest desire in the following words :

“ Ev'n then a wish (I mind its power—)  
 A wish that to my latest hour  
 Shall strongly heave my breast :  
 That I for poor old Scotland's sake  
 Some usefu' plan or book could make,  
 Or sing a sang at least.”

Happily for posterity Burns never lost sight of that objective ; but I doubt if even he could have foreseen the universal affection that has sprung up for so many of his lovely compositions. Always alive to the beauties of his native surroundings, Burns kept these in mind as the background to many of his purest gems of song. Such verses as “ Afton Water,” “ Ye Banks And Braes O' Bonnie Doon,” “ My Love Is Like A Red Red Rose,” “ Bonnie Wee Thing,” “ Mary Morrison,” “ Green Grow The Rashes O,” “ Scots Wha Hae ” and “ Auld Lang Syne ” are too well-known to call for comment here. They speak most eloquently for themselves. . . .

Of Burns's many poems, “ The Cottar's Saturday Night ” is rightly acknowledged to be his greatest. Consider the wisdom and rare beauty of perception in this stanza, which describes what was to him a well-loved scene—the simple family worship of the cottager :

“ Compar'd with this, how poor Religion's pride,  
 In all the pomp of method and of art,  
 When men display to congregations wide  
 Devotion's ev'ry grace, except the heart !  
 The Pow'r, incens'd the pageant will desert,  
 The pompous strain, the sacerdotal stole ;  
 But haply, in some cottage far apart,  
 May hear, well pleas'd, the language of the soul ;  
 And in His book of life the inmates poor enrol.”

Yes, many are the brilliant works that flowed from this most diligent of pens—lines such as “ Tam O' Shanter,” “ Hallowe'en,” “ The twa Dogs,” “ Address To The Deil ” and “ The Holy Fair,” to name but a few. Yet in spite of the power, the wit, the sparkling satire contained in these various poems, I think the words that linger easiest in the minds of Burnsians everywhere are the plain, unaffected thoughts set down by the poet after some commonplace daily happening. Such are his lines “ To A Mouse,” already referred to, which

Burns composed one day after he had accidentally disturbed the nest of the tiny creature with the blade of his plough. Has ever a truly generous and charitable nature found such complete expression as in these words? :

“ Wee, sleekit, cow’rin, tim’rous beastie,  
 O what a panic’s in thy breastie!  
 Thou need na start awa sae hasty,  
 Wi’ bickering brattle!  
 I wad be laith to rin an’ chase thee  
 Wi’ murd’ring pattle!

I’m truly sorry man’s dominion  
 Has broken Nature’s social union,  
 An’ justifies that ill opinion  
 Which makes thee startle  
 At me, thy poor earth-born companion,  
 An’ fellow-mortal!”

And the closing lines show Burns at his most philosophical. How strangely fitting these words sound to-day! :

“ Still thou art blest compar’d wi’ me!  
 The present only toucheth thee:  
 But oh! I backward cast my e’e  
 On prospects drear!  
 An’ forward tho’ I canna see,  
 I guess an’ fear.”

That Burns wrote mainly in his native dialect is a fortunate circumstance indeed; for here the rich beauties of the Doric are utilised to the full—and to the ear which responds to the evergreen enchantment of the Scottish tongue, the songs and poems of Robert Burns must forever be a fountain of unlimited joy and inspiration. . . .

That the influence of Scotia’s beloved bard is worldwide is evidenced by the fact that on January 25th of each year, men of all races and creeds foregather at their various Clubs and Societies to pay homage to his memory. Annually too, there are regular pilgrimages to “ the auld clay biggin ” at Alloway where the poet first saw the light of day—as there are to the tiny dwelling-house at Dumfries where, 151 years ago, he departed from this life at the age of 37. . . . The fact that these hallowed spots can attract so many people of diverse origins and interests speaks volumes for the universal esteem in which Burns is held to-day—demonstrates far more convincingly than words can ever do that the noble sentiments

of this gifted Ayrshire ploughman still have a place in the minds of countless men and women who put Humanity first and Nationality afterwards. (It is interesting to note, in passing, that one of the poet's most enthusiastic admirers was another of history's great humanitarians, Abraham Lincoln.)

Many references have been made in the past to those wonderful lines, "A Man's A Man For A' That." Frequently it has been pointed out that within the compass of this single poem are contained all the aspirations and ideals for which free men everywhere have fought and died through six war-torn years of struggle and anguish—for which indeed they are still striving at the present time. . . . On this occasion I offer no apology for making further reference to this magnificent piece of writing—for, to my mind, the ardent hopes of thinking men throughout the ages have never been so neatly yet adequately summarised as in the following lines:

" Is there, for honest poverty,  
 That hangs his head, and a' that?  
 The coward-slave, we pass him by,  
 We dare be poor for a' that!  
 For a' that, and a' that;  
 Our toils obscure, and a' that;  
 The rank is but the guinea-stamp;  
 The man's the gowd for a' that.

What tho' on hamely fare we dine,  
 Wear hodden-gray, and a' that?  
 Gie fools their silks, and knaves their wine,  
 A man's a man for a' that.  
 For a' that, and a' that,  
 Their tinsel show, and a' that;  
 The honest man, tho' e'er sae poor,  
 Is King o' men for a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may,  
 As come it will for a' that;  
 That sense and worth, o'er all the earth,  
 May bear the gree, and a' that.  
 For a' that, and a' that,  
 It's coming yet, for a' that,  
 That man to man the warld o'er  
 Shall brothers be for a' that."

Is it too much to hope that mankind will one day see things  
 Robbie Burns's way?

LESLIE J. PHYTHIAN

## BURNS'S " FIRST CLERIC CHARACTER I EVER SAW "

### BISHOP JOHN GEDDES

When at Edinburgh in 1786-1787 Burns was introduced by Henry Erskine to Lord Monboddo, and was several times a guest at the law lord's supper parties at 13 St. John Street. At one of these he met the Roman Catholic Bishop, John Geddes, and a mutual liking seems at once to have arisen between them.

Two letters written by Geddes to a friend, John Thomson of the Scots College in Rome, show the measure of his admiration for Burns. These letters are printed in Dr. J. F. S. Gordon's *Scotichronicon* (1867), but seem to have escaped the notice of students of Burns and are not included in any Burnsiana. In the first of these, dated January 1787, Geddes wrote that "one Burns, an Ayrshire ploughman, has lately appeared as a very good Poet. One edition of his works has been sold rapidly, and another by subscription is in the press." In March of the same year he repeated the information: "There is an excellent Poet started up in Ayrshire, where he has been a ploughman; he has made many excellent poems in old Scotch, which are now in the press for the third time. I shall send them to you. His name is Burns. He is only twenty-eight years old; he is in town just now, and I supped with him once at Lord Monboddo's, where I conversed a good deal with him, and think him a man of uncommon genius; and he has, as yet, time, if he lives, to cultivate it." Geddes gave concrete form to this interest which he felt in Burns by entering five of the Scots Colleges abroad, including Valladolid where he himself had been rector for some years, in the subscription list to the Edinburgh edition of 1787.

We do not know much about Geddes beyond the bare outline of his life. He was born in Banffshire in 1735, entered the Scots College in Rome in 1750, was appointed Joint Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Lowland Scotland in 1779, was consecrated Bishop of Morocco at Madrid in 1780, and retired in 1797. He appears to have been universally regarded as a man of great learning and social charm, and to have mixed widely in literary circles in the Capital.

That Burns greatly admired him and valued his friendship is shown in a letter which the poet wrote to Mrs. Dunlop on 24th November 1787. In this letter, after referring to Professor Dugald Stewart as the only man he had met who was completely free from social snobbishness and who regarded all men merely "as they *act their parts*," he continued—"to him I might perhaps add another instance, a Popish Bishop, Geddes; but I have outraged that gloomy, fiery Presbyterianism enough already, though I don't spit in her lugubrious face by telling her that the first Cleric character I ever saw was a Roman Catholic." Burns wrote a letter to Geddes from Ellisland on 3rd February 1789, in which, after mentioning his own marriage and prospects in life, he expressed the hope that he would meet Geddes again in March of that year, and declared that, while he did not value the "merely great," he could not "lose the patronising notice of the Learned and the Good without the bitterest regret." With this letter Burns returned to Geddes his copy of the Edinburgh edition of the *Poems* with additional poems written in by hand—a book which is now in the possession of the Huntington Library. In one of "Clarinda's" letters to Burns—written in January 1788—there is a reference which shows that she shared Burns's admiration for Geddes and had herself felt the magnetism of his personality. "When you see Bishop Geddes," she wrote, "ask him if he remembers a lady at Mrs. Kemp's on a Sunday night, who listened to every word he uttered with the gaze of attention. I saw he observed me, and returned that glance of cordial warmth which assured me he was pleased with my delicate flattery."

We do not know whether in fact Burns did meet Geddes again in 1789 as he had hoped. Geddes does not appear in James Edgar's well-known picture of "Burns and his correspondents at Lord Monboddo's house," and he may not have been a frequent visitor there. It is quite likely that their paths did not again cross, and that no opportunity occurred for developing their friendship further. Geddes outlived Burns by several years, dying at Aberdeen in 1799.

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## LETTERS TO JOHNSON AND THOMSON

### QUESTIONS OF DATES

In his edition of the *Letters* of Robert Burns (1931) Prof. J. De Lancey Ferguson felt it necessary, and it was indeed desirable, to assign dates to letters which Burns himself had not dated or where the dated part of a manuscript was missing. This fixing can be done in many cases by considering internal evidence and references in the letters themselves; and if the precise day of an epistle cannot be ascertained, it is usually possible to be reasonably sure of the chronological order. In dealing with 700 letters, however, it is perhaps inevitable that some errors of judgment should occur, and the dates assigned by Professor Ferguson to at least two letters, Nos. 111 and 584, may be reconsidered.

No. 111 is a fragment of a letter referring to four songs, and the original manuscript is part of a page laid into Burns's copy of the *Caledonian Pocket Companion*, in the possession (1931) of Mr. Gabriel Wells of New York. Professor Ferguson says he first collected the letter and that it was copied by permission of Mr. Wells. This was hardly necessary, for the references to the songs are to be found quoted by James C. Dick in the notes to his edition of the *Songs* (1903): the one to the "Lament" ("O thou pale Orb") on page 374, that to "To daunton me" on page 411. The verse of "Wandering Willie" and Burns's remark about it are on page 399, but the first comment in the letter is valueless because of its lack of context. The title of the song to which it should be attached is on the missing half of the sheet.

It is clear that the letter was to James Johnson about songs for the *Scots Musical Museum*, for it names songs in volumes I and II. The date given to it by Professor Ferguson is "May or June 1787." He perhaps assumes that since Burns told Johnson there was room on the plate for another verse of "Here awa, there awa," a song in the first volume, this instruction was given before the volume was published. This is not the case. Burns's proprietary interest in the *Scots Musical Museum* developed with the preparation of the second volume, published in March 1788. Indeed he says quite definitely, with reference to volume I, "the first was

published before my acquaintance with him [Johnson]." This is in a letter dated "Edinburgh, 20th Oct. 1787," written to Mr. James Hoy at Gordon Castle (Ferguson, No. 145), commending the *Museum* to his notice. It would therefore be more correct to date the note in question (No. 111) some months later, perhaps towards the end of 1787 (Oct.-Nov. ?), when Burns's relations with Johnson had advanced to the stage when he could freely issue his instructions about the work.

What Burns meant Johnson to do about the extra verse to "Wandering Willie" can only be conjectured, but since Johnson was himself the engraver, Burns probably wanted him to put the verse on the plate with an eye to future editions. The verse actually appears, added to No. 57, in the subsequent editions of 1839 and 1853, published by Blackwood, though Stenhouse on page 59 of his *Illustrations of the Lyric Poetry and Music of Scotland*, says that they are four silly lines which have "no earthly connexion with the preceding stanzas."

In the next case, the letter involved is one in the series to George Thomson concerning "Scots wha hae." According to Professor Ferguson's date, the first copy of the ode was sent to Thomson in a letter (No. 582) "about 30 August 1793." In letter No. 584 Burns answers some comments on it made by Thomson and the date is Se. 3, [1793]. This gives Thomson remarkably short time to receive the first letter, study the poem, make his remarks, and send a reply to Burns. In actual fact Thomson's letter is dated Sept. 5th, and in this letter he makes his suggested alterations to the last line of each verse to fit the tune he wanted to print, "Lewie Gordon." When Burns answered he discussed the proposed changes in the letter No. 584, but it is impossible that the date was Sept. 3rd. The likeliest date for the letter would be the 8th, and this seems the more reasonable since there is a letter of Thomson's, again referring to the ode, of Sept. 12th, to which Burns replied on the 15th (Ferguson, No. 587). The interchange of letters in which "Scots wha hae" is dealt with would then read:—

F. 582.	Burns to Thomson, with the ode :	about 30 Aug.	1793
	Thomson to Burns	- - - - -	Sept. 5th
F. 584.	Burns to Thomson	- - - - -	Sept. 8th
	Thomson to Burns	- - - - -	Sept. 12th
F. 587.	Burns to Thomson	- - - - -	Sept. 15th

THOMAS LAWSON



## THE MURISON BURNS COLLECTION

### LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

The collecting of the various editions of the writings of a man of letters and of books dealing with his life and achievement is a favourite form of hero-worship; and it is only to be expected that many of his countrymen having elected Robert Burns as their hero, should devote leisure hours and money and energy to the foundation of a "Burns Collection." Most of these collections are brought together only to be again dispersed—many of them, to be sure, deserve no better fate; but some have been more fortunate and are now available to students. To the list of these public Burns libraries a notable addition was made in 1921 by the purchase of Mr. John Murison's Collection and its gift to the royal burgh of Dunfermline by Sir Alexander Gibb, G.B.E., C.B.

The Murison Collection, because of its great extent and its fine quality, forms one of the most striking tributes ever paid to the memory of any man. It is not quite so extensive as either the collection in the Mitchell Library at Glasgow whose foundation was the 700 volumes brought together by James Gibson and utilised by him in the preparation of his *Bibliography of Robert Burns* (1881)—or that other, housed since 1883 within the Burns Monument at Kilmarnock, whose nucleus was formed by James M'Kie, publisher there. These are probably the largest Burns libraries in existence; both, however, leave much to be desired in respect of the "state" of their contents. Collections of Burns books were formed also by the late Colonel R. J. Bennett, of Glasgow, and by Mr. D. M'Naught, LL.D., of Kilmaurs; but neither of these is, or was intended to be, on the scale of those at Glasgow and Kilmarnock.

The Collection which is now in Dunfermline was formed by Mr. John Murison, a native of Glasgow, though resident for many years at Hammersmith, in the vicinity of William Morris's Kelmscott House. Its 1750 volumes are the result of nearly forty years' assiduous collecting. To have brought together so many volumes on one subject—as a hobby, apart from business—is in itself no mean feat for one person; when the condition of these books is taken into consideration Mr.

Murison's achievement stands out as remarkable. He knew, as comparatively few collectors know, the "state" in which books ought to be collected; his ideal was not the ideal of James Gibson or of James M'Kie. Add to that knowledge a willingness and a readiness to give the dealer his price for items in desirable condition or uncommon, and we have the secret of his success. Like most collectors he found his reward in the pleasure of pursuit; unlike most he had the additional satisfaction of knowing that the results of that pursuit are safe from the tragedy of the auction-room. Fate is not often so kind.

The Murison Collection includes over 600 editions of Burns's writings in poetry and prose. There is only an incomplete copy of the first edition of 1786, but the copyright editions of 1787 and following years are present in the finest possible condition—all of them nearly as clean as on the day they were issued, and all in their original boards. Later editions also are mostly perfect, clean, and in the publishers' bindings. The "Burnsiana" numbers nearly 1200 volumes; biographies of the poet, critical studies of his writings; books on his "Land," and works written by or on his predecessors in Scottish literature and his friends and contemporaries.

But the Collection is more than a Burns Library; it is also a Burns Museum. It includes portraits of the poet and of members of his family, as well as illustrations of his poems and songs. These also are in exceptionally fine condition, and nearly 8 of them are glazed and handsomely framed. Among the portraits of Burns himself are the very rare first engraving (1798) of the drawing by Archibald Skirving; the beautiful mezzotint the "private plate" of 1830—by William Walker and Samuel Cousins, R.A., of the bust-portrait in oils by Alexander Nasmyth; and other reproductions of the same painting by William Nicholson, John Zeitter, Edward Mitchell, and Sir Frank Short. Many relics of another, and no less interesting, kind should be mentioned: two beautiful busts of the poet, designed by Flaxman and Wyon and executed by Josiah Wedgwood; a unique collection of nearly 30 jugs which carry illustrations of Burns's writings; and medallions issued to commemorate Burns celebrations.

J. C. E.

## HANDS ACROSS THE SEA

There was a saying in Paisley in my early years that if one stood at the Cross and fired a stone in any direction it would hit a poet. Carrying the idea to the Dominion of Canada, if one were to stand in the centre of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg or Vancouver and throw a stone, one would hit a Scot and, of course, that Scot would be a lover of Robert Burns.

The Scots brought their Bible and their Burns on the good ship Hector, the Mayflower of Canadian history, and to-day in Canada, wherever their wandering feet have taken them, as "The Twenty-Fifth" comes around Scots commemorate the birthday of the lad that was born in Kyle 188 years ago.

In Vancouver, where this is written, Nichts wi' Burns in 1947 put up a record for The Third City. In the old days "The 25th" in Scotland was usually given over to one day's celebration, beginning with the piper playing through the streets of the town, gathering a procession on the way to the home of the chairman of the dinner-dance. After serenading the chairman's family he played to the hotel where the birthday dinner and dance was held in the evening.

The great city and port on the Pacific Coast could not compress its Burns enthusiasm into one day this year (or any year). The celebration began on January 4 with the Gaelic Society—yes, one has heard more Gaelic out here than in many parts of the Scottish Highlands—starting the snowball, and it rolled right up to the celebrations of the Burns Fellowship and the Glasgow and District Association on Saturday night, January 25.

For good measure, Vancouver Burrard Liberal Association celebrated the Poet's birthday on January 29, and Vancouver Heights Presbyterian Church on January 31.

A woman proposed "The Immortal Memory" at one gathering, a girl piped in the haggis in Shaughnessy Heights, while girls were standard bearers in the procession to the head table at St. Andrew's and Caledonian Societies' festival. Incidentally, the St. Andrew's and Caledonian and Sons of Scotland Societies are as old—60 years—as the city named after Captain Vancouver, the British explorer.

Notable among the organisations honouring "The

Immortal Memory" were the Vancouver churches, Presbyterian, United and others, revealing how forgiving is the mission of the churches. For Robert Burns said some very hard things about the kirk, its people and its ways.

One had never in 30 years of sojourn in East and West Canada spent "A Nicht wi' Burns." But on the principle "that it's never too late to mend" one went to the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Societies' celebration on January 22. The old glad rags were dug out. They looked not at all bad after being in the moth balls for more than a decade.

Having read of the difficulty of getting dinner jackets and dress shirts in Scotland, readers may be interested to know that quite two-thirds of the men in the company of 1000 were in dinner jackets. There were no "tails," but you should have seen the chairman, Mr. George N. Gibson, in Royal Stuart tartan, plaid and cairngorm as big as an apple, and about a dozen others in MacGregor and other tartans, sporrans, dirks an' a'. A number of the young ladies too, were in tartan skirts and hose and smiles.

Proudly the braw pipers and lady bearers of the Lion and Union Jack led the head table to the seats. The stirring strains of "O Canada" floated over the great Commodore Ballroom, gaily festooned for the occasion. The Selkirk Grace, playing in the Haggis and the Address to the Haggis recalled nostalgic memories of Burns dinners in Glasgow, Paisley and Barrhead, when "we were young."

The menu, what we'll dae, was in Scots—bubbly jock, bashed neeps, champit tatties, haggis, even to farls of oat-cakes and a wheen nick-nackets. The sweet songs of the Poet caused a nostalgic feeling within, a feeling that increased in intensity when the floor was cleared for dancing and the old quadrilles, waltzes, Highland schottisches were danced to music arranged from Burns' popular songs, just as one used to hear in the old days. One, however, missed the sprightly Scots reel from the list.

But one goes too fast. "The Immortal Memory" was responded to by Professor G. F. Drummond of the Economics Department at University of British Columbia, who hails from The Kingdom. His surname recalled the name of another Professor Drummond who helped to spread the fame of The Second City and its great seat of learning on the bonnie banks of Clyde—Professor Henry Drummond.

In the absence of a Henley or other critic to furnish a text for his address, Professor Drummond compared the immortal Bard's work with Hollywood's productions and America's film capital was far awa' behin'.

Current moving picture entertainment, the speaker said, lacked the durability and "biding truth" found in the work of Robert Burns. "Burns didn't resort to the stuff we see in moving pictures, particularly those of Hollywood. He reached into the inner spirit of men and saw what was necessary for a man to live a complete life."

Two other points that impressed were the manly speech of Lieut.-Colonel Forin, O.B.E., E.D., who led the gallant Vancouver Seaforths in the Sicily and Italian campaigns in World War II, in responding to "Canada: the Land we live in." The colonel quoted with arresting effect the remarks of Viscount Montgomery on love of one's country.

The singing of "Auld Lang Syne" would have pleased Mr. Nicholson of the Scottish Tourist Society for order of words, proper stance and motions.

Sprigs of purple and white heather adorned the breasts of the dancers, and hoochs—lustly and spontaneous—marked the turns of the music, just like being at hame. Sir Harry Lauder's "Keep Right on to the End of the Road" was sung and danced to a waltz.

And here is something for the Burns book. The writer was fortunate in striking up a dinner-table acquaintance with a family named Russell. Mr. Russell had been a Prairie farmer, but was now living in retirement on the Pacific Coast. In an exchange of "Where we came frae" Mr. Russell told that he was from Kincardine—the same district from which William Burnes, Burns's father, came to Alloway. Mr. Russell said there were Burneses in his family; but he had never given the matter much thought.

Vancouver St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society has a bard, Gilbert Sykes. Here is his inspired stanza from the programme:

Soul of the Poet! wheresoe'er  
 Reclaimed from earth, thy genius plume  
 Her wings of immortality:  
 Suspend thy harp in happier sphere,  
 And with thine influence illumine  
 The gladness of our jubilee.

R. A. C.

## THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL DICTIONARY

During the past year work has been concentrated on the final revision of material for Part 2 of Volume III of the Dictionary, and the copy for this Part, containing vocabulary COVENER-DEGUST, is now in the printer's hands. It is hoped, in spite of inevitable printing delays, to issue this new Part to subscribers before the end of 1947. The work of excerpting and compiling material for subsequent Parts has continued simultaneously, a good start having been made on the letter H and much revisionary work done on the letters G and J.

The extensive advertising campaign carried on during the past two years under the energetic direction of Mr. John M'Vie, former Hon. Secretary of the Burns Federation, now President of the Dictionary Association, and Dr. David Lawson, the Chairman of the Association's Executive Council, has been most successful, resulting in a very satisfactory increase in the number of subscribers, which in 1946 and 1947 averaged 164, compared with 18 in the five previous years. In June 1947, 1054 of the edition of 2000 copies had been taken up.

Inquiries and orders come in from all parts of the world, Russia, The Netherlands, Buenos Aires, Italy, Norway, Shanghai and Singapore, besides the Dominions and United States. The overseas campaign is to be intensified by the distribution of an illustrated booklet about the Dictionary among Scots abroad, to arouse their interest in all that is being done to preserve for posterity the language of their fathers. Members of the Burns Federation at home and abroad have already shown ample proof of their devotion to the cause of the Dictionary, and it is to be hoped that their support will continue in spite of many other appeals to their generosity. The price of the Dictionary (£20 for the complete work) is not an economic one, owing to the very heavy cost of producing a work of such a comprehensive nature. The price of paper and printing has almost trebled since the Dictionary was first planned and production expenses are also very heavy. The Association therefore greatly appreciates the way in which Burns Clubs who have already paid in full for a copy of the Dictionary continue to contribute to its funds.

The death of Dr. William Grant, the former Editor of the Scottish National Dictionary, in December 1946, was a great

loss to the Association. It was due to his enthusiasm and devoted service to the cause of the Scottish tongue that the Dictionary was launched and carried on through repeated set-backs and financial difficulties. His aim to produce a Dictionary with an appeal to scholar and ordinary lover of Scots alike has been faithfully carried out and will continue to inspire the remainder of the work.

The Dictionary, which since its inception had been housed in Aberdeen Training Centre, has now found accommodation at King's College, Aberdeen, our new, and, it is to be hoped, permanent address.

DAVID MURISON, *Editor*

#### BURNS IN THE AUCTION-ROOM, 1947

1. Burns's *Poems*: 2nd edition, Edinburgh, 1787, 8°; the blank spaces for the names on 20 pp. filled in by the author. (Sotheby, 23 June 1947, £145, purchased by Shaw.)
- 2.—Another copy. (Sotheby, 23 June 1947, £32, Sawyer.)
- 3.—Another copy: presentation copy from the author to William Smellie, printer of the book. (Sotheby, 23 June 1947, £40, Maggs.)
- 4.—Another edition, Edinburgh, 1793, 2 vols., 8vo.; presentation copy from the author to Lady Elizabeth Cunningham. (Sotheby, 23 June 1947, £80, Maggs.)
- 5.—HOLOGRAPH POEMS: The Birks of Aberfeldie; Written in the Hermitage at Taymouth; Written at the Falls of Fyers; The Humble Petition of Bonar Water to the Noble Duke of Athole; Elegy on Sir J. H. Blair; Blythe was She; On Scaring some Water-fowl in Loch Turit; and an apparently unpublished song commencing "Here is to the King, Sir": 16 pp. in all, 4to, bound with two other pieces in another hand. (Sotheby, 28 July 1947, £820, Maggs.)

NOTE:—The "apparently unpublished song" was not composed by Burns; it was in print before the poet was born, and appears in *Songs of Scotland prior to Burns*, edited by Robert Chambers.

J. C. E.

## SOVIET DELEGATES AT ALLOWAY

### BURNS CLUBS IN RUSSIA

The suggestion that Robert Burns Clubs should be formed in Russia was made last year when the Soviet delegates visited the Alloway cottage where the poet was born. Sir Patrick Dollan, President of the Burns Federation, said it was an international organisation whose membership was open to men and women of all nationalities and creeds, provided they were prepared to work to realise the Burns ideal of world peace and brotherhood.

The poems of Scotland's greatest democrat had been translated into many languages, and it was with pleasure they learned last winter that a number of his poems had been translated into Russian by Samuel Marshak, the Russian poet, who it was hoped would visit Scotland some time this year.

The Burns Federation understood he was an authority on the life and works of Burns. The Russian writer Fadeev said that many attempts had been made to translate Burns into Russian, but Marshak was the only one to succeed. His translations had proved popular, and the Scottish poet was now known to a large number of readers in the Soviet Union.

Burns wrote about the simple men and the simple things, and had always upheld the dignity of the simple man. That was how his poems were so well liked in Russia.

Provost Tom Murray, Ayr, in a civic welcome said they were glad to have the Russians and he hoped they would come more frequently. There could be no more suitable place for them to visit than the birthplace of Scotland's poet and social philosopher.

Sir Patrick Dollan suggested a Burns Club should be formed in Moscow and other Russian towns so that there could be contact between Russian and Scottish admirers of the poet.

The delegation included three Russian poets Bazhan, K. Simonov and V. Vekilov, all of whom expressed their great interest in the Burns cottage and museum and were surprised to learn that so many manuscript copies of his poems had been saved for posterity. Mr. John S. Clarke, ex-M.P., lectured to the visitors on some of the historical features of the cottage and museum.

*Communicated.*



LOUISA FONTENELLE, ACTRESS

AND

JOHN BROWN WILLIAMSON

Contemporary newspapers published at Charleston (South Carolina) and works on the American stage provide material for a corrective note to the article on Burns's "simple, wild, enchanting elf" printed in the 1935 *Burns Chronicle*.

Miss Fontenelle met John Brown Williamson—an actor well-known to Burns, who introduced him as "Esopus" in his "Epistle from Esopus to Maria"—on the stage at Edinburgh. They were married, and early in 1796 migrated to America. They acted at Boston, New York, and Charleston, and came from Boston to Charleston through a plan of exchange companies arranged by the managers of the theatres of the two cities. They became great favourites in the theatre world, Mrs. Williamson being frequently referred to as "the beautiful Mrs. Williamson" and she was obviously the toast of the young Charleston gallants.

Mrs. Williamson died on 31st October 1799; her husband on 28th March 1802. The notices which follow appeared in local newspapers.

"Thursday night, after an illness of only three days, died in her twenty-sixth year, Mrs. Louisa Williamson, wife of Mr. Williamson of the Theatre. As an actress the public has sustained an irreparable loss. Her professional talents were universally allowed; her private virtues were known only to a few in this country; but they have left an indelible impression on the minds most acquainted with them."

"Died on Thursday evening, after a short illness, aged 26 years, Mrs. Louisa Williamson, wife of Mr. J. B. Williamson, of the Charleston Company of Comedians. The early death of this most accomplished actress is truly lamented by all who have enjoyed the pleasure of seeing her on the stage, where she shone unrivalled; in a word, since she has been known in this city she has been the delight of our Theatre."

"Died last evening, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with Christian fortitude, John Brown Williamson, one of the managers of the Charleston Theatre. He has left a large family to shed tears on his tomb—a numerous acquaintance to lament his loss."

Robert Chambers was in error in giving Williamson's Christian name as "James"; and the *Gentleman's Magazine* was wrong in naming the persons "Wilkinson."

J. C. E.

## NOTICES OF NEW BOOKS

*Michael Bruce, Shepherd-Poet of the Lomond Braes*; by Thomas G. Snoddy. (Edinburgh: Blackwood, 10s. 6d.)

The lives and fortunes of Michael Bruce and Robert Burns present so many and such close parallels that the appearance of this authoritative, erudite and—what is equally valuable—discerning, vivid and highly readable study of Bruce is of considerable moment to all interested in the greater poet.

The immediate predecessor of Burns, Bruce was, like the Ayrshire poet, born and bred in poverty, but in a home equally given to high thinking and to a reverence for learning and literature. Both knew privation, toil, the struggle towards poetry. Both succumbed to ill-health and died all too soon. To both came posthumous fame. The Bruce Trust, though small compared with the Burns cult, is equally zealous for its poet's reputation. It has bought the cottage in Kinnesswood where Bruce was born and died, and has set up a museum there and undertakes pilgrimages to it. It has instituted school essay competitions on subjects concerned with Bruce.

That Bruce died at 21, having achieved only a fragment of what his promise foretold, gives further cause for Burnsians extending to his memory that interest which Burns himself showed on at least one recorded occasion. In addition, controversies about Burns's personal career have as counterpart in Bruce's case the dispute that has swayed to and fro for nearly 180 years as to what poems Bruce actually wrote.

When Bruce died in 1767 he left a manuscript "Poem-Book" which was entrusted by his father to a young fellow-student, John Logan, who edited it and in 1770 published *Poems on Several Occasions* by Michael Bruce. The preface, after referring to Bruce's work, suddenly made the astonishing statement that "some poems wrote by different authors are inserted. . . . The reader of taste will easily distinguish them from those of Mr. Bruce." Readers, needless to say, did not, and when in 1781 Logan published as his own the prize-piece of the Bruce collection, "The Cuckoo," a first-rate literary problem was created. The original manuscript

papers disappeared, Bruce's father having been told by Logan that "he feared his servants had used them in singeing fowls for dinner."

Because of this literary disaster the problem of Bruce became the problem of Logan, who has alternately been hailed as a poet of note and decried as Bruce's evil genius and "a cunning scoundrel." Mr. Snoddy, pro-Bruce in his well-weighed conclusions, sets himself as a principle not to attack, but to explain, Logan. His summary of evidence, which ranges from family and local tradition to near-contemporary letters, is a masterly piece of well-digested scholarship which he sets in the wider perspective of a study of the literary habits of the time—a time in which Burns was so soon to refashion his country's traditional songs into lyrics to which his personal claim to authorship has never been questioned. Finally, he studies Bruce's known work with a clear and sensitive insight into what is in doubt, and deals at some length with the paraphrases, whose authorship also has been a matter of dispute.

Burnsians are reminded by Mr. Snoddy's book that when Principal Baird was planning the second edition of Bruce's poems in 1791, he invited Burns to contribute some of his unpublished verse to this memorial volume, the proceeds of which were to go to Bruce's mother. Burns responded with an unqualified offer of anything he could provide, but is believed to have put forward "Tam o' Shanter," which was declined as unsuitable to the context. It should be noted, however, that the letter of Baird to Burns evidently regards the original volume as Bruce's work, not Logan's.

While a final verdict on the vexed question of authorship is probably beyond the sphere of practical possibility, Mr. Snoddy's study of Bruce goes so fully and judiciously into the issues that it resolves many points of the controversy.

This book is, moreover, by no means bounded by the limits of a literary dispute, but is also a substantial contribution to the interpretation of Scottish letters of the eighteenth century.

Finally, it is an admirable tribute to a poet who enjoys the particularly tender regard of his countrymen, and whose appeal Mr. Snoddy sums up expressively by saying that "a lovely light lies across his page."

ELIZABETH EWING

*A Year wi' Burns*: 366 quotations from his poems, songs and letters; compiled by E. MacKerchar, L.L.A. (44 pp., 1s. 6d.)

This is an unpretentious publication, attractively produced. The quotations are grouped under the months of the year, one for each day. We note that the dates of letters from which quotations are taken have not been given. While the title of a poem or a song may be sufficient in the case of a verse quotation, the reader might have considerable trouble in tracing to its source a quotation from one of Burns's communications to Mrs. Dunlop or some other correspondent to whom he wrote numerous letters. Still, a book of this kind is interesting to browse through, and is a source of refreshment to the spirit in these troublous times.

Miss MacKerchar published her booklet originally on behalf of the Mission to Lepers. She has now presented it to the Glasgow and District Burns Association, to be sold for the benefit of the Jean Armour Burns Houses at Mauchline; and copies may be had from the Secretary of the Association, Mr. Andrew Stenhouse, LL.B., 104 West Campbell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

C. A.

#### VISITORS TO ALLOWAY, 1946-47

The number of visitors to the Cottage and the Monument at Alloway during the year ended 30th September 1947 was 169,028: an increase of 10,760 on the number for the preceding year. To Burns's birthplace and the Museum the number who paid for admission was 105,115, compared with 91,342 in the year 1945-46; to the Monument the number was 63,913, compared with 66,926 in the year 1945-46. The number of visitors to the Cottage and Museum is the largest ever recorded in any one year.

#### STOTHARD'S ILLUSTRATIONS OF BURNS

The Editor of the *Burns Chronicle* regrets that space in this number of the annual has not been found for the second and third sections of the article on "Stothard's Illustrations of Burns." The first section of the article appeared in the issue for 1947; the second and third sections, it is hoped, will be published in the issue for 1949.

ADDRESS PRESENTED TO  
JOHN S. CLARKE, ESQ., J.P., PRESIDENT, 1943-1946

The Clubs and Societies on the roll of The Burns Federation take the occasion of your retirement from active participation in its affairs to express its gratitude to you for the notable services which you have rendered to the Federation. These services have extended over a long period of years and from 1943-1946 as President.

During these last years you have carried on the tradition of the office by guiding the Federation with dignity, and taking keen interest in its manifold activities. Particularly valuable have been your services in encouraging the preservation of the vernacular, the development of Scottish literature, and the holding of school children's competitions. You have been insistent, too, in pressing the claims of the 'Scottish National Dictionary,' the 'Burns Chronicle,' and the numerous memorials associated with the Poet.

For these services The Burns Federation asks you on your retirement to take with you its grateful thanks, and the expression of its members' sincere hope that, as an Honorary President, you may long continue to interest yourself in its affairs.

On behalf of The Burns Federation :

(Signed) { P. J. DOLLAN, *President*  
ANDREW STENHOUSE, *Hon. Secretary*

## OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM GRANT, M.A., LL.D., who died at Aberdeen on 3rd December 1946, was an Hon. President of the Burns Federation (elected at Elgin, 1936). He was the distinguished editor of the *Scottish National Dictionary*.

MR. WILLIAM A. WEIR, who died at Winnipeg in October 1946, had been an Hon. President of the Federation since 1940.

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*Scottish Literature*: Messrs. Dollan (*Convener*), Belford, Lewis, Faulds, Fotheringham, McDowall, Morren, and Oliver.

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## CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

*Name.*

1. The Association shall be called "The Burns Federation," with headquarters at Kilmarnock.

*Objects.*

2. The objects of the Federation shall be
- (a) To strengthen and consolidate, by universal affiliation, the bond of fellowship amongst the members of Burns Clubs and kindred Societies.
  - (b) To purchase and preserve manuscripts and other relics associated with Robert Burns. (Gifts of relics shall be reported by the Hon. Secretary at the next meeting of the Executive Committee following thereon.)
  - (c) To mark with suitable inscriptions, repair, or renew buildings, tombstones, etc., interesting from their association with Robert Burns.
  - d) To encourage institutions and movements in honour of Robert Burns.
  - (e) To encourage and arrange School Children's Competitions in order to stimulate the teaching and study of Scottish history, literature, art and music.
  - (f) To encourage the development of Scottish literature, art and music.

*Membership.*

3. (a) The Federation shall consist of affiliated Clubs and Societies. Burns Clubs and kindred Societies may be admitted to the Federation by the Executive Committee, on application in writing to the Hon. Secretary, enclosing a copy of their Constitution and List of Office-bearers. Such applications shall be considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting.

(b) Clubs shall be grouped into Districts as shown in the subjoined Schedule, but Clubs on the borders of Districts shall have the right to elect to which District they wish to belong.

(c) Ladies or gentlemen who have rendered conspicuous service to the Burns Movement may be elected by the Council to the position of Honorary President or Honorary Vice-President, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

*Council.*

4. The Council shall consist of the Hon. Presidents, the Hon. Vice-Presidents, the Executive Committee, the Auditors, and three members elected by each Club.

*Conference of the Council.*

5. (a) The Annual Conference of the Council shall be held, at such place as may be arranged, on the second Saturday of September, when the Annual Reports shall be submitted and Office-bearers for the ensuing year elected.

(b) Clubs outwith the United Kingdom may be represented by proxy at the Conference.

(c) Nominations for Offices shall be made by the Executive Committee or by Clubs.

(d) Nominations of Office-bearers, Intimations of election of District representative members, and Notices of motion shall be lodged in writing with the Hon. Secretary not later than the second Saturday of June. But notwithstanding this, the Executive Committee shall have power at any of its meetings to formulate proposals on any subject it may deem necessary or expedient to be placed on the Agenda for discussion and decision at the Annual Conference.

(e) The Agenda of the Conference and the Annual Reports shall be issued to Clubs by the Hon. Secretary not less than one month before the Conference.

(f) No alteration shall be made in the "Constitution and Rules" except at the Conference of the Council, and then only by a two-thirds' majority of those voting.

*Executive Committee.*

6. (a) The Executive Committee shall consist of

(1) President, Immediate Past-President, two Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Editor of the *Burns Chronicle*, Hon. Secretary of School Children's Competitions, Assistant Hon. Secretary; and

(2) Representative members elected by Districts, as shown in the subjoined Schedule.

(b) The Office-bearers shall retire annually, and shall be eligible for re-election.

(c) District representative members shall be elected annually by all Districts on the basis of one member for the first five Clubs, and one member for every additional ten Clubs, in each District; but for Edinburgh, London, Wales, Ireland, and Overseas Districts, one Club in each shall qualify for admission as a District. No District shall have more than one member unless the number of its Clubs exceeds fourteen. If a District fail to elect a representative member, the Executive Committee shall have power to fill the vacancy.

*Meetings of the Executive Committee.*

7. (a) The Executive Committee shall conduct the business of the Federation, and shall meet on the third Saturdays of October, December, March and June, and when called by the Hon. Secretary. The place of each meeting shall be fixed at the previous meeting.

(b) The Hon. Secretary shall give at least one week's notice of meetings, along with the Agenda.

(c) Notices of motion and other business to appear in the Agenda should reach the Hon. Secretary at least a fortnight before the meeting.

(d) Special meetings may be held on a written request to the Hon. Secretary signed by not fewer than ten members of the Committee and stating the business to be considered.

(e) Ten shall form a quorum at meetings.

(f) The President, the Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members of all Standing Sub-Committees.

*Subscriptions.*

8. (a) Each Club, on admission to the Federation, shall pay a registration fee of One guinea, in addition to the annual subscription, which shall be One pound, ten shillings.

(b) Clubs in arrear with their subscriptions shall not be entitled to be represented at the annual Conference of the Council.

(c) Clubs failing to pay their subscriptions for two consecutive years may be struck off the roll of the Federation.

*Finance.*

9. (a) The Sub-Committee on Finance shall consist of five members of the Executive Committee, three to form a quorum.

(b) No accounts shall be paid without the authority of the Finance Committee, which shall submit the Minutes of its meetings to the quarterly meetings of the Executive Committee.

(c) The Bank Account shall be kept in the name of the Federation, and shall be operated by the Hon. Treasurer for the time being. Deposit Receipts shall be taken out in the name of the Federation, to be drawn on the endorsement of the President, the Hon. Secretary, and the Hon. Treasurer, or any two of them.

*Honorary Secretary.*

10. The Hon. Secretary shall keep the Minute Book of the Federation, in which shall be recorded the proceedings of all meetings. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the Federation, convene all meetings, and issue Diplomas. He shall

prepare the Executive Committee's Report on the year's transactions, for submission to the Conference of the Council.

*Honorary Treasurer.*

11. The Hon. Treasurer shall have charge of all monies paid to the Federation, and shall pay all accounts authorised by the Finance Committee. He shall prepare a statement of his accounts for the year to 31st July, which shall be audited by two Auditors, who shall be appointed annually at the Conference of the Council, and who shall not be members of the Executive Committee.

*"Burns Chronicle."*

12. (a) The *Burns Chronicle* shall be an official publication of the Federation, and shall be published annually, not later than 1st January. It shall contain a Directory of the Clubs on the roll of the Federation, reports of the transactions of the Federation and of affiliated Clubs during the previous year, and such literary matter and illustrations as may be decided by the Hon. Editor.

(b) The Hon. Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the *Burns Chronicle*, and shall submit annually a report on the sale of the latest issue. Estimates for the printing of the *Burns Chronicle* and other publications of the Federation shall be approved by the Finance Committee.

(c) The published price of the *Burns Chronicle* shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

*School Children's Competitions.*

13. The Hon. Secretary of School Children's Competitions shall give assistance to affiliated Clubs in the organisation of their Competitions, and shall endeavour to co-ordinate the efforts of the various Clubs. He shall submit annually a report on the Competitions organised by the Clubs.

*Benefits.*

14. (a) Each Club, on affiliation, shall be supplied gratis with the Diploma of Membership of the Federation.

(b) Members of affiliated Clubs shall be entitled to receive a Pocket Diploma on payment of One shilling.

(c) Affiliated Clubs shall be supplied gratis with three copies of the *Burns Chronicle* and with copies of newspapers containing reports of meetings, demonstrations, etc., organised, conducted, or attended by the Federation.

(d) Members of affiliated Clubs shall be entitled to be supplied, through the Secretaries of their respective Clubs, with copies of all works published by the Federation, at such discount as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

## LIST OF DISTRICTS

(See Article No. 6c of "Constitution")

- I. Ayrshire.
- II. Edinburgh.
- III. Glasgow.
- IV. Dumbarton, Argyll, and Bute Shires.
- V. Fifeshire.
- VI. Lanarkshire.
- VII. Lothians (Mid and East) and Borders.
- VIII. Lothian (West).
- IX. Renfrewshire.
- X. Stirling, Clackmannan, and West Perth Shires
- XI. East Perthshire, Angus and Kinross.
- XII. Northern Scottish Counties.
- XIII. Southern Scottish Counties.
- XIV. London and South-Eastern England.  
Essex, Hertford, Middlesex, Berks, Buckingham,  
Oxford, Hampshire, Surrey, Sussex, Kent.
- XV. North-Eastern England.  
Northumberland, Durham, Yorkshire (except  
Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster)
- XVI. North-Western England.  
Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire, Cheshire
- XVII. Midlands of England.  
Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, South Yorkshire,  
Leicester, Rutland  
Stafford, Shropshire, Worcester, Warwick, North-  
ampton, Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford,  
Norfolk, Suffolk
- XVIII. South-Western England.  
Hereford, Gloucester, Wilts, Somerset, Dorset,  
Devon, Cornwall, Monmouth
- XIX. Wales.
- XX. Ireland.
- XXI. South Africa.
- XXII. Australia.
- XXIII. New Zealand.
- XXIV. Canada.
- XXV. India.
- XXVI. United States of America
- XXVII. Near East.
- XXVIII. China.

**I. Ayrshire—36 Clubs: 3 Members.**

0 Kilmarnock.	564 Ochiltree Winsome Willie.
35 Dalry.	568 Darvel.
45 Cumnock.	573 Croft Springside.
56 Muirkirk Lapraik.	591 Lugar Water
173 Irvine.	592 Benwhat.
192 Ayrshire B.C.Assoc.	593 Barrmill.
252 Alloway.	596 Glaisnock.
256 Newton-on-Ayr.	605 Craigmark and Burnton.
274 Troon.	608 Riccarton Wallace.
275 Ayr.	609 Seaforth Highlanders.
288 Beith Caledonia.	621 Scottish Aviation.
310 Mauchline.	622 Coylton.
365 Catrine.	623 Kilwinning.
369 Maybole St. Crispin's.	632 Symington.
377 Kilbirnie Rosebery.	634 Ardeer.
435 Ayr Tam o' Shanter.	639 Cumnock Dumfries Arms.
456 Troon Masonic.	642 Beith Tam o' Shanter.
500 New Cumnock.	649 Auld Affleck, Catrine.

*Secretary* : John M. Irving, 20 Melville Street, Kilmarnock.

**II. Edinburgh—9 Clubs: 1 Member.**

22 Edinburgh.	307 Edinburgh Ayrshire Assoc.
124 Ninety.	314 Edinburgh Scottish.
212 Portobello.	341 Leith.
293 New Craighall.	378 Edinburgh B.C.Assoc.
	398 Colinton.

*Secretary* : Fred. J. Belford, M.A., 3 Park Grove, Liberton, Edinburgh, 9.

**III. Glasgow—28 Clubs: 3 Members.**

3 Tam o' Shanter.	153 Scottish.
7 Thistle.	169 Glasgow B.C.Assoc.
9 Royalty.	181 Primrose.
33 Haggis.	213 Kingston.
34 Carrick.	263 Masonic.
36 Rosebery.	282 Glasgow Bowling Assoc.
49 Bridgeton.	295 Burns House.
53 Govan Fairfield.	477 Bellahouston.
68 Sandyford.	484 Sheddens Ladies.
72 Partick.	581 Cumbernauld.
74 National Burns Memorial Cottage Homes.	585 Queen's Park Clarinda.
91 Shettleston.	587 Budhill and Springboig.
139 National.	610 Royal Arch, Parkhead.
	612 Torrance Masonic.

653 Glasgow Ex-Service Teachers.

*Secretary* : Andrew Stenhouse, LL.B., 104 West Campbell Street, Glasgow, C.2.

**IV. Dumbarton, Argyll, and Bute Shires—8 Clubs: 1 Member.**

2 Alexandria.	421 Arrochar and Tarbet.
10 Dumbarton.	550 Dunoon Mary Campbell.
225 Helensburgh.	580 Cumbrae.
244 Dalmuir.	624 Oban.

*Secretary*: Wm. C. Cockburn, Holmwood, Uddingston.

**V. Fifeshire—23 Clubs: 2 Members.**

62 Cupar.	457 Kinglassie Ladies.
85 Dunfermline.	459 Cowdenbeath West End Jolly Beggars.
184 Blairadam.	478 Kelty and Blairadam Bonnie Doon Ladies.
250 Cowdenbeath Tam o' Shanter.	496 Auld Hoose, Burntisland.
262 Fife B.C. Assoc.	508 Auchterderran.
283 Sinclairtown.	554 Bruce, Falkland.
326 Bingry Ladies.	583 Lochgelly Pipe Band.
330 Glencraig "Bonnie Jean."	628 Steelend Jolly Beggars.
345 Denbeath.	633 Lads o' Buckhaven.
402 High Valleyfield Highland Mary Ladies.	655 Kennoway Jolly Beggars.
447 Cowdenbeath Mountain Daisy Ladies.	656 Dundonald "Jean Armour" Ladies.
452 Auchterderran Bonnie Jean	

*Secretary*: T. C. Anderson, Rowan Cottage, Main Street,  
Kelty, Fife.

**VI. Lanarkshire—see next page.****VII. Mid and East Lothians and Borders—25 Clubs: 2 Members**

96 Jedburgh.	552 Fawside, Tranent.
108 East Calder.	600 Millerhill.
198 Gorebridge Jolly Beggars.	602 Cockenzie Thorn tree.
199 Newbattle and District.	603 The Tower.
239 Hawick.	613 Tranent No. 1.
319 Fisherrow Masonic.	631 Pencaitland and Ormiston.
338 Dalkeith and District.	635 Jean Armour, Tranent.
346 Oakbank Mossgiel.	641 Rosewell.
384 Pumpherston Bonnie Doon.	644 Heiton.
400 Haddington.	650 Mid and East Lothians and Borders B.C.A.
427 Gorebridge Glencairn.	651 Dalkeith Plough
475 Tweeddale Ladies.	654 Ormiston Yew Tree
516 The Airts, Prestonpans.	

*Secretary*: James Juner, 2 Greenhall Crescent, Gorebridge.

## VI. Lanarkshire—50 Clubs: 4 Members.

20 Airdrie.	506 Dykehead Jean Armour.
100 Hamilton Mossgiel.	509 Motherwell Masonic.
121 Hamilton Junior.	520 Uddingston Lochlie Ladies.
133 Newarthill.	522 Glenlee.
152 Hamilton.	526 Dykehead Tam o' Shanter.
157 Baillieston.	529 William Mitchell.
182 Stane Mossgiel.	533 Fauldhouse.
207 Cambuslang Wingate.	537 Harthill:
237 Uddingston Masonic.	542 Newarthill White Heather.
266 Newton Jolly Beggars.	546 Oak, Hamilton.
348 Newton Bonnie Jean.	547 Jolly Beggars, Coalburn
356 Burnbank Masonic.	549 Bothwell Bonie Lesley Ladies.
372 Baillieston Jean Armour.	574 Holytown Blair Athole.
387 Mary Campbell (Cambus- lang).	577 Dalsersf and Clydesdale.
388 Kyle (Shotts) Ladies.	578 Lanarkshire B.C.A.
390 Meikle Earnock Jolly Beggars.	595 Allanton Brig o' Doon Ladies.
392 Whifflet.	598 Forth Jolly Beggars.
424 Cambuslang Tam o' Shanter	599 Larkhall Raploch.
441 Temple, Shotts.	604 Bellshill No. 1.
466 Dykehead Afton Water Ladies.	614 Bellshill Caledonian.
467 Gilbertfield Highland Mary Ladies.	637 Larkhall Applebank.
468 High Blantyre.	638 Stonehouse.
494 Motherwell United Services.	640 Hamilton White Heather.
505 Wishaw Masonic.	643 Rutherglen.
	647 Hillend, Airdrie.
	652 Lanark Caledonian.

*Secretary*: Mrs. M. Thomson, 21 Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang.

## VIII. West Lothian—11 Clubs: 1 Member.

125 Blackburn on Almond.	588 Atlas Tam o' Shanter (Armada).
160 Whitburn.	607 Hadrian.
429 Bathgate Jolly Beggars.	611 Blackridge.
432 Winchburgh.	615 West Lothian B.C.A.
471 Rose of Grange (Bo'ness).	645 Bo'ness Jolly Beggars.
579 Bathgate Tam o' Shanter.	

*Secretary*: P. Glen, 41 Torphichen Street, Bathgate.



**IX. Renfrewshire—17 Clubs: 2 Members.**

21 Greenock.	431 Inverkip.
48 Paisley.	472 Renfrewshire B.C.A.
59 Gourrock Jolly Beggars.	524 Cronies, Paisley.
161 Paisley Charleston.	538 Greenock & District P.P. Assoc.
190 Port-Glasgow.	540 Johnstone Masonic.
209 Greenock St. John's.	567 Paisley Newtown.
254 Greenock Victoria.	576 Fort Matilda.
383 Greenock Heather.	586 Barrhead.
430 Gourrock.	

*Secretary*: Arthur C. E. Lewis, Vallorbe, Rodney Road, Gourrock.

**X. Stirling, Clackmannan, and West Perth Shires—  
26 Clubs: 2 Members.**

4 Callander.	510 Scottish Dyes.
37 Dollar.	541 Doune.
50 Stirling.	543 Abbey Craig.
126 Falkirk.	558 Cambusbarron.
218 Bannockburn.	582 Higginsneuk.
292 Grahamston.	590 Craigs Cronies.
352 Grangemouth.	619 Bainsford Cross Roads.
380 Falkirk Cross Keys.	620 Muirhead.
399 St. Ringans.	630 Coalsnaughton.
409 Stenhousemuir and District	646 Clear Winding Devon, Alva
426 Sauchie.	648 Carron Bridge, Kilsyth.
469 Denny Cross.	657 Fallin.
503 Dunblane.	658 Larbert Bowlers.

*Secretary*: Thomas R. Corrie, 36 Upper Craigs, Stirling.

**XI. East Perthshire, Angus and Kinross—9 Clubs: 1 Member.**

14 Dundee.	82 Arbroath.
26 Perth.	242 Montrose.
44 Forfar.	327 Perth St. Mark's.
76 Brechin.	627 Kinross.
	659 Dundee Burns Society.

*Secretary*: George Cumming, J.P., Lindsay Lane, Brechin.

**XII. Northern Scottish Counties—7 Clubs: 1 Member.**

40 Aberdeen.	367 Dornoch.
149 Elgin.	403 Fraserburgh.
336 Peterhead.	458 Stonehaven.
	470 St. Giles (Elgin).

*Secretary* : Frank Robertson, 6 Upper Kirkgate, Aberdeen.

**XIII. Southern Scottish Counties—17 Clubs: 1 Member.**

112 Dumfries Howff.	536 Whithorn.
217 Eskdale.	562 Castle Douglas.
226 Dumfries.	589 Solway.
309 Annan.	616 Kirkconnel and Sanquhar.
323 Kirkcudbright.	625 Lockerbie.
393 Annan Ladies.	626 Moffat and District.
437 Dumfries Ladies.	629 Sanquhar.
479 Queen of the South Ladies.	660 The Langholm Ladies.
	530 Southern Scottish Counties B.C.A.

*Secretary* : John Sturgeon, 7 Nellieville Terrace, Dumfries.

**XIV. London and South-Eastern England—5 Clubs: 1 Member.**

1 Burns Club of London.	570 Scottish Clans Assoc. of London.
481 London Ayrshire Society.	
492 Harrow Cal. Soc.	617 Reading and District Cal. Assn.

*Secretary* : John M. Swan, 17 Roxborough Park, Harrow, Middlesex.

**XV. North-Eastern England—11 Clubs: 1 Member.**

89 Sunderland.	531 Tees-side Cal. Soc.
156 Newcastle.	534 Bedlington.
158 Darlington.	544 Ashington.
165 Wallsend-on-Tyne.	548 Leeds Cal. Soc.
379 Hartlepoons.	551 Scarborough Cal. Soc.
	555 Harrogate St. Andrew's Soc.

*Secretary* : Matthew Neilson, 14 Percy Terrace, Sunderland.

**XVI. North-Western England—8 Clubs: 1 Member.**

71 Carlisle.	417 Burnley and District.
236 Whitehaven.	436 Walney Jolly Beggars Ladies.
363 Barrow, St. Andrew's Society.	572 Chester Cal. Assoc.
366 Liverpool.	618 Altrincham and Sale Caled. Socy.

*Secretary* : Miss Florence M. M'Leod, Rowanhill, 34 Childwall Mount Road, Liverpool, 16.

**XVII. Midlands of England—17 Clubs: 2 Members.**

17 Nottingham.	454 Rotherham.
55 Derby.	461 Leicester Cal. Soc.
167 Birmingham.	528 Loughborough Scottish Soc.
296 Walsall.	553 Wolverhampton Cal. Soc.
329 Newark and District.	556 Doncaster Cal. Soc.
405 Sheffield Cal. Soc.	559 Coventry Cal. Soc.
438 Chesterfield Cal. Soc.	563 Norfolk Cal. Soc.
445 Buxton Cal. Soc.	584 Corby.
	606 Rockingham.

*Secretary* : John Currie, 20 Arboretum Street, Nottingham.

**XVIII. South-Western England—4 Clubs: 1 Member.**

120 Bristol.	480 Falmouth.
462 Cheltenham Scottish Soc.	535 Plymouth & District Cal. Soc.

*Secretary* : F. W. Whitehead, Albion Chambers, Bristol.

**XIX. Wales—1 Club: 1 Member.**

444 Swansea and West Wales.

**XX. Ireland—3 Clubs: 1 Member.**

15 Belfast.	183 Londonderry.
	406 Dublin St. Andrew's Soc.

*Secretary* : George Roddick, Avondale House, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.

**XXI. South Africa—1 Club: 1 Member.**

373 Red Hill, Natal.

**XXII. Australia—7 Clubs: 1 Member.**

324 Stockton.	523 Highland Society of N.S.W.
511 Perth.	532 Cessnock.
521 Waratah-Mayfield.	545 Parramatta.
	566 Scottish Soc. and Burns Club of Australia.

**XXIII. New Zealand—3 Clubs: 1 Member.**

449 Wellington.	497 St. Andrew (Wellington).
	636 Gisborne.

**XXIV. Canada—12 Clubs: 1 Member.**

25	Winnipeg St. Andrew's Soc.	476	Border Cities (Ont.)
197	Winnipeg.	501	Galt (Ont.)
303	Victoria (B.C.) St. Andrew's Soc.	513	Fredericton St. Andrew's Soc.
305	New Waterford.	561	London (Ontario).
325	Vancouver Fellowship(B.C.)	571	Edmonton.
443	Burns Club of Victoria (B.C.)	575	Windsor (Ont.) Jean Armour.

**XXV. India—2 Clubs: 1 Member.**

355	Calcutta.	560	Cawnpore Cal. Soc.
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**XXVI. U.S.A.—26 Clubs: 3 Members.**

171	Chattanooga.	413	San Francisco St. Andrew's Soc.
208	Colorado Springs.	453	Philadelphia Ladies' Auxiliary.
220	St. Louis.	464	Yakima Valley.
238	Atlanta.	493	Akron.
271	Trenton.	498	Flint.
278	Clan Stewart.	507	Orange County.
284	Philadelphia.	518	Ye Auld Cronies, Ohio.
320	Troy.	525	Flint Jolly Beggars.
331	Buffalo.	557	Atlanta Ladies.
354	Royal Order of Scottish Clans.	565	Robert Burns Circle of New York.
375	Holyoke.	594	Cuyahoga County.
381	Greater New York Masonic	597	New York City.
391	Waterbury.		
412	Gary.		

*Secretary*: James H. Baxter, 21 Bleecker Avenue, Troy, N.Y  
U.S.A.

**XXVII. Near East—3 Clubs: 1 Member.**

495	Baghdad Cal. Soc.	515	Abadan Cal. Soc.
		601	Palestine Cal. Soc.

**XXVIII. China—1 Club: 1 Member**

514 Shanghai.

## LIST OF PAST-PRESIDENTS.

- 1885-1899 : Provost Peter Sturrock, Kilmarnock.  
 1899-1906 : Provost David Mackay, Kilmarnock.  
 1906-1907 : David Murray, M.A., B.Sc., Kilmarnock.  
 1908-1909 : William Wallace, M.A., LL.D., Glasgow.  
 1909-1910 : Captain David Sneddon, V.D., Kilmarnock.  
 1910-1923 : Duncan M'Naught, LL.D., Kilmaurs.  
 1923-1927 : Sir Robert Bruce, D.L., LL.D., Glasgow.  
 1927-1930 : Sir Joseph Dobbie, S.S.C., Edinburgh.  
 1930-1933 : Sir Alexander Gibb, G.B.E., C.B., London.  
 1933-1937 : Ninian Macwhannell, F.R.I.B.A., Glasgow.  
 1937-1943 : M. H. McKerrow, F.S.A.Scot., Dumfries.  
 1943-1946 : John S. Clarke, J.P., Glasgow.

List of places at which the Annual Conference of  
 the Council has been held.

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1885-93	Kilmarnock.	1920	London.
1894	Glasgow.	1921	Dunfermline.
1895	Dundee.	1922	Birmingham.
1896	Kilmarnock.	1923	Ayr.
1897	Greenock.	1924	Dumfries.
1898	Mauchline.	1925	Edinburgh.
1899	Dumfries.	1926	Perth.
1900	Kilmarnock.	1927	Derby.
1901	Glasgow.	1928	Aberdeen.
1902	Greenock.	1929	Troon.
1903	Edinburgh.	1930	Greenock.
1904	Stirling.	1931	Hawick.
1905	Hamilton.	1932	Stirling.
1906	Kilmarnock.	1933	London.
1907	Sunderland.	1934	Glasgow.
1908	St. Andrews.	1935	Ayr and Kilmarnock.
1909	Dunfermline.	1936	Elgin.
1910	Lanark.	1937	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1911	Glasgow.	1938	Dumfries.
1912	Carlisle.	1940-46	Glasgow.
1913	Galashiels.	1947	Dunoon.
1915-19	Glasgow.		

The Council did not meet in 1914 and in 1939.

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE COUNCIL

The Pavilion,  
Dunoon, 13th September, 1947.

The Annual Conference of the Council of the Burns Federation was held here to-day at 10 a.m.

The President, Sir P. J. Dollan, D.L., LL.D., J.P., occupied the chair and was accompanied on the platform by the other office-bearers.

Apologies for absence were intimated from Messrs. J. C. Ewing, Hon. Editor; T. B. Crane, Alex. Emslie, W. C. Faulds, Thomas Findlay and John Neill, members of Executive; and the Rev. Dr. R. S. Birch, President of the Burns Club of London. Apologies and greetings were submitted from the following clubs:—Annan Ladies, Montrose, and Mountain Daisy, Cowdenbeath.

The following 91 clubs were represented by 192 delegates:—No. 0, Kilmarnock; 1, London; 2, Alexandria; 3, Tam o' Shanter, Glasgow; 9, Royalty, Glasgow; 14, Dundee; 15, Belfast Association; 17, Nottingham Scottish Association; 21, Greenock; 22, Edinburgh; 36, Rosebery, Glasgow; 68, Sandyford; 82, Arbroath; 85, Dunfermline; 89, Sunderland; 112, Dumfries Burns Howff; 120, Bristol Caledonian Society; 121, Hamilton Junior; 124, The Ninety, Edinburgh; 133, Newarthill; 139, National; 153, Scottish, Glasgow; 156, Newcastle and Tyneside; 158, Darlington; 169, Glasgow and District Association; 181, Primrose, Glasgow; 184, Blairadam Shanter; 190, Port Glasgow; 192, Ayrshire Association; 198, Gorebridge Twenty-five Jolly Beggars; 199, Newbattle and District; 209, Greenock St. John's; 217, Eskdale; 226, Dumfries; 237, Uddingston Masonic; 239, Hawick; 244, Dalmuir; 274, Troon; 275, Ayr; 292, Grahamston; 295, The Burns House Club, Ltd.; 307, Edinburgh Ayrshire; 309, Annan; 310, Mauchline; 324, Stockton (N.S.W.); 355, Calcutta; 356, Burnbank and District Masonic; 372, Baillieston Jean Armour; 373, Red Hill, Natal; 377, Kilbirnie Rosebery; 378, Edinburgh District Association; 379, The Hartlepoons; 380, Falkirk Cross Keys; 387, Mary Campbell, Cambuslang; 390, Meikle Earnock Jolly Beggars; 398, Colinton; 400, Haddington;

405, Caledonian Society of Sheffield; 409, Stenhousemuir and District Plough; 426, Sauchie; 437, Dumfries Ladies No. 1; 438, Chesterfield and District Caledonian Association; 454, Rotherham and District Scottish Association; 467, Gilbertfield Highland Mary; 469, Denny Cross; 472, Renfrewshire Association; 477, Bellahouston; 479, Queen of the South Ladies; 497, St. Andrew's, Wellington (N.Z.); 501, Galt (Ont.); 520, Uddingston Lochlie Ladies; 522, Glenlee; 530, Southern Scottish Counties Association; 550, Dunoon Mary Campbell; 566, Scottish Society and Burns Club of Australia; 576, Fort Matilda; 577, Dalsersf and Clydesdale; 580, Cumbræ; 581, Cumbernauld and District; 593, Barnmill Jolly Beggars; 596, Glaisnock; 600, Millerhill; 604, Bellshill No. 1; 612, Torrance Masonic; 613, Tranent No. 1; 616, Kirkconnel and Sanquhar; 624, Oban; 630, Coalsnaughton; 636, Applebank; 642, Rutherglen; and 645, Clear Winding Devon, Alva.

A civic welcome to the delegates was extended by Provost James Marshall, Dunoon, who was cordially thanked on the motion of Mr. Thomas B. Goudie, Senior Vice-President.

In his opening address, the President claimed that the Federation was a common meeting-place for all men and women of goodwill, irrespective of their politics. It was for members to keep the Federation what its founders meant it to be, a democratic organisation which during the past 62 years had kept the spirit of democracy clean.

The Minutes of last year's Conference at Glasgow—which are printed on pp. 70-83 of the 1947 *Burns Chronicle*—were held as read and were approved on the motion of Mr. Galloway, Sauchie, seconded by Mr. Thorpe, Hamilton Junior.

#### HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Hon. Secretary submitted his report for the year 1946-47 as follows:—

For the past nine years the exigencies and aftermath of war prevented us from inviting our delegates and friends to combine pleasure with business at our Annual Conference. Happily, we have returned to more or less normal times and it is therefore fitting that we should celebrate that return by deciding to come "Doon the Watter" and select Dunoon for the first time in the history of the Federation. The presence here to-day of some 300 delegates shows approval of our selection and the programme arranged with the co-operation of the Town Council of Dunoon will, I feel con-

fidant, add one more to the list of many memorable Conferences.

A year ago Mr. John S. Clarke demitted office after having filled the Presidential Chair for three years with much acceptance. In his successor, Sir Patrick Dollan, we have a President of wide interests who has the welfare and success of the Federation at heart and it is with pleasure that I have to report continued progress under his guidance.

We record with regret the deaths of Dr. J. C. Smith, former Senior Inspector of Schools and joint-Editor with Mr. Thomas Henderson of the series of "Scots Readers" sponsored by the Federation; Dr. William Grant, for many years Editor of the Scottish National Dictionary and an Honorary President of the Federation; and Mr. William A. Weir, Winnipeg, also one of our Honorary Presidents.

#### MEMBERSHIP

During the year the following seventeen Clubs and Societies were affiliated:—

Ardeer Jolly Beggars Burns Club.  
 Corby St. Andrew's Society.  
 Gisborne Burns Club, New Zealand.  
 Ballochmyle Burns Club.  
 Jean Armour Burns Club, Tranent.  
 Caledonian Burns Club, Lanark.  
 Larkhall Applebank Burns Club.  
 Stonehouse Burns Club.  
 Heiton Burns Club.  
 Hamilton White Heather Burns Club.  
 Rosewell Burns Club.  
 Beith Tam o' Shanter Burns Club.  
 Jolly Beggars Burns Club, Bo'ness.  
 Cumnock Dumfries Arms Burns Club.  
 The Clear Winding Devon Burns Club, Alva.  
 Hillend District Burns Club, Airdrie.  
 Carron Bridge Cronies Burns Club, Kilsyth.

Restoration to full membership of Clubs which were dormant during the war continues. During the year fifteen Clubs were re-affiliated. One of the objects of the Federation is to strengthen, by universal affiliation, the bond of fellowship amongst the members of Burns Clubs and kindred Societies and there can be little doubt that an increase in the number of affiliations would prove advantageous alike to the Federation and to the individual Clubs and Societies. Your Executive accordingly appeal to all District Associations



to make an effort during the coming Winter Session to secure affiliation of all non-federated Burns Clubs and Societies in their areas.

Clubs are reminded that lost Charters can be replaced on payment of five shillings—the actual cost to the Federation.

There has again been a steady demand for Pocket Diplomas which are issued at one shilling each on application to the Hon. Treasurer. During the year 875 were issued.

#### MEMORIALS

The Grants Braes Memorial at Haddington, erected in 1928 to mark the site of the house occupied by Gilbert Burns and his mother, was restored during the year.

The direction sign at Ellisland was re-erected in a position sufficiently prominent to attract the attention of the passing motorist.

#### BURNS GUEST HOUSE IN LANARKSHIRE

It was reported that the Lanarkshire Association of Burns Clubs had decided to erect a permanent Memorial somewhere in Lanarkshire and it had been agreed that this Memorial take the form of a Burns Guest House. Your Executive commend this project and members are asked to assist in every way towards its completion.

#### "BURNS CHRONICLE"

Volume XXII of the Second Series of the *Burns Chronicle* was published in January and the increasing demand for copies was such that at the March meeting of the Executive it was decided that Clubs could not be supplied with additional copies as it was not possible, due to lack of paper, for the printers to undertake reprinting.

At their June meeting your Executive received with much regret intimation of the impending retiral of the Hon. Editor of the *Chronicle*, Mr. James C. Ewing. Mr. Ewing has undertaken to complete the work for the 1948 issue. During his many years of Editorship, Mr. Ewing has produced work with discriminating and meticulous care. He is undoubtedly one of the leading Burns scholars and the increasing demand for copies of the *Chronicle* is due in no small measure to the excellence and high literary value of his articles. Our best wishes are extended to him in his well merited retirement.

#### SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS

The popularity of the Federation's Scottish Literature Competitions in schools continues and the Hon. Secretary

of these Competitions is to be congratulated on the growth in the number of children taking part. In this year's competitions there were 74,148 pupils, an increase of over 8,000

SCOTTISH NATIONAL DICTIONARY

The report submitted to the seventeenth annual general meeting of the Scottish National Dictionary Association, at Aberdeen, in May last, contains much of material interest to the Federation. Part 2 of Volume III of the Dictionary, comprising the remainder of the letter C and a portion of the letter D, has undergone final revision. Despite continued printing difficulties, initial revision has also been made on the letter I, and the letter J has been completed in first typescript.

As a direct result of the vigorous publicity drive organised by our Vice-President, Mr. John M'Vie, the sum of £3135 was received through the Federation in subscriptions and donations, and the number of subscribers increased by 239. This is indeed very gratifying. Another item of interest in the report is the appointment of Mr. M'Vie as President. This is a compliment alike to the Federation and to the onerous services rendered by Mr. M'Vie over a long period of years, and your Executive appeal to all Clubs and Societies in the Federation to show appreciation of the honour conferred upon Mr. M'Vie by continuing on a no-less generous scale the financial support already commented on.

At the March meeting of the Executive, opportunity was taken to recognise the services rendered by Mr. John S. Clarke, President for three years, and Mr. John M'Vie, Hon. Secretary for fourteen years, both of whom retired at last Conference. In making the presentations, the President referred in appreciative terms to the work done by Mr. Clarke and Mr. M'Vie for the Federation.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Executive have decided that the published price of the *Chronicle* is to be fixed at 3s. instead of 2s., commencing with the 1948 Edition.

Your Executive noted with interest the decision of certain local authorities in Scotland to include in their housing programmes the provision of suitable cottages for old people.

Charitable work was actively maintained by many Clubs and Societies and your Executive commend this ideal to all federated Clubs. During the year intimation was made to the Executive of bequests of £500 to the Burns Memorial Homes and £50 equally between the Memorial Homes and the Jean Armour Burns Houses.

The Dublin Scottish Benevolent Society of St. Andrew were the recipients of a donation of £1000 from their Treasurer towards the cost of providing homes for deserving Scots in Dublin and the Society have asked for particulars of the schemes for the provision and upkeep of the Memorial Homes and Jean Armour Houses at Mauchline.

*SUNDERLAND BURNS CLUB*

It was intimated during the year that the Sunderland Burns Club celebrated its Jubilee on 24th January, 1947. Congratulations were sent by your Executive to the Club and to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. M. Neilson, who has occupied that position with distinction for the past fifty years.

*ARBROATH BURNS CLUB*

Intimation has been received that the Arbroath Burns Club propose to proceed with the erection of a Burns Statue in the town, for which the necessary funds have been collected.

*RALLY OF AYRSHIRE CLUBS*

A Rally of Burns Clubs in Ayrshire took place at Kilmarnock on 19th July, 1947, during which Sir Patrick Dollan unveiled a Tablet marking the site of John Wilson's Printing Office in Waterloo Street. The Rally was well attended and was enjoyed by all who took part in it.

(Signed) ANDREW STENHOUSE, *Hon. Secretary.*

In presenting the report, Mr. Stenhouse said he would like to make a personal explanation about his resignation from the honorary secretaryship. When he consented to accept this post he did so with the proviso that if he found the duties too onerous he should be allowed to resign. His professional duties had increased and he found himself unable to give Federation affairs the attention they deserved. It was for that reason only that he had now resigned. There was one thing which was not in the report, said Mr. Stenhouse—the question of what was variously called the Scottish National Theatre, the Burns Memorial Theatre and other things. As secretary he wished to say that he knew nothing about that because he had not received any sort of communication about it. Lastly, a letter had been received from the Scottish Society and Burns Club of Australia to say that at their annual meeting a whip-round for a Britain Fund was inaugurated. The Society intended to forward parcels

to each of the affiliated Clubs in Great Britain and they had started with the first six Clubs in the "Burns Chronicle." That was a fine way of demonstrating the friendship between Burns Clubs all over the world.

In reply to a question by Mr. J. Kevan McDowall, Glasgow, the Hon. Treasurer stated that he had recently received instructions from the Office of Works to proceed with the erection of a new Fog-house at Ballochmyle and that plans are in course of preparation by an architect with an intense interest in Ballochmyle.

In the course of discussion arising from report of the proposal by Arbroath Burns Club to erect a statue of Burns, it was suggested that the Executive of the Federation should promote some scheme such as a Cottage Home at Mauchline. The President pointed out that extension of the existing Mauchline Homes did not appear possible and suggested that the Federation might consult with the Town Council of Dunoon as to the erection in Dunoon of a Mary Campbell Home for aged spinsters and widows. The meeting accepted the President's suggestion and remitted to the Executive to consider the proposal and to report.

On the motion of the President, the Annual Report was adopted.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. James MacIntyre, in submitting the treasurer's report, said the first financial statement he made four or five years ago showed an income of less than £900. In the past year the income had been £3212. Annual subscriptions were slightly smaller than in the previous year; other items were much the same, and what had been responsible for the substantial increase was the £1000 donation by Mr. W. G. M'Aulay. During the year he had received one or two handsome donations through the good offices of Sir Patrick Dollan. He had handed over £50 which he received in donations and that had been divided between the National Burns Memorial Homes and the Jean Armour Houses. The sale of the "Burns Chronicle" had produced an income of £638, whereas the expenditure on it was £574. That success was largely due to Sir Patrick's effort to secure advertisements. The Scottish Literature Fund had a balance in hand of £428, which was an increase of £45; the Central Fund had risen by over £30 to £299; the Joseph Laing Waugh Memorial Fund also showed a slight increase. The total financial assets of the Federation amounted to £1519.

The President, in supplement of the Hon. Treasurer, referred to the necessity for increasing the price of the

“ Burns Chronicle ” and indicated that opportunity would shortly be taken of reconstituting and modernising the “ Chronicle ” and of producing another publication with a popular appeal.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. George Humphrey.

The Financial Statement is printed on pp. 94-95.

#### “ BURNS CHRONICLE ” REPORT

In the absence of the Hon. Editor, the adoption of the report on the “ Burns Chronicle ” was moved by the President.

Proceeding, Sir Patrick said that Mr. Ewing had intimated his wish to retire from the editorship after the publication of the next “ Chronicle.” He considered Mr. Ewing to be the world’s greatest authority on Robert Burns; he had done his job well, and they had all recognised that what appeared in the “ Chronicle ” was authoritative. It would be the wish of all that they should record in their minutes their appreciation of his great services on behalf of the Burns movement. (Applause.) With 360 Burns Clubs in the Federation the circulation of the “ Chronicle ” ought to be in the region of 10,000. If it were that, they would get finance and, more important still, they would have influence. The new editor must be a person who would have the confidence of every student and lover of Burns, and the appointment must be considered very carefully.

The President’s motion was approved and the report, which is printed on page 98, was unanimously adopted.

#### SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

The report on school competitions was submitted by Mr. Fred J. Belford who said it would be noted with satisfaction that the number of competitors had increased by over 8000 on last year’s figures. There were still seven Education Committees who did not come into the scheme. If some persuasion were exercised on these committees they might have 100,000 children taking part. The committee was now considering the issue of new certificates for children in the lower age category. One competition they felt was hardly good enough for 7-year-olds. Mr. Belford expressed thanks to his colleagues on the examination board, Mr. J. Douglas Cairns, Mr. Dewar M. Robb and Dr. John W. Oliver, for their help in preparing the examination papers. These were models of

their type and had received the greatest praise from the schools receiving them.

The report, which is printed on pp. 96-97, was unanimously adopted.

#### AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

The following Amendment to the Constitution of the Federation, recommended by the Executive Committee, was unanimously approved on the motion of the President:—  
“ That Rule 14 (C) be amended by substituting the word ‘ three ’ for the word ‘ five. ’ ”

#### ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

On the motion of Mr. Vallance (Ayrshire), seconded by Mr. T. Atholl Robertson (Australia), the following office-bearers were re-elected:—Sir P. J. Dollan, Glasgow, President; Mr. Thomas B. Goudie, Hamilton, and Mr. John M'Vie, Edinburgh, Vice-Presidents; Mr. James MacIntyre, Mauchline, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. Fred. J. Belford, Edinburgh, Hon. Secretary of School Competitions; and Messrs. William A. Gold and George Brown, M.A., Kilmarnock, Hon. Auditors.

The President moved that Mr. William Black, Dumfries, be appointed Hon. Secretary in room of Mr. Stenhouse who had intimated his resignation. Mr. James R. Crawford, Halifax, seconded and paid a tribute to the work done by Mr. Stenhouse during the past year.

The President further moved that it be remitted to the Executive, with power, to elect an Hon. Editor and an assistant Hon. Secretary. The meeting approved.

The elections to the Executive Committee were intimated by the Hon. Secretary.

#### NEXT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The meeting proceeded to consider the place of next Conference and the Hon. Secretary submitted invitations (1) from the Bristol Caledonian Society to hold the Conference at Bristol, (2) from Stirling, Clackmannan and West Perth District to hold it at Stirling and (3) from Harrogate St. Andrew's Society to hold it at Harrogate. Mr. Barbour (Bristol), Mr. Turnbull (Falkirk) and Mr. Crawford (Halifax) having spoken in support of their respective invitations, the meeting remitted to the Executive Committee to consider the invitations and to fix the place of next year's Conference.

## WELCOME TO OVERSEAS DELEGATES

At this stage, the Chairman made suitable reference to the presence of delegates from many Overseas Clubs and thereupon introduced Miss Pat Robertson, representing St. Andrew (Wellington N.Z.) Burns Club. Miss Robertson, who had a warm reception from the remaining delegates, conveyed greetings from her club in a felicitous speech.

## MINISTRY OF FOOD RESTRICTIONS

Mr. J. Kevan McDowall, Glasgow, referred to the recent Ministry of Food intimations of restrictions as regards banquets and similar gatherings and on his suggestion it was agreed that the Hon. Secretary obtained from the Divisional Food Officer a ruling so far as these restrictions might affect the forthcoming Burns Anniversary Dinners.

This concluded the business proceedings and on the motion of Mr. John McVie, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Sir Patrick Dollan for presiding.

In acknowledging, Sir Patrick stated that amongst the competitors at the Youth Service County Championship in Dunoon this afternoon were children from Islay and Tiree, some of whom were paying their first visit to the mainland, and suggested that the delegates might undertake to pay the expenses of these children and thus make them the guests of the Federation during their stay in Dunoon. This was heartily approved and a retiring collection was taken with gratifying results.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

On Friday evening delegates and their wives were the guests of Dunoon Town Council and were accorded a civic reception by Provost James Marshall in the Pavilion Ballroom—a beautiful setting for an entertainment. In the intervals of dancing to the music of Jimmy Couper and his band an excellent cabaret show was presented by James Stoddart, entertainer and compere; Flo Dunsmuir, soprano; Christopher Headington, a brilliant young pianist, now a student at the Royal Academy of Music, London; Davallon, an expert card manipulator and conjuror; and a troupe of juvenile dancers, pupils of Miss Margaret Tait's and Miss Margaret Lauder's schools of dancing, the pipe music for whom was provided by Piper Neilly Henderson, of Dunoon Ballochmyle Pipe Band. Mr. Charles E. Robertson, manager of the Pavilion, had made efficient arrangements for the

comfort of the guests, to which an admirable running buffet contributed not a little. At an interval in the programme Provost Marshall welcomed the delegates, whose thanks was voiced by Sir Patrick Dollan.

After a short interval following the Business Meeting, the delegates again met in the Pavilion for the annual conference luncheon. Sir Patrick Dollan presided and was accompanied at the top table by Provost Marshall and his colleagues of Dunoon Town Council, and by the officials of the Federation. The Rev. G. Charles Smith of the High Kirk of Dunoon, said grace, and an excellent luncheon was enjoyed.

Provost Marshall, in proposing the toast of "The Burns Federation," made a comparison of our present-day life with that pictured by Burns. Let us think of our own "Saturday Night," he said, the football pools, the dogs, and similar attractions. From scenes like these can old Scotia's grandeur ever arise? We have to pass on to future generations some influence of our own time. Are we to be known as the generation that went in for pleasure only, or as the generation which sacrificed itself for the coming generation? That would be something understandable and something well worth while. Continuing the Provost referred to the proposal made that morning to inaugurate Mary Campbell Cottage Homes in Dunoon and expressed the hope that that would have a successful outcome. He paid tribute to the great work the Federation was doing and paid a graceful compliment to the president, Sir Patrick Dollan, whose determination and enthusiasm were invaluable in all Federation projects.

When Sir Patrick Dollan rose to reply the company joined in singing "He's a jolly good fellow." The Federation represented men and women in all countries, said Sir Patrick. Fourteen countries were represented there that day. They had three Clubs in Palestine, two in China, one in Tokio, and he was hoping they would soon have one in Moscow. When there was one there he hoped their first study would be "A man's a man for a' that." (Laughter and applause.) And he was hoping that by next year there would be one in Copenhagen. India was represented by their friend Lieut.-Col. Fleming Gow, and he thought that in some ways he represented at that meeting more than anybody else what the Burns Federation really meant. We were no longer the rulers of India but we thought we could be the servants of India, that we could help India, and we should be able to do that because of the British tradition in India. The



Indians would want us there as their friends. Sir Patrick welcomed as honoured guests two of this predecessors in the presidency of the Federation—Mr. M. H. M'Kerrow, Dumfries, and Mr. John S. Clarke—and went on to say that he was glad that his suggestion about the institution of Mary Campbell Homes in Dunoon had already met with a good response. He would like to see formed in his time a National Robert Burns Club, with all the various Burns Memorials under one control, which control in his opinion should be vested in the Burns Federation with two or three other trustees who might be nominated because of their experience. All these memorials should be co-ordinated and linked up so that everything in the name of Robert Burns should be under the control of this proposed club.

The toast of "The Burgh of Dunoon" was proposed by Mr. Thomas B. Goudie, Vice-President, and replied to by Councillor Haigh.

Mr. Belford then handed over to Provost Marshall a cheque to pay for the expenses of the children of Islay and Tiree who were to compete at the sports meeting that afternoon, and said that a further instalment would be forthcoming to bring the total donation to £21. Provost Marshall made grateful acknowledgment.

The luncheon ended with a vote of thanks, proposed by the chairman, to Mr. Stenhouse and Mr. Black for their work in making arrangements for the conference, to the Provost of Dunoon and his colleagues for their generous co-operation, and to the luncheon caterers, Messrs. Phillips of the Windsor Hotel.

On the invitation of Provost Marshall, the President and a number of delegates officially represented the Federation at the Youth County Championship Games in the Recreation Park where they witnessed some stirring contests amongst the youthful aspirants in all branches of sport and games.

A concert programme, arranged and presented by Mr. Alexander MacGregor, the well-known Scottish baritone, provided delight on the Saturday evening. The concert was sponsored by the Federation, and delegates and their friends filled the Burgh Hall. The programme was an all Scottish one and maintained a high standard throughout. The artistes were Mr. Alex. MacGregor, baritone; Miss May Johnstone, soprano; Miss Marion MacGregor, contralto; Mr. William Hamilton, tenor; and Mr. James Breingan, accompanist.

On Sunday morning the delegates worshipped in the High Kirk of Dunoon. The congregation filled the church and the service was conducted by the Rev. G. Charles Smith,

M.C., minister of the High Kirk and formerly minister at Kirkmichael. Mr. Smith preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion and so impressed by it were the delegates that it was arranged to have it printed as a pamphlet and circulated by the Federation. The praise, led by an excellent choir, with Mr. Harold G. Hartley at the organ, was inspiring. The "Old Hundredth," "Crimond" and "Kilmarnock" were numbered among the tunes. A retiring collection was taken for the National Burns Memorial Cottage Homes and the Jean Armour Burns Houses, Mauchline, and amounted to £17 16s. 2d.

The delegates enjoyed two motor drives. That on Saturday afternoon was a sheer delight. The route—known as "Round the Hill"—ran by the shores of the Holy Loch and Loch Eck to Whistlefield, returning by Ardentenny and the shores of Loch Long. There was bright sunshine and the country looked its loveliest. Sunday afternoon's drive was to Loch Striven, but unfortunately there was continuous rain and poor visibility and the outing was cut short.

On Sunday evening there was another excellent concert in the Pavilion. Included in the large audience were the delegates and their friends. The programme was again exclusively Scottish but was completely different from that of the previous night. The artistes were Miss Mary Ferrier, soprano; Miss Minnie Craig, contralto; Mr. Elliot Dobie, baritone; Mr. John Tainsh, tenor; Miss Margaret Smart, violinist; Miss Jean Stoddart, elocutionist (who gave a highly dramatic rendering of "Tam o' Shanter"); and Miss Sybil Tait, accompanist. At the close of the performance Sir Patrick Dollan voiced the appreciation of the audience.

Dunoon can rightly claim to be added to the list of successful Conferences and the thanks of the Federation are due to the Provost, Magistrates, Councillors and Officials of the Burgh for their generous hospitality and assistance. In the absence of a local reception committee, the bulk of the arrangements was completed by Mr. Andrew Stenhouse, our former Hon. Secretary, whom we thank most sincerely for the excellent work carried out by him.

WILLIAM BLACK, *Hon Secretary*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT for year ended 31st July, 1947

<b>INCOME</b>			
To Balance as per Statement, 31st July, 1946—			
Current Account, ... ..	£176 15 1		
Cash Account, ... ..	7 3 0		
Deposit Account, ... ..	475 7 4		
		£659	5 5
„ Annual Subscriptions, ... ..	£256 4 0		
„ Subscriptions paid in advance, ... ..	3 0 0		
„ Arrears Paid, ... ..	24 3 0		
„ Affiliation Fees, ... ..	31 10 0		
		314	17 0
„ Sale of <i>Burns Chronicle</i> , ... ..	£638 1 3		
„ Sale of Pocket Diplomas, ... ..	42 8 0		
„ Subscriptions towards Commemora- tion Wreath, ... ..	3 11 4		
„ Miscellaneous, ... ..	5 0 0		
		689	0 7
„ <i>General Appeal Funds</i> —			
Scottish National Dictionary, ... ..	£259 1 6		
National Burns Memorial and Cottage Homes, ... ..	80 11 7		
Jean Armour Burns Houses, ... ..	130 13 7		
Scottish Literature Fund, ... ..	20 14 1		
Central Fund—Donations from Clubs, 23	10 0		
Niel Gow Fund (Donation from Lieut.-Colonel P. Fleming Gow),	2 0 0		
Glenbervie Memorial, ... ..	25 12 11		
		542	3 8
„ W. G. M'Aulay, Esq., in trust for Jean Armour Houses, ... ..		1,000	0 0
„ Bank Interest on Deposit Account, ... ..		7	2 6

<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
By Postages, ... ..		£50	0 6
„ Printing and Stationery, ... ..		71	12 0
„ Bank Charges, ... ..		4	18 0
„ Expenses of Meetings, ... ..		12	8 0
„ Allowances to Officials, ... ..		158	4 0
„ Insurance and Income Tax, ... ..		16	4 6
„ Travelling Expenses of Officials, ... ..		6	19 3
„ Commemoration Wreath, ... ..		5	15 0
„ Commemoration Expenses (Dumfries), ... ..		107	19 8
„ Memorials—Leglen Wood, ... ..	£3 0 0		
Glenbervie, ... ..	30 15 0		
Highland Mary, ... ..	2 7 8		
Jessie Lewars, ... ..	5 14 8		
Brow Well, ... ..	3 10 0		
		45	7 4
„ Conference Expenses, ... ..		32	0 10
„ School Children's Competitions, ... ..		10	11 6
„ Scottish National Dictionary Expenses, ... ..		9	11 0
„ Grant to Ayrshire Assn. of Burns Clubs, ... ..		10	0 0
„ Niel Gow Fund, ... ..		2	0 0
„ Scottish Council for Community Service, ... ..		2	2 0
„ <i>Burns Chronicle</i> —			
Wm. Hodge & Co., Ltd.—Print- ing, wrapping, and postages, ..	£482 6 3		
Editor's allowance, ... ..	50 0 0		
Sundry Purchases ... ..	42 1 3		
		574	7 6
„ <i>General Appeal Funds</i> —			
Scottish National Dictionary, ..	£259 1 6		
Jean Armour Burns Houses, ... ..	130 13 7		
National Burns Memorial and Cottage Homes, ... ..	80 11 7		
		470	6 8
„ Miscellaneous Expenses, ... ..		4	8 2
„ <i>Scottish Literature Fund</i> —			
Donations from Clubs, ... ..	£20 14 1		
Half of Affiliation Fees, ... ..	15 15 0		
		36	9 1

£3,212 9 2

Central Fund, ... ..	23 10 0
W. G. M'Aulay Trust: Transferred to Glasgow B.C.A., ... ..	1,000 0 0
Balance in Current Account, ... ..	£72 6 10
Balance in Cash Account, ... ..	2 17 6
Balance in Deposit Account, ... ..	482 9 10
	<u>557 14 2</u>

£3,212 9 2

SCOTTISH LITERATURE FUND

To Balance in Glasgow Savings Bank (Kilmarnock Branch), ... ..	£383 0 2
„ Half Affiliation Fees for 1946-47, ... ..	15 15 0
„ Donations from Clubs, ... ..	20 14 1
„ Interest to 20th November, 1946, ... ..	9 3 10
	<u>£428 13 1</u>

By Balance in Glasgow Savings Bank (Kilmarnock Branch), ... ..	£428 13 1
	<u>£428 13 1</u>

CENTRAL FUND

To Balance at 31st July, 1946, ... ..	£268 3 9
„ Donations from Clubs, ... ..	23 10 0
„ Interest to 31st January, 1947, ... ..	7 14 6
	<u>£299 8 3</u>

By Balance in Dumfries Savings Bank, ... ..	£299 8 3
	<u>£299 8 3</u>

JOSEPH LAING WAUGH MEMORIAL FUND

To Balance at 31st July, 1946, ... ..	£226 19 0
„ Interest to 31st January, 1947, ... ..	6 14 2
	<u>£233 13 2</u>

By Prizes, Laing Waugh Competition, ... ..	£5 19 0
„ Balance in Dumfries Savings Bank, ... ..	227 14 2
	<u>£233 13 2</u>

(Signed) JAMES MACINTYRE, *Hon. Treasurer*

MAUGHLIN, 1st August, 1947.—Examined and found correct.

(Signed) WILLIAM A. GOLD }  
 GEORGE BROWN } *Auditors*

## SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS.

The Scottish Literature Competition shows again a substantial increase in the number of competitors, the figure reaching over 74,000 or 12.6 per cent. over last year's figures.

From reports sent in by Head Teachers and the Teaching Staffs the study of the prescribed pieces seems to be enjoyed by both teachers and taught, most of the written papers showing a genuine love of the Scottish language and literature. Great credit is due to the teachers for their willing co-operation in adding the study of this subject to their already full curriculum and to the pupils for their praiseworthy response.

Apart from the Burns Federation scheme many Burns Clubs are also holding competitions which include the singing of Scottish songs. Very few of these Clubs forward their returns and thus the extent of the work done in this field is not fully available for publication.

The Burns Federation thanks again all who have in any way contributed to make this annual competition a success.

### Competitions held by Burns Clubs :

	Schools	Competitors	Book Prizes	Cups and/or Medals	Certificates
Barrmill Jolly Beggars.....	4	122	6	1	6
Kilbirnie United Burns Clubs	4	137	16	2	6
Kilmarnock Burns Club.....	11	1,800	30	—	90
Newbattle and District Burns Club.....	1	239	12	3	3
Renfrewshire B.C.A. ....	18	1,060	24	—	25
Sauchie Burns Club.....	2	115	26	—	8
Southern Scottish Counties Burns Association .....	19	811	146	—	—
	<b>59</b>	<b>4,282</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>138</b>

## SCOTTISH LITERATURE COMPETITION—1947

Education Committee	No. of Schools	No. of Pupils						No. of Certificatees
		Primary	Qualifying	Junior Secondary	Senior Secondary	Continuation Classes	Total	
Aberdeen ...	3	105	84	45	—	—	234	13
Dundee ...	20	3,535	582	620	—	25	4,762	178
Edinburgh ...	63	9,866	3,326	3,121	134	55	16,502	442
Glasgow ...	52	11,940	1,373	2,244	423	—	15,980	483
Aberdeenshire ...	16	984	327	156	20	12	1,499	97
Angus ...	5	583	137	69	9	—	798	47
Argyllshire ...	8	296	73	363	—	—	732	47
Ayrshire ...	27	3,273	969	1,262	24	—	5,528	213
Banffshire ...	18	341	225	354	180	—	1,028	61
Berwickshire ...	4	27	16	8	—	—	51	11
Buteshire ...	1	18	3	—	—	—	21	5
Clackmannanshire ...	6	239	108	413	—	—	790	32
Dunbartonshire ...	5	801	185	—	—	—	986	32
East Lothian ...	3	222	112	617	52	—	1,003	36
Fife ...	36	4,904	1,079	2,246	277	—	8,506	283
Kincardineshire ...	5	169	47	50	—	—	266	23
Kirkcudbrightshire ...	4	210	63	—	—	—	273	17
Lanarkshire ...	17	2,782	600	1,245	30	—	4,657	167
Midlothian ...	3	200	65	—	—	—	265	12
Orkney ...	2	6	12	12	—	—	30	5
Peeblesshire ...	1	10	2	—	—	—	12	6
Perth and Kinross ...	18	544	212	357	30	—	1,143	71
Renfrewshire ...	11	1,144	326	229	—	—	1,699	73
Roxburghshire ...	11	720	237	79	2	—	1,038	55
Stirlingshire ...	21	3,850	850	1,048	271	—	6,019	194
Wigtownshire ...	1	200	50	—	—	—	250	5
Royal Caledonian Schools ...	1	32	—	32	12	—	76	5
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>47,001</b>	<b>11,063</b>	<b>14,570</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>74,148</b>	<b>2,613</b>

FRED. J. BELFORD,

*Hon. Secretary Schools Competitions.*

**“BURNS CHRONICLE”**

The number of copies sold of the twenty-second issue of the Second Series of the Federation's annual publication was 3288, an increase of more than 100 on the figure for the preceding year (3160). That total includes the five copies sent to each of those Clubs which had paid the current year's subscription, in accordance with article 14 (c) of the "Constitution and Rules" of the Federation, and also additional copies ordered by Clubs for their members; as well as those purchased by individuals, the trade or libraries.

The thanks of the Federation is hereby expressed to those Associations that continue their support of the annual, especially to the thirteen listed below which purchased 50 or more copies.

To its President the Federation is indebted for his valuable assistance on the business side of the publication, particularly in bringing the annual to the notice of advertisers.

Mauchline Club - - - - -	205	copies
Calcutta Club - - - - -	125	„
Dumfries Club - - - - -	110	„
Border Cities Club - - - - -	105	„
Scottish Club (Glasgow) - - - - -	81	„
Flint (Michigan) Club - - - - -	75	„
Belfast Association - - - - -	65	„
Edinburgh Ayrshire Association - - - - -	60	„
Dumfries Burns Howff Club - - - - -	56	„
Bridgeton (Glasgow) Club - - - - -	55	„
Sandyford (Glasgow) Club - - - - -	55	„
Greenock Club - - - - -	53	„
Atlanta (Georgia) Club - - - - -	50	„

J. C. EWING, *Hon. Editor.*

GLASGOW, 31st July, 1947.

## BURNS CLUB NOTES

### O: KILMARNOCK BURNS CLUB

The happy spirit that prompted a post-war resumption of social activity has been well maintained. St. Andrew's Night and the Annual Dinner were enlivened with maximum attendances, and the Club membership now stands at 153.

#### *St. Andrew's Night*

This celebration was a very happy affair. The speeches, of which there were not too many, were uniformly good and entertaining, the music was particularly fine, the preliminary feast seemed to lack nothing and the setting was beautifully done in Lauder's Emporium. Mr. Robert Rorrison, President, presided, and was accompanied by past Presidents of the Club with their wives. Mr. Joseph Macleod, managing director of Scottish Film Studios, formerly of the B.B.C., was Principal Guest, and proposed a toast to Scotland, pre-facing it with a "crack on Scottish themes." Taking as his text the first two lines of Burns's "Address to the Haggis" . . . "Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face, Great chieftan o' the puddin-race," Mr. Macleod delighted his audience with a clever commentary on Scottish character and art, drawing amusing analogies between his text and his subject. It was a great pleasure to hear again his rich, well-modulated voice, so well remembered from his days as B.B.C. announcer, the only member of that body who took the final "r" out of "Indiar." Earlier in the day Mr. Macleod made a tour of the Glenfield & Kennedy works under the guidance of Mr. Henry Gardner, Managing Director, accompanied by officials of the Club. Mr. Macleod was a charming companion and made a most favourable impression on all people whom he met.

#### *The Big Night*

Mr. Robert Fife, newly elected President, presided over a company widely representative of the business and professional sections of the community, the best attendance ever known in Kilmarnock on January 25th.

Col. The Rt. Hon. Walter Elliot, M.P., one of our readiest



and most resourceful speakers, was Principal Guest and Speaker. His "Immortal Memory," while making less suggestion of midnight oil than most speeches on a similar occasion, had the air as being as impromptu and unrehearsed as his contributions to the Brains Trust. The gusto with which he quoted extracts from works of the poet and the dramatic fervour of his renderings were distinctly refreshing.

The remainder of the programme was not overladen with speeches. Good Music was the dominant feature of the evening. Mr. Alexander Carmichael, the well-known baritone singer, charmed his audience with expressive renderings of a nicely varied choice of Burns's Songs, and Dr. R. C. Hamilton, a former President of the Club and an accomplished tenor singer, balanced the musical programme most suitably.

W. Y. HAGGO,  
*Hon. Secy.*

### 3: TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB

The Annual outing to Callander was well attended and enjoyed by members and friends.

The 88th Anniversary Dinner held on Jan. 25th, 1947, was honoured by Vice Admiral Sir James A. G. Troup, K.B.E., C.B., who proposed "The Immortal Memory" to over 120 members and friends. Ex-Bailie Armstrong made the appeal for the Jean Armour Houses. This realized the substantial sum of £29 5s., a record for the Club.

The Whist Drives and Lecture held during the Session had the enthusiastic support of members and friends.

The St. Andrew's supper under the Chairmanship of Mr. John P. Grindlay, our President, was well patronised, especially by our friends of the Rosebery Club. Mr. J. S. Smith, M.A., F.E.I.S., gave a brief historical survey of the life of St. Andrew. The musical entertainment was beyond praise.

Eight new Life Members were admitted during the year.

### *Syllabus 1947-1948*

- 1947—Jul. 5. Annual Outing.  
 Nov. 27. St. Andrew's Dinner.  
 Dec. 18. Musical Evening.  
 1948—Jan. 17. Anniversary Dinner.  
 Feb. 26. Lecture.  
 Mar. 31. Annual General Meeting.

W. McFARLANE,  
*Hon. Secy.*

## 15: BELFAST BURNS ASSOCIATION

During the session 1946-47 six meetings were held on Thursdays throughout the Winter, with an average attendance of 136.

Many members of the Association attended the Commemoration Service of the Death of Robert Burns, along with members of the Dublin Scottish Benevolent Society, at Dundalk on July 20th, 1946.

At the opening Social Meeting on Oct. 17th a cheque for £50 was handed to the Chairman of the Management Committee of the Royal Victoria Hospital as an instalment to the Fund for the Endowment of a Robert Burns Memorial Bed.

Other meetings were as follows:—

- 1946—Nov. 17. "John Galt," by Rev. A. Wylie Blue, D.D.  
 ,, 22. Whist Drive.  
 Dec. 5. Table-Readings arranged by T. H. Roughead.
- 1947—Jan. 9. "The Kailyard School of Literature," by J. R. Brown, M.A., B.Sc.  
 ,, 23. Annual Dinner: "The Immortal Memory" by R. M. Smylie, Editor of the *Irish Times*.  
 Feb. 6. Debate on the "Young Chevalier."  
 ,, 27. Dinner-Dance.  
 Mar. 6. "Scottish journeys," by Rev. A. G. Jackson.  
 ,, 27. Annual General Meeting.

The membership now numbers 400.

J. R. BROWN,  
*Hon. Secy.*

## 17: NOTTINGHAM SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

During the War period the normal activities of the Association were temporarily suspended, quite a number of the members being actively engaged in various branches of the services and voluntary organisations.

Under the genial presidency of Lieut.-Com. J. G. Mackness, a series of afternoon gatherings was arranged and invitations extended to Scots quartered in the depots and camps in the city and neighbourhood, both men and women in all sections of the services. The functions were all well attended and proved a very beneficial help to all who participated. Quite a number appeared in the national costume or in service uniforms, and on more than one occasion

members of a Pipe Band from a Scottish camp some miles away added considerable assistance by giving their services in connection with the dances.

The Association during the last season has had a very successful year, the events approximating the pre-war standard. All the functions were well attended, and the Council was able to donate a total sum of over £200 in aid of not only local hospital and similar organisations, but also to a number of Scottish funds, including the Mauchline Homes, Jean Armour Houses, and Royal Caledonian Schools at Bushey. The prospects for the next year's events are indeed particularly good and the membership is extending rapidly.

During the past few years a number of past members have passed over into the silent land and the Council desire to place on record a sense of the loss the Association has sustained. One outstanding break occurred on the death of Miss Hepburn. She was a daughter of the Hon. Secretary of the former Scottish Society, which was amalgamated in the Association on the reconstitution in 1901.

Another loss was that of Mr. Robert M'Kechan, a native of West Kilbride, in his 89th year. He had acted as President of the Association. A big loss was sustained by the demise of Professor William Hutchison M'Millan, B.Sc., M.B.E. He was a very valuable member; and acted on the Council for a number of years, occupying the Presidential Chair for two years, and was also one of the Trustees. The members of the Association recollect with intense gratification all the help and assistance always ungrudgingly and cheerfully accorded by him for the furtherance of Scottish matters in the area. It is somewhat pathetic that the M.B.E. honour was conferred upon him during his last illness, and that he was not spared to personally receive the decoration. More recently another break has been sustained by the death of Sir Arthur W. Black, at a very advanced age. He was the first President of the Association after its reconstruction in 1902.

JOHN CURRIE,  
*Former President and Secretary*

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#### 20 : AIRDRIE BURNS CLUB

The Airdrie Burns Club, which was dormant during the war years, has now resumed its activities, and at the Anniversary Dinner, the first since 1940, which was held in

the Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie, on 28th January 1947, the President, Honorary Sheriff Jas. A. Reid, in a most interesting and thoughtful speech proposed "The Immortal Memory." His address was much appreciated by the 120 members and guests present.

At the annual general meeting held on 28th April, Mr. Alex. H. Thomson, F.R.I.A.S., Robertson, Airdrie, was elected President.

With a live membership of 170 the Club is in a very healthy condition.

It has been agreed to make a donation of £10 10s. towards the cost of the Scottish National Dictionary; and to foster an interest in Burns among the young it has been decided to donate £8 8s. for prizes in a competition open to pupils in Airdrie schools. A committee was formed to decide the nature of the competition.

G. R. HANSON,  
*Secretary*

49 : BRIDGETON (GLASGOW) BURNS CLUB

*Syllabus 1947-1948*

- 1947—Oct. 25. Hallowe'en Supper.  
 Nov. 25. Ladies' Night.  
 Dec. 19. Children's Choir Competition.  
 1948—Jan. 16. Concert and Presentation of Prizes.  
 „ 24. Anniversary Dinner.  
 Mar. 1. "At Home": Musical Evening.

C. GORDON BROWN,  
*Hon. Secy.*

68 : SANDYFORD (GLASGOW) BURNS CLUB

Under the Presidency of Mr. James Maxwell M'Phie, J.P., a year of steady progress was shown.

Effort was made to bring the Roll up to date, and Circulars were issued to all Club Members with a recorded address in the Books. Replies received revealed a loss of 26 Members through death from the date of the last Circular issued in 1940.

Intimation of retiral from the Board of Directors was received with regret in the course of the year from Mr. David M. Hutchison, LL.B., and from Mr. James T. Wotherspoon, both Past-Presidents and each having a long record of service

to the Club. Mr. Hutchison was particularly helpful in the framing of the Constitution and Rules of the Benevolent Fund.

The Hallowe'en function held in the Marlborough House was again a highly successful function. The Anniversary Dinner held in the Grosvenor Restaurant, on 24th January 1947 saw the restoration of some of the Club's pre-war glory—the Dance following the Dinner being re-introduced. The standard of the speeches was well maintained. Speaking to the principal Toast, The Earl of Selkirk said that, despite his appeal for brotherly love and his outspoken comments on liberty, Burns had never adopted an equalitarian creed. "I wonder," he continued, "what Burns would have written about our Government regulations to-day or, for that matter, about the officials who operate them? Criticism and satire of the Burns quality is required in this age when a man cannot build his own house or buy his own food and clothing without permission.

"The name 'dictatorship' arose long before this Government took office, before the last war, but it is even more serious now than it was then. Instead of inducing great principles such as Burns propounded, we make a flying catch at some big idea and then apply it in other people's kitchens.

"There is a morbid faith in the world to-day that fear of atomic energy will bring peace to the world. Peace will only come when people really want it for its own sake."

The Schools' Competition was again highly successful, and entries were made from four schools—an increase of one on the previous year. A high standard was attained by the teaching staffs in the pupils presented for adjudication in all sections of the Competition. Mr. Jack Barclay (Glasgow Orpheus Choir) again adjudicated in the Solo and Choral Singing Sections, and Mr. Charles R. M. Brookes adjudicated in the Elocution Section. After very keen competition the Sandyford Trophy was gained by Cloberhill School with an average points score of 87.3, Knightswood School being a close second with 86.3.

The restoration work on the stone erected by the Club on the burying place of Alexander Findlater in Anderston Burying Ground, North Street, Glasgow, was carried through during the year and the cost met by Donations from Club members.

At the Annual General Meeting held in March 1947 Bailie William Gordon Bennett was appointed President and Mr. Robert M. Battison, Vice-President.

Prevailing conditions occasion doubt of the Club having opportunity to proceed with an Anniversary Dinner in 1948 or of pursuing any of the general activities.

S. W. LOVE,  
*Hon. Secy.*

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## 89 : SUNDERLAND BURNS CLUB

The year 1947 marks the Jubilee of our Club, and our President, Mr. J. M'Nicol, with Mrs. M'Nicol, together with the Committee of Ladies and Gentlemen, have left no stone unturned to make the event worthy of the occasion. On 24th January a record gathering of members and friends assembled in the Seaburn Hotel. The President of the Club presided. Mr. Thos. B. Goudie, Senior Vice-President of the Burns Federation, in proposing the Toast of "The Immortal Memory," claimed that the Bard was perhaps the greatest spiritual force revealed in eighteenth century literature. Councillor A. W. Semple presented a wallet of Treasury notes to Mr. Neilson and a flowering plant to Mrs. Neilson on completing 50 years as Hon. Secy. Mr. Goudie on behalf of the Federation Council, handed a facsimile copy of the Kilmarnock edition of Burns's poems to Mr. Neilson, and one to Councillor Semple on completing 39 years as Treasurer. Mr. J. D. M'Bain gave the "Lasses O," to which Miss A. M. Shaw replied. The music part was sustained by Mr. J. Wick and Miss E. Ross, with Mrs. Tighe at the piano. Piper Robert Westwood piped the haggis, which was carried by J. Renwick Vickers, while Councillor Semple said grace in his own inimitable style.

The President announced that the election as Honorary Life Member of the Club had been conferred on Mr. Neilson.

On 26th May we had an outing to St. Mary's Loch, going via Wooler and Kelso, where lunch was served; St. Boswell's, Selkirk to St. Mary's, and back via Hawick, where tea was served. A most enjoyable day and thoroughly enjoyed by all

We have to record loss by death of Miss Marion Morrison and Coroner J. C. Morton; we are all the poorer by the passing of such honoured members.

M. NEILSON,  
*Hon. Secy.*

IN APPRECIATION, 1897-1947

*(Communicated by Coun. A. W. Semple)*

In eighteen hundred and ninety-seven,  
 When Jan'war winds did blaw  
 O'er frae the north o' Wearmo'th Brig,  
 An' cauld enough for snaw,  
 A few douce lads o' Sunderland  
 Met in a certain "Hub,"  
 An' there they solemnly resolved  
 Tae form the first Burns Club.  
 For fifty years they've stood the test  
 O' ups an' doons by turns,  
 But aye were loyal tae the creed  
 Proclaimed by Robert Burns.  
 This nicht we meet in harmony,  
 Frae care and trouble free,  
 Tae honour Neilson and the Club  
 This year o' Jubilee.

On 24th January last Sunderland Burns Club met in the Seaburn Hotel to celebrate their fiftieth year as an affiliated member of the Burns Federation and to honour their Hon. Secy., Mr. Matthew Neilson, who has held office without a break since 1897, when the Club was instituted. All the office-bearers of that date, with the exception of Mr. Neilson, have "crossed the bourne." The success of the Club is due largely to the efficient manner in which Mr. Neilson has served the Club.

I have made an exhaustive search of the records, and find he holds the unique distinguished position of being the first and only secretary in the Burns world who has taken part in the combined jubilee celebrations of a federated Club and his own appointment as secretary: a distinction, I venture to say, that may well stand for all time. I have been Treasurer for 39 years, and have had ample opportunity of estimating his value to Club and members. His method of organising meetings and events connected with the Club is remarkable, his precision in recording the minutes goes without question, his advice in matters affecting the Club has been of great value and solved many problems. He has for many years contributed Club Notes to the *Burns Chronicle*. His attendance at Club meetings is a record; so far as I can remember he has missed only one since 1903, when he was indisposed. In session 1931 he was appointed President and Secretary, and discharged the duties of both to the satisfac-

tion of Committee and members. When federated Clubs were divided into districts in 1924 he was appointed Secretary for North-Eastern England at its first meeting, a position which he still holds. Gifted with a keen sense of humour, his boisterous laugh is infectious; musical, he renders Burns's songs in a good tenor voice. To sum up, he is a model Secretary, a model Burns Club time-table and almanack. He has won our admiration and our esteem and affection as a man of kindly feeling and sterling character.

I end this tribute with what I said at the Dinner: "On behalf of the members of the Sunderland Burns Club I ask you to accept this wallet with Treasury notes as a token of our profound gratitude and appreciation of the magnificent service you have rendered during your fifty years as Hon. Secretary of the Club. I have now to ask Mrs. Neilson to accept this beautiful flowering plant as a tribute of thanks for the help you have given to your husband and for your untiring attention which enabled him to carry out the duties so efficiently. We trust that you and your husband may be long spared to enjoy together the fruits of a well spent life."

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112: DUMFRIES BURNS HOWFF CLUB

*Syllabus for 1946-1947*

1946—Oct. 31. Mr. H. Spence Culbert, President, gave an interesting address on the traditions of Hallowe'en.

1946—Nov. 28. Mr. John Sturgeon, Past-President, was the principal speaker, and in a very able manner outlined the story of St. Andrew, our patron Saint, and the accomplishments of the Scot abroad.

1947—Jan. 27. Mr. J. Kevan McDowall, a member of the Executive of the Burns Federation, was the principal guest at Anniversary Dinner, and in an eloquent address paid a high tribute to the Bard, acclaiming him the Apostle of World Democracy.

1947—Jan. 29. On the suggestion of Past-President J. G. Mackenzie, the Executive decided to entertain the residents in Moorheads Hospital, and the ultimate selection of a Burns Dinner for the old folks was indeed a happy choice. It gave the Executive a great deal of pleasure to visit the Hospital and to have as their guests some twenty old Dumfriesians. Mr. T. S. McCrorie, Curator of Burns House, proposed the "Immortal Memory," and members of the Executive contributed song and story to the apparent delight of the



residents. It is hoped that this pleasing and magnanimous function may become an annual event.

1947—Feb. 13. Ladies' Night: This social function proved a happy occasion and was attended by nearly 200 members and friends. The function took the form of Whist, Supper, Harmony and Dancing, and invitations to representatives of other Clubs in town were extended and accepted.

1947—Mar. 17. St. Patrick's Night: Sir P. J. Dollan, President of the Federation, had agreed to give an address on this occasion, but the severe snowstorm at that time prevented Sir Patrick from travelling, and, following the usual traditional fare being served, the evening was spent in harmony.

1947—Apr. 2. Mr. Andrew Young was the speaker at Closing Supper, and gave a most interesting and appreciative address on "Lady Nairne and her songs."

N. LITTLE

JOHN ANDREW

*Hon. Secs.*

#### 153: THE SCOTTISH BURNS CLUB, GLASGOW

Forfeuchen wi' wars alarms, an' sweert tae think o' mair trachle, th' Cronies o' th' Scottish Club ettled tae pass th' fleetin' hours wi' joy an' music pourin' forth. Didna Burns say:—

"The weary night o' care and grief  
May have a joyful morrow."

Aweel! Burns wrote "may" not "shall."

Ne'erless, th' twa an' fortieth session o' the "Scottish" was a gran' aye.

In Januar, in a stirrin' address tae ower five hunner Cronies an' their lassies, Joseph Macleod, ance o' th' B.B.C., proposed "Th' Immortal Memory." In thankin' him Sir Patrick Dollan, the Preses o' th' Federation, "hacked and hash'd while braid swords clashed." In respondin' tae "The Lassies," proposed by the Reverend Wm. T. Smellie, O.B.E., M.A., Naomi Mitchison made a when original an' startlin' remarks.

In October Cronie Jamie Brown tell't o' "The Seven Ages of Man." In November George P. Laidlaw crackit on "The Love Songs of Robert Burns." In December David Gordon George o' th' American Embassy spak o' Brito-American Relations. In Februar' Ex-Deacon J. Martin Baxter o' th' Cordiners tell't the story o' "The Trades Incorporations o' Glesca." At th' Annual General Meetin' in March Preses

Jamie Adair was persuaded tae haud till th' Chair for th' aught successive year. The membership o' th' Club un'er his couthie chairge is noo weel ower five hunner.

J. KEVAN McDOWALL,  
*Secretar*

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## 199 : NEWBATTLE AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB

We have again to report a very successful session under the chairmanship of Mr. Robert Lauder. Our membership is still slightly ahead of last year, the number at present being 200. Mr. John Stergeon of Dumfries, in proposing "The Immortal Memory," treated us to a delightful discourse on the life and works of the Bard, and received great applause from the large number of members, who I think would be about 175.

The Old Folks now number 270, the largest number we have ever had. They had their usual Xmas Dinner and a Gift of £1 each, and also their summer drive round the Borders, and stopped at Inverleithen where they were served with tea. We proceeded to Peebles for two hours, and arrived home after a very enjoyable day which was appreciated by these Old Folks. There were 150, and along with the Dinner and the gift of £1 each, all in, it takes about £400.

The School Children's essay competition again proved a great success, and a Social Evening will be held to present the Cups and Prizes on 18th October 1947 in the Band Hall.

ROBERT M'CATHIE,  
*Secretary.*

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## 226 : DUMFRIES BURNS CLUB

We are able to report a very successful session under the Presidency of Mr. John Irving. "The Immortal Memory" at the Anniversary Dinner was proposed by Rev. Harold A. Cockburn, Minister of St. Michael's Church, Dumfries, in terms of arresting merit which delighted an attendance of 117, one of the largest gatherings in recent years.

An enjoyable Hallowe'en Meeting was also held on 31st October, when Mr. Lewis Spence of Edinburgh was the Guest Speaker and gave a very interesting address on "Burns and Hallowe'en."

Delegates from the Club attended the Annual Conference of the Federation at Dunoon and also the annual Service at

the Church and Mausoleum on the occasion of the Poet's birthday.

The new President of the Club is ex-Provost K. Dobie.

H. G. McKERROW,  
*Hon. Secy.*

#### 244: DALMUIR BURNS CLUB

This Club, which ceased to function in the black-out of war and whose members were scattered far and wide by the "blitz" of 1941, has now been revived and re-affiliated. Under the energetic Presidency of Mr. Wm. Boyle we have met with no small success in our endeavour to come up to our former status. Our first difficulty was in finding a meeting-place, most of the small halls suitable to our needs having been destroyed. The Public Library Hall has now been restored and redecorated, and the Clydebank Library Committee have decided to let the same for literary meetings at a nominal fee. We have arranged for four such meetings, the first on 9th October when the Librarian, Mr. J. B. Purdie, F.L.A., will give an address on "Libraries and Reading." Three members of our Committee have arranged to give the other lectures.

Preparations are well advanced for Hallowe'en, our Bairns' Nicht, and the St. Andrew Day celebration.

The proposer of "The Immortal Memory" at our Annual Dinner in January is Mr. T. B. Goudie, Hamilton, Vice-President of the Federation.

JOHN R. S. LOCKHART,  
*Secretary.*

#### 310: MAUCLINE BURNS CLUB

##### *Syllabus 1946-1947*

- 1946—Oct. 16. "The lesser-known songs of Burns," by  
T. A. Kerr.  
Nov. 11. Address by John S. Clarke.  
Dec. 11. "Burns as a social planner," by Sir P.  
J. Dollan.

- 1947—Jan. 25. Annual Celebration: "The Immortal Memory" by the Right Hon. Lord M'Gowan.  
 Feb. 10. "The lame, the halt, and the blind"; by Dr. James Dunlop.  
 Mar. 12. Annual General Meeting and "Andra Crawford's Nicht."

JAMES DUNLOP,  
*Hon. Secy.*

## 314: SCOTTISH BURNS CLUB, EDINBURGH

*Syllabus 1947-1948*

- 1947—Oct. 10. Reminiscences of Joseph Laing Waugh, by Herbert Down.  
 Nov. 14. "Colour," by Alex Brown.  
 ,, 28. Whist Drive.  
 Dec. 12. "The City Chambers," by Wm. Murray.  
 1948—Jan. 9. "The Scottish Ballads," by Rev. Jas. Jardine, M.C.  
 ,, 30. Anniversary Supper: "The Immortal Memory," by Herbert Down.  
 Feb. 13. "Mediterranean gateways," by Harold Skelton.  
 Mar. 12. Annual General Meeting; Scots Quiz.

JOHN MALCOLM,  
*Secretary*

## 377: KILBIRNIE ROSEBERY BURNS CLUB

*Syllabus 1947-1948*

- 1947—Jul. 19. Grand Rally at Kilmarnock.  
 Aug. 23. Bus tour of Southern Highlands.  
 Oct. 17. Address by Councillor T. A. Kerr.  
 Nov. 14. Social Evening: Address by Rev. James Barr, B.D.  
 Dec. 19. Address by Rev. D. Langlands Seath.  
 1948—Jan. 24. Anniversary Supper.  
 Feb. 20. Annual General Meeting.  
 Mar. 19. Social Evening: Address by E. Rosslyn Mitchell.

A company of 102 participated in the Bus Tour of the Southern Highlands in August. The weather was ideal; and the first stop was made at Alloway, to see the Gardens and

the Auld Brig o' Doon. Continuing towards Dumfries, the route was via Dalmellington, Carsphairn and Dalry (Kirkcudbrightshire). This was new ground for most of the company, and they thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful scenery. At Dumfries a visit was paid to St. Michael's Churchyard, where a wreath was laid in the Mausoleum by the President, Mr. James E. Shaw. The visitors' book being signed, most of the party took advantage of the church being open to inspect the interior, which has intimate associations with the Poet.

After tea a start was made for home via Thornhill, Cumnock and Kilmarnock.

JAMES MCCARTNEY,  
*Hon. Secy.*

497: ST. ANDREW BURNS CLUB (WELLINGTON, N.Z.)

*Syllabus 1947-1948*

- 1947—Jul. 21. "Bonnie Prince Charlie," by J. R. Baird.  
 Aug. 18. "Ambassadors of Scottish song," by Karl Atkinson.  
 Sep. 15. "County of Angus," by A. Kettles.  
 Oct. 20. "Scottish humour and sentiment," by W. J. M'Keon.  
 Nov. 17. "Firth of Clyde," by J. M. Caldwell.  
 Dec. 15. Members' Night.  
 1948—Jan. 24. Poet's Night: Anniversary Dinner.  
 Feb. 10. Address by D. Robertson.  
 Mar. 15. Ladies' Night: "Something Scotch," by Dr. E. Bryson.  
 Apl. 19. "Scott v. Burns," by C. A. Treadwell.  
 May. 17. "More about the Shetlands," by Rev. J. Cumming.  
 June. 21. Annual General Meeting.

B. CLARK,  
*Secretary*

636: GISBORNE (NEW ZEALAND) BURNS CLUB

In this, the first report of the most easterly Burns Club in the world, we wish to extend greetings to all fellow Burnsians.

Established in 1938, the Club has grown from a few enthusiasts to its present strength of 120.

Under the direction of the Chairman, Mr. W. B. Turbitt, the monthly meetings are well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Club has donated to the local centre of the Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand, for annual competition, a shield made of 84 pieces of New Zealand woods with the centre piece the head and shoulders of the Poet in silver. Also, the Club sponsors each year a competition among amateurs for the best sung Burns song.

We have received our first issue of the *Chronicle*, and must express our appreciation of the fine work it is doing in bringing the associated clubs more together, and also for the very interesting articles contained in its pages.

R. HOWE,  
*Hon. Secy.*

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#### 521: WARATAH—MAYFIELD BURNS CLUB

This Club has sent a parcel of food, as a Christmas gift, to each of the ten Glasgow and District Burns Association beneficiaries living in the Jean Armour Burns Houses at Mauchline. The beneficiaries ask that the Club's welcome gift and their own grateful acknowledgments be recorded here.

LIST OF THE 378  
BURNS CLUBS AND SCOTTISH SOCIETIES  
ON THE  
ROLL OF THE BURNS FEDERATION, 1948

*The Secretary of a Club is also its "Burns Chronicle" official, unless another name and address is given*

[Corrected to 20th October, 1947]

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- 0—KILMARNOCK BURNS CLUB: instituted 1808; federated 1885; 153 members; President, Robert Fife, M.I.Inst.Gas E.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. Y. Haggio, 3 Seaford Street, Kilmarnock.
- 1—THE BURNS CLUB OF LONDON: instituted 1868; federated 1885; 300 members; President, Rev. R. S. Birch, M.A., Ph.D.; Secretary, Donald Munro, 35 Elgar Avenue, Surbiton, Surrey; Treasurer, Ian B. White, "Corrie," Links Way, Woodhall Gate, Pinner, Middlesex; *Burns Chronicle* official, John R. Watson, 5 Meadow Drive, Hendon, London, N.W.4.
- 2—ALEXANDRIA BURNS CLUB: instituted 1884; federated 1885; 54 members; President, John Gilmour; Secretary, John Barton, Cedar Cottage, Middleton Street, Alexandria; Treasurer, Thomas Moncur, Argyll Terrace, Mitchell Street, Alexandria; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 3—TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB: instituted 1858; federated 1885; 106 members; President, John Williamson; Secretary, W. McFarlane, 41 Cumlodden Drive, Maryhill, Glasgow, N.W.; Treasurer, Ernest Russell, 37 Clouston Street, Glasgow, N.W.; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 4—CALLANDER BURNS CLUB: instituted 1877; federated 1885; 50 members; President, J. G. Simpson; Secretary, Alex. D. Cumming, J.P., F.E.I.S., Auchengower, Callander; Treasurer, Archibald Callanin, County Offices, Callander.
- 7—THISTLE BURNS CLUB: instituted 1882; federated 1885; 50 members; President, John W. Logan; Secretary, David Moffat, 19 Park Road, Glasgow, C.4; Treasurer, John Morton, 69 Nicholson Street, Glasgow, C.5; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.

- 9—ROYALTY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1882; federated 1886; 115 members; President, Andrew Pearson; Secretary and Treasurer, William M'Minn, 5 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, C.1.
- 10—DUMBARTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1857; federated 1886; 80 members; President, Alastair M. Stewart; Secretary and Treasurer, John Lithgow, Park Lea, Stirling Road, Dumbarton.
- 14—DUNDEE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1860; federated 1886; 43 members; President, Adam J. Ingram; Secretary, H. R. Paton, 37 Union Street, Dundee; Treasurer, Alexander McLoggan, 37 Union Street, Dundee.
- 15—BELFAST BURNS ASSOCIATION : instituted 1886; federated 1886; 400 members; President, George Wilson; Secretary, James R. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., 32 Maryville Park, Balmoral, Belfast; Treasurer, Frank O'Neill, B.A., 1 Tennyson Avenue, Bangor, Co. Down; *Burns Chronicle* official, Thomas Forbes, 51 Marlborough Park Central, Belfast.
- 17—NOTTINGHAM SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION : instituted 1871; re-constituted 1902; federated 1886; re-affiliated 1903; 300 members; President, A. E. Sutherland; Secretary, C. M. Logan; Treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Crowley, 12 Leahurst Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham; *Burns Chronicle* official, J. Currie.
- 20—AIRDRIE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1885; federated 1886; 176 members; President, Alex. H. Thomson; Secretary, George R. Hanson, 54 Motherwell Street, Airdrie; Treasurer, James H. Benson, Marionville, Airdrie.
- 21—GREENOCK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1801; federated 1886; 200 members; President, D. M. Fleming; Secretary, A. F. Macmillan, 74 West Blackhall Street, Greenock; Treasurer, E. A. Pressley, 74 West Blackhall Street, Greenock; *Burns Chronicle* official, Nairn Richardson, c/o Park, 18 Robertson Street, Greenock.
- 22—EDINBURGH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1848; federated 1886; 150 members; President, James Mullo Weir, S.S.C., F.S.A.(Scot.); Secretary and Treasurer, George Harris, F.A.S.A., 5 York Place, Edinburgh.
- 25—ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG : instituted 1871; federated 1886; 185 members; President, George Skinner; Secretary, John D. McKelvie, 751 Valour Road, Winnipeg, Canada; Treasurer, George M. Paton, 200 Dromore Avenue, Winnipeg; *Burns Chronicle* official, Robert Stevenson, 34 Martin Avenue, Winnipeg.
- 26—PERTH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1873; federated 1886; 46 members, President, Andrew Arthur; Secretary, J. Livingstone Milne, 4 King Edward Street, Perth; Treasurer, J. B. Monteith.
- 33—GLASGOW HAGGIS CLUB : instituted 1872; federated 1886; 70 members; President, H. J. Marrian; Secretary and Treasurer, O. Lennox Dunley, M.C., C.A., 31 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, C.1.



- 34—CARRICK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1859; federated 1887; 32 members; President, Arthur E. Collins; Secretary and Treasurer, William Allan, 5 Netherview Road, Netherlee, Glasgow.
- 35—DALRY (AYRSHIRE) BURNS CLUB : instituted 1825; federated 1887; 85 members; President, David Houston; Secretary, James D. Gordon, Solicitor, Dalry, Ayrshire, and William Wilson, M.A., Northfield, Dalry; Treasurer, James D. Gordon; *Burns Chronicle* official, William Wilson, M.A.
- 36—ROSEBERY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1885; federated 1887; 120 members; President, William C. Fletcher; Secretary, Archibald W. Alexander, 55 Glencoe Street, Glasgow, W.3; Treasurer, William McMinn, 5 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow, C.1; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 37—DOLLAR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1887; federated 1887; 41 members; President, J. G. Shirreffs; Secretary, Peter Mitchell, 22 Cairnpark Street, Dollar; Treasurer, John Muckersie, Station Road, Dollar.
- 40—ABERDEEN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1887; federated 1889; 103 members; President, Frank Robertson; Secretary, R. H. Watson, The Cottage, 271 George Street, Aberdeen; Treasurer, Miss Mary McKnight, The Aberdeen Bookshop, 8 Upper Kirkgate, Aberdeen; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 44—FORFAR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1891; federated 1891; 153 members; President, James N. Strachan; Secretary and Treasurer, Norman W. Auburn, 33 Lour Road, Forfar.
- 45—CUMNOCK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1887; federated 1891; 105 members; President, James Welsh, LL.B.; Secretary, G. Fredericks, Clydesdale Bank House, Cumnock; Treasurer, H. Connell, Westfield, Cumnock.
- 48—PAISLEY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1805; federated 1891; 32 members; President, Jeffrey B. McGlashan; Secretary and Treasurer, George B. Ballantyne, 9 Potterhill Avenue, Paisley.
- 49—BRIDGETON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1870; federated 1891; 1600 members; President, Edward Gibbon; Secretary and Treasurer, C. Gordon Brown, 569 London Road, Glasgow, S.E.
- 50—STIRLING BURNS CLUB : instituted 1886; federated 1892; 130 members; President, Robert Graham; Secretary, Thos. R. Corrie, 36 Upper Craigs, Stirling; Treasurer, Robert Graham, M.B.E., National Bank House, Stirling; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 53—GOVAN FAIRFIELD BURNS CLUB : instituted 1886; federated 1892; 32 members; President, Douglas M. Hall; Secretary, Mrs. V. Douglas, 56 Strathcona Drive, Glasgow, W.3; Treasurer, David McCarran, 17 Burghhead Drive, Glasgow, S.W.1; *Burns Chronicle* official, A. Macdonald, 15 Northcroft Road, Springburn, Glasgow, N.

- 55—DERBY SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION AND BURNS CLUB : instituted 1890; federated 1893; 230 members; President, J. Dickson; Joint Secretaries, W. M. Wylie, and A. McGill, 12 Kedleston Road, Allestree, nr. Derby; Treasurer, P. C. McNee, 6 Elmwood Drive, Breadsall, nr. Derby; *Burns Chronicle* official, A. McGill, 22 Cleveland Avenue, Chaddesden, Derby.
- 56—MUIRKIRK LAPRAIK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1893; federated 1893; 120 members; President, S. C. Matthews; Secretary, George Vallance, Station Road, Muirkirk; Treasurer, E. M. Kerr, Clydesdale Bank, Muirkirk; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 59—GOUROCK JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1893; federated 1893; 153 members; President, Arthur T. Russell; Secretary, J. L. Inglis, Golfhill, Gourock; Treasurer, William R. Drummond, 63 Shore Street, Gourock; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 62—CUPAR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1893; federated 1893; 110 members; President, Sheriff-Substitute More; Secretary, William Wilson, Westlands, Cupar-Fife; Treasurer, R. G. Rutherford, National Bank, Cupar-Fife.
- 68—SANDYFORD (GLASGOW) BURNS CLUB : instituted 1893; federated 1894; 556 members; President, Bailie William Gordon Bennett; Secretary and Treasurer, Samuel W. Love, The British Linen Bank, Knightswood Branch, 1986 Great Western Road, Glasgow, W.3; *Burns Chronicle* official, Robert M. Battison, Duncan's Temperance Hotel, 59 Union Street, Glasgow, C.1.
- 71—CARLISLE BURNS CLUB : federated 1895; 50 members; President, James Taylor; Secretary, J. J. Barnes, 141 Dalston Road, Carlisle; Treasurer, James Marr, 39 Moorhouse Road, Carlisle; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 72—PARTICK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1885; federated 1895; 82 members; President, J. Duncan Cran; Secretary and Treasurer, A. M. Ogilvie Robertson, 79 West Regent Street, Glasgow. C.2.
- 74—NATIONAL BURNS MEMORIAL AND COTTAGE HOMES, MAUCHLINE : instituted 1888; federated 1895; President, Col. A. D. MacInnes Shaw, D.S.O., J.P., D.L.; Secretary, David J. S. Harvey, 65 Renfield Street, Glasgow, C.2; Treasurer, H. Plant Alexander, The Cottage, Eaglesham Park, Renfrewshire.
- 76—BRECHIN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1894; federated 1896; 75 members; President, James S. Kinghorn; Secretary and Treasurer, George Cumming, J.P., Lindsay Lane, Brechin.
- 82—ARBROATH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1888; federated 1896; 80 members; President, John Joss; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas M. Paterson, 89 High Street, Arbroath.
- 85—DUNFERMLINE UNITED BURNS CLUB : instituted 1812; federated 1896; 80 members; President, D. Thomson Kennedy, J.P.; Secretary and Treasurer, W. A. Thexton, J.P., National Bank House, Dunfermline.

- 89—**SUNDERLAND BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1897; federated 1897; 60 members; President, Donald Gordon; Secretary, M. Neilson, 14 Percy Terrace, Sunderland; Treasurer, Councillor A. W. Semple, 105 Dunelm South, Durham Road, Sunderland.
- 91—**SHETTLESTON BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1897; federated 1897; 150 members; President, J. Richmond; Secretary, W. F. Cooke, 540 Sandyhills Road, Sandyhills, Glasgow, E.2; Treasurer, J. L. Taylor, 247 Ardgay Street, Sandyhills, Glasgow, E.2.
- 92—**KILBOWIE JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1897; federated 1897; 75 members; President, George Abbott; Secretary, Joseph Ballantyne, 321 Kilbowie Road, Clydebank; Treasurer, Alexander Davidson, 28 Bannerman Street, Clydebank.
- 96—**JEDBURGH BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1869; federated 1897; 50 members; President, Councillor Andrew Moncur; Secretary and Treasurer, Andrew O. Clarkson, 11 The Bountrees, Jedburgh.
- 100—**HAMILTON MOSSGIEL BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1892; federated 1898; 40 members; President, John R. Fotheringham; Secretary, Peter Mackie, Netherside, Strathaven; Treasurer, John King, 21 Neilsland Street, Hamilton.
- 108—**EAST CALDER AND DISTRICT JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1897; federated 1899; 86 members; President, John M. Wardlaw; Secretary, Alex. Henderson, 37 Langton Road, East Calder; Treasurer, James Glasgow, Main Street, East Calder.
- 112—**DUMFRIES BURNS HOWFF CLUB** : instituted 1888; federated 1899; 139 members; President, David Miller; Joint Secretaries, N. Little, 4 Cumberland Street, Dumfries, and John Andrew; Treasurer, W. Cowan, Norgate, Rotchell Road, Dumfries; *Burns Chronicle* official, T. S. McCrorie, Burns House, Dumfries.
- 120—**BRISTOL CALEDONIAN SOCIETY** : instituted 1820; federated 1900; 297 members; President, J. E. Barbour; Secretary and Treasurer, Winifred Measdy, Albion Chambers, Bristol.
- 121—**HAMILTON JUNIOR BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1886; federated 1901; 47 members; President, J. Clarkson; Secretary, H. Towall, 8 Backmuir Crescent, Whitehill, Hamilton; Treasurer, G. McCulloch, 7 Burnblea Street, Hamilton.
- 124—**THE NINETY BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1890; federated 1902; 80 members; President, George H. Clark; Secretary, R. A. B. McLaren, 4 Mayfield Road, Edinburgh, 9; Treasurer, J. M. Osborne, 5 Albert Terrace, Musselburgh; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 125—**BLACKBURN-ON-ALMOND BURNS CLUB** : instituted 1897; federated 1902; 30 members; President, James W. Sangster; Secretary, George Millar, 1 Mosshall Place, Blackburn, by Bathgate, West Lothian; Treasurer, Robert Savage, Almond Inn, Blackburn, by Bathgate.

- 126—**FALKIRK BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1866; federated 1902; 200 members; President, Dr. W. J. Logie; Secretary and Treasurer, R. H. Menzies, Princes Street, Falkirk.
- 133—**NEWARTHILL BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1903; federated 1904; 16 members; President, Thos. Law, J.P.; Secretary, Jas. B. Mathew, 23 Loanhead Crescent, Newarthill; Treasurer, Alex. Maxwell, 171 High Street, Newarthill; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 135—**PARTICK WESTERN BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1903; federated 1904; 100 members; President, John Hunter; Secretary and Treasurer, W. J. Menzies.
- 139—**NATIONAL BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1904; federated 1904; 100 members; President, John B. Calder; Secretary and Treasurer, William B. Harkness, C.A., 48 West Regent Street, Glasgow, C.2.
- 149—**ELGIN BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1905; federated 1905; President, John Wittet; Secretary and Treasurer, William Wittet, Elgin.
- 152—**THE HAMILTON BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1877; federated 1906; 110 members; President, Rev. John A. Fraser; Secretary, John Jackson, 54 Cadzow Street, Hamilton; Treasurer, Col. W. Martin Kay, C.M.G., C.B.E., Bank of Scotland Chambers, Hamilton; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 153—**SCOTTISH BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1903; federated 1906; 530 members; President, James Adair, O.B.E.; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Kevan McDowall, 115 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2.
- 156—**NEWCASTLE AND TYNESIDE BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1864; federated 1906; 150 members; President, J. Renwick Vickers; Secretary and Treasurer, F. Ferry, 48 Bolbec Road, Fenham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 4; *Burns Chronicle* official, J. Renwick Vickers, "Belvoir," St. Bede's, East Bolden, Co. Durham.
- 157—**BAILLIESTON CALEDONIAN BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1901; federated 1906; President, John Scobbie; Secretary, Andrew Swan, 6 Maxwell Street, Baillieston; Treasurer, Donald McFarlane, 35 Main Street, Baillieston; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 158—**DARLINGTON BURNS ASSOCIATION**: instituted 1906; federated 1906; 160 members; President, James Anderson, J.P.; Secretary, Alexander Furness, 3 The Rise, Woodvale Road, Darlington; Treasurer, William R. Vickerton, 25 High Row, Darlington.
- 160—**WHITBURN BURNS CLUB**: federated 1906; Secretary, William Ramsay, 21 Manse Avenue, Whitburn, West Lothian.
- 161—**CHARLESTON BURNS CLUB**: instituted 1905; federated 1906; 50 members; President, William Carruth; Secretary and Treasurer, Archibald Thomson, Janeville, 37 Quarry Road, Lochfield, Paisley; *Burns Chronicle* official, Andrew Shannon, 108 Neilston Road, Paisley.

- 165—WALLSEND BURNS CLUB : instituted 1887 ; federated 1907 ; 50 members ; President, James Sanderson ; Secretary, G. Pringle, 3 Rochdale Street, Wallsend ; Treasurer, G. Gibbs, 21 Briarwood Crescent, Walkerville, Newcastle.
- 167—BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SCOTTISH SOCIETY : instituted 1888 ; federated 1907 ; 400 members ; President, W. Ralph Purnell, O.B.E. ; Secretary, R. G. Robertson, 84 Colmore Row, Birmingham, 3 ; Treasurer, R. M'Kenzie, 50 Stirling Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 16 ; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 169—GLASGOW AND DISTRICT BURNS ASSOCIATION : instituted 1907 ; federated 1908 ; 28 members ; President, Ernest Russell ; Secretary, Andrew Stenhouse, 104 West Campbell Street, Glasgow, C.2 ; Treasurer, A. Neil Campbell, 10 Lothian Gardens, Glasgow, N.W. ; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 171—CHATTANOOGA BURNS SOCIETY : instituted 1907 ; federated 1908 ; President, Milton B. Ochs ; Secretary and Treasurer, Col. R. B. Cooke, James Building, Chattanooga, Tennessee, U.S.A.
- 173—IRVINE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1826 ; federated 1908 ; 333 members ; President, Rev. Angus M. Nicolson, M.A. ; Secretary, William Phillips, M.A., 43 Bank Street, Irvine ; Treasurer, J. Norval Murray, LL.B., Woodlands, Kilwinning Road, Irvine ; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 181—PRIMROSE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1900 ; federated 1909 ; 100 members ; President, James Thomson ; Secretary and Treasurer, George Calderwood, 151 Tantallon Road, Glasgow, S.1.
- 182—STANE MOSSGIEL BURNS CLUB : instituted 1909 ; federated 1946 ; 25 members ; President, William Galloway ; Secretary, John Dickson, 134 Torbothie Road, Shotts ; Treasurer, George Todd, 220 Torbothie Road, Shotts.
- 183—LONDONDERRY BURNS CLUB AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1907 ; federated 1909 ; 29 members ; President, George Sidebottom ; Secretary, William A. Dickie, 32 Great James Street, Londonderry ; Treasurer, John Murray, Glencairn, 39 Aberfoyle Crescent, Londonderry ; *Burns Chronicle* official, George P. Findlay, 37 Marlborough Street, Londonderry.
- 184—BLAIRADAM SHANTER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1907 ; federated 1909 ; 30 members ; President, Thos. Brown ; Secretary, Thos. C. Anderson, Rowan Cottage, Main Street, Kelty, Fif ; Treasurer, John Clarkson, 50 Blair Street, Kelty.
- 190—PORT GLASGOW BURNS CLUB : instituted 1910 ; federated 1910 ; 50 members ; President, Andrew Macnab ; Secretary, Cornelius Young, Benclutha, Clune Brae, Port Glasgow ; Treasurer, William McTaggart, 57 Ardgowan Street, Port Glasgow.
- 192—AYRSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF FEDERATED BURNS CLUBS : instituted 1908 ; federated 1910 ; 28 clubs ; President, David McNab ; Secretary and Treasurer, John M. Irving, 20 Melville Street, Kilmarnock.

- 197—WINNIPEG BURNS CLUB : instituted 1905; federated 1911; 30 members; Hon. Patron, Alexander Jamieson; President, E. P. McConnachie; Vice-Presidents, W. N. Cameron, and A. C. B. Stewart; Secretary, Robert A. Sloan, 150 Garfield Street, Winnipeg, Man., Canada; Treasurer, John E. Sirett; Chaplain, Rev. Alexander Calder.
- 198—GOREBRIDGE TWENTY-FIVE JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1906; federated 1911; 50 members; President, John Shields; Secretary, James Juner, 3 Greenhall Crescent, Gorebridge; Treasurer, Thomas Rutherford, 35 Hunterfield Terrace, Gorebridge.
- 199—NEWBATTLE AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1910; federated 1911; 200 members; President, Robert Lauder; Secretary, Robert McCathie, 88 Reed Drive, Newtongrange; Treasurer, George Temple, 30 Galadale Crescent, Newtongrange.
- 207—CAMBUSLANG WINGATE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1908; federated 1912; 20 members; President, Adam Humphries; Secretary, Adam Humphries, 59a Mill Road, Halfway, Cambuslang; Treasurer, Robert Dalrymple, 14 Church Street, Cambuslang.
- 208—COLORADO SPRINGS AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1897; federated 1912; 12 members; President, John Ferguson; Secretary, John B. Wemyss, 1720 N. El Paso Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.; Treasurer, Chas. S. Hamilton, c/o Enterprise Tent and Awning Co., Colorado Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.
- 209—GREENOCK ST. JOHN'S BURNS CLUB : instituted 1909; federated 1912; 200 members; President, William G. Williamson; Secretary, John Campbell, 33 Lyle Street, Greenock; Treasurer, Robert Winter, 6a South Street, Greenock.
- 212—PORTOBELLO BURNS CLUB : instituted 1892; federated 1913; 84 members; President, R. M. Cavaye; Secretary, J. M. Bell, S.S.C., 3 Duddingston Crescent, Portobello, Midlothian; Treasurer, A. Harris Horne, British Linen Bank, Portobello, Midlothian; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 213—KINGSTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1912; federated 1913; 80 members; President, Robert Armour; Secretary, Alexander H. Fairley, 61 Pollock Street, Glasgow, C.5; Treasurer, Alexander C. Smith, 150 Arisaig Drive, Glasgow, S.W.2; *Burns Chronicle* official, Mrs. J. Somerville, 204 Copland Road, Glasgow, S.W.1.
- 217—ESKDALE BURNS CLUB : federated 1913; 43 members; President, Robert S. Morrison; Secretary, R. Dalgliesh, 1 Eskdail Street, Langholm; Treasurer, Archibald Armstrong, 4 Douglas Terrace, Langholm.
- 218—BANNOCKBURN EMPIRE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1912; federated 1913; 36 members; President, Thomas Hood; Secretary and Treasurer, Andrew M'Gilchrist, 18 Bruce Street, Bannockburn.

- 220—BURNS CLUB OF ST. LOUIS : instituted 1904 ; federated 1913 ; 28 members ; President, Irvin Mattick ; Secretary and Treasurer, William Charles, 1221 Locust Street, St. Louis, 3, Missouri, U.S.A.
- 225—HELENSBURGH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1911 ; federated 1913 ; 100 members ; President, Robert Brown ; Secretary, Thomas Ferguson, 104 West Princes Street, Helensburgh ; Treasurer, Alex. Goodlet, 45 East Princes Street, Helensburgh.
- 226—DUMFRIES BURNS CLUB : instituted 1820 ; federated 1913 ; 112 members ; President, Ex-Provost K. Dobie ; Secretary, H. G. McKerrow, 43 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries ; Treasurer, H. Cunningham, Glenlogan, Ardwall Road, Dumfries.
- 236—WHITEHAVEN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1914 ; federated 1914 ; 60 members ; President, R. T. Bell ; Secretary and Treasurer, Duncan Jamieson, 25 Lowther Street, Whitehaven.
- 237—UDDINGSTON MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1914 ; federated 1914 ; 24 members ; President, William K. Moffat ; Secretary, William Sharp, " Croftpoint," 106 Old Mill Road, Uddingston ; Treasurer, Arthur Downie, 89 Woodlands Crescent, Bothwell.
- 238—BURNS CLUB OF ATLANTA (GEORGIA) : instituted 1896 ; federated 1914 ; 58 members ; President, Dr. R. E. Latta ; Secretary, Robert Macdonald, 1024 Los Angeles Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. ; Treasurer, Eugene F. King, 10 Pryor Street Building, Atlanta.
- 239—HAWICK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1878 ; federated 1914 ; 553 members ; President, Ernest McGee ; Secretary, J. E. Carlyle, 77 Longcroft Crescent, Hawick ; Treasurer, Alexander Pringle, 14 Wellington Street, Hawick.
- 242—MONTROSE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1908 ; federated 1915 ; 100 members ; President, James Christison ; Secretary and Treasurer, Duncan Fraser, 66 High Street, Montrose.
- 244—DALMUIR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1914 ; federated 1916 ; 80 members ; President, William Boyle ; Secretary and Treasurer, John R. S. Lockhart, 41e Thomson Street, Clydebank.
- 250—COWDENBEATH TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1917 ; federated 1917 ; 20 members ; President, John Duff ; Secretary, William Easton, 2 Prospect Street, Cowdenbeath, Fife ; Treasurer, George Moffat, 162 Faulford Road, Cowdenbeath, Fife.
- 252—ALLOWAY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1908 ; federated 1918 ; 75 members ; President, R. G. McDowall ; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. P. Hutchison, " Fairholm," Greenfield Avenue, Alloway, Ayr.
- 254—GREENOCK VICTORIA BURNS CLUB : instituted 1915 ; federated 1918 ; 80 members ; President, Alexander Burns ; Secretary, James T. Tomlinson, 17 Auchmountain Road, Greenock ; Treasurer, Frank Cavers, 5 Moreton Terrace, Greenock.

- 256—NEWTON-ON-AYR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1904; federated 1919; re-affiliated 1943; 93 members; President, Andrew Taylor; Secretary, Edward Leggat, 15 Back Hawkhill, Ayr; Treasurer, Alexander Borland, 31 Church Street, Ayr.
- 262—FIFESHIRE BURNS ASSOCIATION : instituted 1919; federated 1919; 9 members (clubs); President, John M. Thomson; Secretary, Thos. C. Anderson, Rowan Cottage, Main Street, Kelty, Fife; Treasurer, Thos. Bain, 7 Union Street, Kelty, Fife.
- 263—GLASGOW MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1918; federated 1919; 290 members; President, John D. Templeman; Secretary, John Hunter, 48 West Regent Street, Glasgow, C.2; Treasurer, James Stark, 382 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.3; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 266—NEWTON JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1910; federated 1920; 10 members; President, Wm. McIntosh; Secretary, A. Lightbody, 60 Pitt Street, Newton, Cambuslang; Treasurer, Thos. Hynd, 30 Dunlop Street, Newton, Cambuslang.
- 271—TRENTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1919; federated 1920; 20 members; President, Alex. Osler; Secretary, Neil A. Waugh, 656 Schiller Avenue, Trenton, 10, N.J., U.S.A.; Treasurer, David Waugh, 267 Clover Avenue, Trenton.
- 274—TROON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1920; federated 1920; 121 members; President, Charles Gibb; Secretary, T. M. Brown, 36 West Portland Street, Troon; Treasurer, N. McPherson, Bank of Scotland, Troon.
- 275—AYR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1886; federated 1920; 200 members; President, D. J. Willison; Secretary, David McCreadie, B.Sc., F.R.I.C., Beechwood, 5 St. Leonard's Road, Ayr; Treasurer, Norman MacKinnon, C.A., 23 Barns Street, Ayr; *Burns Chronicle* official, D. J. Willison, Gearholm, Ayr.
- 278—CLAN STEWART NO. 50 ORDER OF SCOTTISH CLANS : instituted 1888; federated 1920; 180 members; President, P. M. Young; Secretary, William Morrison, 1130 East 3rd Street, Duluth, 5, Minn., U.S.A.; Treasurer, Archie Brown, 108 Eden Lane, Duluth.
- 282—GLASGOW AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUBS' BOWLING ASSOCIATION : instituted 1899; federated 1920;        members; President, James Ferguson; Secretary and Treasurer, George Calderwood, 151 Tantallon Road, Glasgow, S.1.
- 283—SINCLAIRTOWN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1920; federated 1920; 32 members; President, James D. Henderson; Secretary, John D. Bease, 1 Dysart Road, Kirkcaldy; Treasurer, George S. Nicol, 198a St. Clair Street, Kirkcaldy.
- 284—PHILADELPHIA NORTH-EASTERN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1896; federated 1921; 60 members; President, John Montgomery; Secretary, Henry Collins, 6540 Marsden Street, Philadelphia, Penn., U.S.A.; Treasurer, Thomas Garland, 3415 N. Ella Street, Philadelphia; *Burns Chronicle* official, Alexander MacDonald, 4203 E. Barnett Street, Philadelphia.



- 288—BEITH CALEDONIA BURNS CLUB : instituted 1911; federated 1921; 26 members; President, S. McCutcheon; Secretary and Treasurer, Allan Gilmour, Muir Park, Beith.
- 292—GRAHAMSTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1920; federated 1921; 40 members; President, William P. Turnbull; Secretary, Robert Mackie, 91 Main Street, Bainsford, Falkirk; Treasurer, John S. McInnes, 25 Carronside Street, Falkirk; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 293—NEWCRAIGHALL DISTRICT POOSEY NANCY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1921; federated 1921; 60 members; President, Andrew King; Secretary, William Blair, 8 Avenue Square, Newcraighall, Musselburgh; Treasurer, R. B. Brown, 15 Park Terrace, Newcraighall, Musselburgh; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 295—THE BURNS HOUSE CLUB LIMITED : instituted 1920; federated 1921; 121 members; President, Daniel Bain; Secretary and Treasurer, John Grant, C.A., 200 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2.
- 296—WALSALL BURNS CLUB : instituted 1900; federated 1922; 80 members; President, Andrew M. Craig; Secretary, Dr. D. M. Macmillan, Great Barr Hall, Birmingham, 22a; Treasurer, H. Myatt, "Ashleigh," Lichfield Road, Rushall, Walsall.
- 303—VICTORIA ST. ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1872; federated 1922; 106 members; President, James Berwick; Secretary, Miss Georgina Mackay, 1360 McNair Street, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada; Treasurer, Mrs. Dirom, 830 Princess Avenue, Victoria, British Columbia.
- 305—NEW WATERFORD BURNS CLUB, CANADA : federated 1922; re-affiliated 1938; Secretary, W. R. Cameron, 417-10th Street, New Waterford, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- 307—EDINBURGH AYRSHIRE ASSOCIATION : instituted 1914; federated 1922; 230 members; President, Henry Barton; Secretary and Treasurer, John McVie, 13 Hillside Crescent, Edinburgh, 7.
- 309—ANNAN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1910; federated 1923; 87 members; President, Gabriell M. Brock; Secretary and Treasurer, K. G. Sutherland, Solicitor, Royal Bank Buildings, Annan.
- 310—MAUCLINE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1923; federated 1923; 200 members; President, Andrew Y. Crawford; Secretary, James Dunlop, Oakbank, Mauchline; Treasurer, Andrew Smith, "Alvaston," Mauchline.
- 314—SCOTTISH BURNS CLUB, EDINBURGH : instituted 1920; federated 1923; 70 members; President, Alexander Brown; Secretary, John Malcolm, 74 Temple Park Crescent, Edinburgh, 11; Treasurer, William Kinnear, 22 Newington Road, Edinburgh, 9.
- 319—FISHERROW MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1924; federated 1924; 20 members; President, John Robb; Secretary and Treasurer, John Heron, 33 Wellington Street, Portobello.

- 320—TROY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1903; federated 1924; 175 members; President, John T. Campbell; Secretary, James H. Baxter, 21 Bleecker Avenue, Troy, New York, U.S.A.; Treasurer, William Miller; *Burns Chronicle* official, John R. Phillips.
- 323—KIRKCUDBRIGHT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1918; federated 1924; 82 members; President, J. Gilmour Baird; Secretary and Treasurer, Norman C. Macmillan, 32 St. Cuthbert Street, Kirkcudbright.
- 324—STOCKTON (N.S.W.) BURNS CLUB : instituted 1923; federated 1924; 30 members; President, William Miller; Secretary, W. Hamilton, 102 Dunbar Street, Stockton, N.S.W.; Treasurer, Mrs. D. James, 51 Fullerton Street, Stockton, N.S.W.
- 325—VANCOUVER BURNS FELLOWSHIP : instituted 1924; federated 1924; President, John Crawford; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Jean Carrick, 5456 Blenheim Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
- 326—BINGRY JOLLY BEGGARS LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1924; federated 1924; 50 members; President, Mrs. J. Wood; Secretary, Mrs. M. Purdie, Ballengry Place, Lochore, Fife; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Dow, 170 Waverley Cottages, Lochore, Fife.
- 327—PERTH ST. MARK'S BURNS CLUB : instituted 1924; federated 1924; 40 members; Secretary, William Smith, 4 Hawarden Terrace, Jeanfield, Perth; Treasurer, David McRae, 33 Glover Street, Craigie, Perth.
- 329—NEWARK AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1923; federated 1924; 90 members; President, Coun. Dr. P. Kinmont, J.P.; Secretary, James R. Henderson, 14 Winchilsea Avenue, Newark; Treasurer, Iain McCrea, 13 Milner Street, Newark.
- 330—GLEN CRAIG BONNIE JEAN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1925; federated 1925; 20 members; President, Mrs. John McCormack; Secretary, Mrs. John Lynas, Burns Cottages, Crosshill, Glencraig, Fife; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Justice, 7 Benarty Avenue, Crosshill, Glencraig; *Burns Chronicle* official, Mrs. John Carson, 110 North Glencraig, Glencraig.
- 331—ROBERT BURNS SOCIETY OF BUFFALO (N.Y.) : instituted 1913; federated 1925; 85 members; President, John C. Henderson; Secretary, Adam P. T. Millar, 165 Landon Street, Buffalo, 8, N.Y.; Treasurer, William James Key, 66 Buffam Street, Buffalo, 10, N.Y.
- 336—PETERHEAD BURNS CLUB : instituted 1826; federated 1925; 150 members; President, Rev. D. Findlay Clark; Secretary, John A. S. Glennie, 21 Broad Street, Peterhead; Treasurer, A. M. Ross, The National Bank of Scotland, Ltd., Peterhead.
- 338—DALKEITH AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1925; federated 1925; re-affiliated 1945; 28 members; President, Alex. Dow; Secretary, W. L. Anderson, 38 Woodburn Drive, Dalkeith; Treasurer, David Adams, 8 Edinburgh Road, Dalkeith.

- 341—LEITH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1826; federated 1925; 77 members; President, Dugald Rose, S.S.C.; Secretary, J. S. Mackie, 6 Hope Street, Leith; Treasurer, R. L. T. Richardson, M.C., 26 Leith Walk, Leith.
- 345—DENBEATH AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1925; federated 1925; re-affiliated 1945; 30 members; President, Alexander Wilson; Secretary, R. Hudson, 332 Methilhaven Road, Methil, Fife; Treasurer, James Bennett, 17 Brown Crescent, Methilhill, by Leven; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 346—OAKBANK MOSSGIEL BURNS CLUB : instituted 1923; federated 1925; 200 members; President, Robert M. Jamieson; Secretary, James Ovens, 165 Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian; Treasurer, Thomas McLuckie, Oakbank, Mid Calder, Midlothian.
- 348—NEWTON JEAN ARMOUR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1924; federated 1925; 19 members; President, Mrs. P. Davie; Secretary, Mrs. C. Gilmour, 23 Clyde Street, Newton, Hallside; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Farrell, 24 Westburn Road, Cambuslang, near Glasgow.
- 350—MARKINCH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1899; federated 1925; 160 members; President, Dr. A. S. Gordon; Secretary and Treasurer, James Carnegie, 2 Mitchell Place, Markinch.
- 352—GRANGEMOUTH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1922; federated 1926; 90 members; President, William Aitken; Secretary and Treasurer, R. C. Thomson, 203 Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth.
- 354—ROYAL CLAN, ORDER OF SCOTTISH CLANS : instituted 1878; federated 1926; 18,638 members; President, Gilbert W. Carmichael; Secretary, Thomas R. P. Gibb, 199 Washington Street, Boston, 8, Mass., U.S.A.; Treasurer, William Reid, 805 St. Mark's Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, N.Y.
- 355—CALCUTTA BURNS CLUB : instituted 1926; federated 1926; 95 members; President, W. J. Younie; Secretary, W. F. Howe, c/o Messrs. Bird & Co., Post Box 46, Calcutta; Treasurer, J. Findlay, c/o Messrs. Bird & Co., Post Box 46, Calcutta.
- 356—BURNBANK AND DISTRICT MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1926; federated 1926; 70 members; President, J. Gray; Secretary, Joseph Stannage, 20 High Blantyre Road, Burnbank, Hamilton; Treasurer, J. Prentice, 1 Reid Street, Burnbank, Hamilton.
- 363—BARROW ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY : instituted 1878; federated 1926; 130 members; President, Sir James Callander; Secretary, W. J. Liddle, F.R.C.S.Ed., Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness; Treasurer, R. M. Robertson, Dunedin, 21 Grantley Road, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 365—CATRINE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1925; federated 1926; re-affiliated 1945; 30 members; President, Thomas Auld; Secretary, David Paterson, 36 Sorn Street, Catrine; Treasurer, Hugh Ramsay, 1 Ballochmyle Street, Catrine; *Burns Chronicle* official, John M. Irving, 20 Melville Street, Kilmarnock.

- 366—LIVERPOOL BURNS CLUB: instituted 1925; federated 1926; members; Acting President, John Findlater; Secretary, Hamish H. Rae, 30 Rodney Street, Liverpool, 1; Treasurer, D. C. Wright, 7 Meadway Spital, Bromborough, Cheshire.
- 367—DORNOCH BURNS CLUB: instituted 1912; federated 1927, re-affiliated 1938; Treasurer, R. A. Murray, High Street, Dornoch.
- 369—MAYBOLE ST. CRISPIN'S BURNS CLUB: instituted 1896; federated 1927; 50 members; President, John Fisher, J.P.; Secretary, James H. McKie, 31 Glebe Crescent, Maybole; Treasurer, Thomas Conkie, 11 Wellington Street, Maybole.
- 372—BAILLIESTON JEAN ARMOUR BURNS CLUB: instituted 1926; federated 1927; 70 members; President, Mrs. John Francis; Secretary, Mrs. Hugh Ramage, 25 George Street, Baillieston, Glasgow; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Skillin, 1 Nelson Street, Baillieston, Glasgow.
- 373—RED HILL BURNS CLUB: instituted 1921; federated 1927; 66 members; Secretary and Treasurer, Harry Elliott, 50 Clyde Road, Red Hill, Natal, South Africa.
- 375—HOLYOKE CALEDONIAN BURNS CLUB: instituted 1926; federated 1927; 54 members; President, Charles Lovie; Secretary, Andrew Dougherty, 10 Glen Street, Holyoke, Massachusetts, U.S.A.; Treasurer, James Nicol, 19 Liberty Street, Easthampton, Massachusetts; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 377—KILBIRNIE ROSEBERY BURNS CLUB: instituted 1906; federated 1927; 66 members; President, James E. Shaw; Secretary, James McCartney, 4 Craighton Road, Kilbirnie; Treasurer, James E. Shaw, Munro Drive, Kilbirnie; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 378—EDINBURGH DISTRICT BURNS CLUBS' ASSOCIATION: instituted 1925; federated 1927; 9 clubs; President, John McVie; Secretary, Fred. J. Belford, M.A., 3 Park Grove, Liberton, Edinburgh, 9; Treasurer, Gavin W. Brown, 16 Mertoun Place, Edinburgh.
- 379—THE HARTLEPOOLS BURNS CLUB: instituted 1926; federated 1927; re-affiliated 1937; 44 members; President, J. Lackie; Secretary, James Watson, 6 Shakespeare Avenue, West Hartlepool; Treasurer, Fred Cross, 44 Brunswick Street, West Hartlepool.
- 380—FALKIRK CROSS KEYS BURNS CLUB: instituted 1926; federated 1927; 48 members; President, Thomas Robertson; Secretary, Finlay McRae, 3 Griffiths Street, Falkirk; Treasurer, John Rae, 79 Main Street, Bainsford, Falkirk.
- 381—GREATER NEW YORK MASONIC BURNS CLUB: instituted 1927; federated 1927; 100 members; President, Robert Graham; Secretary and Treasurer, John Watson, 1960 50th Street, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A.
- 383—GREENOCK R.N.T.F. HEATHER BURNS CLUB: instituted 1912; federated 1927; 70 members; President, David Watson; Secretary, George Borland, 1 Steel Street, Gourrock; Treasurer, M. Docherty, 15 Robertson Street, Greenock; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.

- 384—PUMPHERSTON BONNIE DOON BURNS CLUB: instituted 1926; federated 1927; 85 members; President, James Dunlop; Secretary, Wm. Gowans, 91 East Road, Pumpherston, Midcalder; Treasurer, Thos. Stenhouse, New Rows, Pumpherston, Midcalder.
- 387—MARY CAMPBELL BURNS CLUB (CAMBUSLANG): instituted 1927; federated 1927; 50 members; President, Mrs. Mary Thomson; Secretary, Mrs. J. McNeil, 4 Gateside Buildings, Halfway, Cambuslang; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Hughes, 5 Gateside Buildings, Halfway, Cambuslang; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 388—KYLE LADIES' BURNS CLUB: instituted 1927; federated 1927; President, Mrs. Alex. Neilson; Secretary, Mrs. James Anderson, 200 Springhill Road, Shotts; Treasurer, Mrs. William Roy, Springhill Buildings, Shotts.
- 390—MEIKLE EARNOCK JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB: instituted 1924; federated 1928; 36 members; President, John Happle; Secretary, Jacob Hodge, 31 Limekilnburn Road, Quarter; Treasurer, James Pollock, 26 Neilslan Street, Fairhill, Hamilton; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 391—WATERBURY BURNS CLUB: instituted 1885; federated 1928; 50 members; President, William Sherriff; Secretary, Robert Currie, 80 Pine Street, Waterbury, Conn., U.S.A.; Treasurer, James Littlejohn, 327 East Main Street, Waterbury.
- 392—WHIFFLET BURNS CLUB: instituted 1920; federated 1928; 35 members; President, Walter Loudon; Secretary, William Webber Lees, 58 Lavelle Drive, Coatbridge; Treasurer, John A. W. Kirk, J.P., 6 Bank Street, Coatbridge.
- 393—ANNAN LADIES' BURNS CLUB: instituted 1928; federated 1928; 150 members; President, Mrs. F. Wright; Secretary, Mrs. W. Simpson, 2 Thorburn Crescent, Annan; Treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Irving, 9 Waterfoot Road, Annan.
- 398—COLINTON BURNS CLUB: instituted 1907; federated 1928; 50 members; President, J. McPhail Cant; Acting-Secretary, John Millar, J.P., "Torduff," 198 Colinton Road, Edinburgh, 11; Treasurer, William Swanson, 35 Redford Drive, Colinton, Edinburgh, 13.
- 399—ST. RINGANS BURNS CLUB: instituted 1920; federated 1928; 150 members; President, William Nimmo; Secretary, John McClumpha, 37 Milton Terrace, Whins of Milton, Stirling; Treasurer, William Cook, 47 Borestone Crescent, St. Ninians, Stirling.
- 400—HADDINGTON BURNS CLUB: instituted 1889; federated 1928; 84 members; President, John Cumming; Secretary and Treasurer, David C. Young. Dumpender, Haddington.
- 402—HIGHLAND MARY LADIES' BURNS CLUB: instituted 1928; federated 1928; 36 members; President, Mrs. James Reid; Secretary, Mrs. A. Guthrie, 29 Woodhead Street, High Valleyfield, Newmills, Fife; Treasurer, Mrs. James Nicol, 2 Valleyfield Avenue, High Valleyfield.

- 403—FRASERBURGH BURNS CLUB: federated 1928; Secretary, A. S. Kelman, Saltoun Chambers, Fraserburgh.
- 405—CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF SHEFFIELD: instituted 1822; federated 1929; 1000 members; President, S. Watt Smith; Secretary, W. Gregor McGregor, 10 Moor Oaks Road, Sheffield, 10; Treasurer, Albert Forsyth, 75 Crescent Road, Sheffield, 7.
- 406—DUBLIN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW: instituted 1831; federated 1929; 210 members; President, David Stewart, C.A.; Secretary, W. Morrison Milne, 4 Cremore Road, Glasnevin, Dublin; Treasurer, J. Hubbard Clark, J.P., Inverclyde, Iona Park, Dublin.
- 409—STENHOUSEMUIR AND DISTRICT PLOUGH BURNS CLUB: instituted 1929; federated 1929; 80 members; President, John C. Reid; Secretary, John McMahon, 122 King Street, Stenhousemuir; Treasurer, John Johnston, 15 Eastcroft Street, Larbert.
- 412—GARY BURNS CLUB: instituted 1928; federated 1929; 34 members; President, Wallace Bache; Secretary, George H. Knight, 829 Johnston Street, Gary, Indiana, U.S.A.; Treasurer, Wilfrid Bell, 765 Virginia Street, Gary.
- 413—ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF SAN FRANCISCO: instituted 1863; federated 1929; 200 members; President, John Craig; Secretary, Thomas C. Hunter, 414 Mason Street, San Francisco, California, U.S.A.; Treasurer, Wm. R. Carswell, 2076 Oakland Avenue, Pudmont Road, San Francisco.
- 414—DALKEITH FOUNTAIN BURNS CLUB: instituted 1928; federated 1929; President, William M. Linton; Secretary, W. M. Linton, Relief Cottage, Dalkeith, Midlothian; Treasurer, Charles Dickson, 5 Elmfield Park, Dalkeith, Midlothian.
- 417—BURNLEY AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY: instituted 1924; federated 1929; 71 members; President, Dr. J. B. Aitken; Secretary, T. P. Butcher, 12 Rossendale Avenue, Burnley, Lancs.; Treasurer, Mrs. Horner, 21 Rosehill Avenue, Burnley.
- 418—SKEGNESS SCOTTISH SOCIETY: instituted 1928; federated 1929; 68 members; President, Major F. Conway Gordon; Secretary and Treasurer, J. Macdonald, Moray Hotel, North Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire.
- 421—ARROCHAR AND TARBET BURNS CLUB: instituted 1929; federated 1929; 66 members; President, A. Thomson; Secretary, R. Andrews, The Schoolhouse, Tarbet; Treasurer, Rev. R. D. E. Stevenson, The Manse, Tarbet; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 424—CAMBUSLANG TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB: instituted 1928; federated 1929; 20 members; President, George Johnstone; Secretary, George McLellan, 33 Park Street, Cambuslang; Treasurer, John Fowler, 35 Westburn Road, Cambuslang.

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- 426—SAUCHIE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1929; federated 1929; 60 members; President, Andrew Spence; Secretary and Treasurer, George Galloway, 56 Main Street, Sauchie, Alloa.
- 427—GOREBRIDGE GLENCAIRN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1928; federated 1929; 50 members; President, Alexander McNeil; Secretary, James Munro, Deanbank Cottage, Vogrie Road, Gorebridge, Midlothian; Treasurer, George Munro, Esperston Cottages, Esperston, Gorebridge.
- 428—CHRYSTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1924; federated 1929; 36 members; President, David Jackson; Secretary and Treasurer, Allan McPherson, 72 Cumbernauld Road, Muirhead, Chryston.
- 429—BATHGATE JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1928; federated 1929; 40 members; President, Capt. James Ritchie; Secretary and Treasurer, Patrick Glen, 41 Torphichen Street, Bathgate.
- 430—GOUROCK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1887; federated 1929; 103 members; President, George Webster; Secretary, F. T. Tarbet, 11 Bath Street, Gourrock; Treasurer, W. A. Thomson, Union Bank of Scotland, Gourrock.
- 431—INVERKIP BURNS CLUB : instituted 1907; federated 1929; 100 members; President, William Muir; Secretary and Treasurer, William Telfer, Langhouse Cottage, Inverkip.
- 432—WINCHBURGH LEA RIG BURNS CLUB : instituted 1930; federated 1930; 110 members; President, Alexander Taylor; Secretary, Robert Findlay, 72 Main Street, Winchburgh, West Lothian; Treasurer, James McPhie, Canalside, Winchburgh, West Lothian.
- 435—AYR TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1906; federated 1930; 50 members; President, W. G. Thomson; Secretary and Treasurer, Henry Baxter, 11 Rozelle Terrace, Maybole Road, Ayr.
- 436—WALNEY JOLLY BEGGARS LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1930; federated 1930; 70 members; President, Mrs. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. L. Kershaw, 11 Delhi Street, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness; Treasurer, Mrs. Mills, 90 Dominion Street, Walney, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 437—DUMFRIES LADIES' BURNS CLUB, NO. 1 : instituted 1930; federated 1930; 115 members; President, Mrs. McQueen; Secretary, Mrs. D. Bell, 52 Aldermanhill Road, Dumfries; Treasurer, Mrs. McCrorie, Burns House, Dumfries.
- 438—CHESTERFIELD AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION : instituted 1910; federated 1930; 366 members; President, Mrs. C. A. Dauncey; Secretary, Mrs. Mina Nicholson, 3 Goldwell House, Ashgate Road, Chesterfield; Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Broom, 12 Whitecotes Lane, Chesterfield.
- 441—TEMPLE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1930; federated 1930; 36 members; President, A. Neilson; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Tennant, 33 Easter Road, Dykehead, Shotts; Treasurer, J. Canning, 21 Bon Accord Crescent, Dykehead, Shotts.

- 443—VICTORIA BURNS CLUB : instituted 1922; federated 1931; 142 members; President, Edward M. Whyte; Secretary, Harry Wood, 2058 Neil Street, Victoria, B.C., Canada; Treasurer, John Grant, 460 Moss Street, Victoria.
- 444—SWANSEA AND WEST WALES CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted ; federated 1931; 150 members; President, The Hon. Laurence P. Methuen-Campbell; Secretary, Alexander Kinloch Miller, 49 Bryn Road, Brynmill, Swansea; Treasurer, W. Malcolm, 5 Devon Terrace, Swansea.
- 445—BUXTON CALEDONIAN SOCIETY BURNS CLUB : instituted 1927; federated 1931; 71 members; President, Gilbert Johnston, M.A.; Secretary and Treasurer, J. H. Gilfillan, Lyndrum, Park Road, Buxton.
- 446—HEREFORDSHIRE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1910; federated 1931; 81 members; President, Dr. J. R. Bulman; Secretary and Treasurer, J. S. Wilcox, 258 Ledbury Road, Hereford.
- 447—MOUNTAIN DAISY LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1931; re-affiliated 1947; 84 members; President, Mrs. Agnes Drysdale; Secretary, Mrs. Isabella Allan, 3 Primmer Place, Cowdenbeath; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella Cowie, Rosehill Crescent, Cowdenbeath.
- 449—WELLINGTON (N.Z.) BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1931; 120 members; President, R. H. Nimmo; Secretary and Treasurer, A. F. Dickson, 24 Evans Bay Road, Wellington, E.1, N.Z.
- 452—AUCHTERDERRAN BONNIE JEAN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1929; federated 1931; 40 members; President, Mrs. T. Reekie; Secretary, Mrs. T. Drylie, 37 Dundonald Park, Cardenden, Fife; Treasurer, Mrs. Blackwood, 153 Dundonald Park, Cardenden, Fife.
- 453—NORTH-EASTERN BURNS CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA LADIES' AUXILIARY : instituted 1927; federated 1931; 67 members; President, Mrs. Hilda Highlands; Secretary, Elizabeth Hunter, 1238 Allegheny Avenue, Philadelphia, 33; Treasurer, Margaret Wallace, 6550 Hegerman Street, Philadelphia, 35.
- 454—ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION : instituted 1924; federated 1931; 290 members; President, William Patrick; Secretary, William McCormick Hamilton, 10 Albion Road, Rotherham; Treasurer, James Gordon, 15 Middle Lane South, Rotherham.
- 456—TROON MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1932; 97 members; President, Edward G. Galt; Secretary, Malcolm H. Black, 13 Muirhead Crescent, Troon; Treasurer, David McClure, 92 East Crescent, Troon.
- 457—KINGLASSIE LADIES' HIGHLAND MARY NO. 2 BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1932; 11 members; President, Mrs. Dewar; Secretary, Mrs. W. Driscoll, 91 Milna Crescent, Kinglassie, Fife; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Luth, 37 Milna Crescent, Kinglassie.



- 458—STONEHAVEN (FATHERLAND) BURNS CLUB : federated 1932; 100 members; President, A. J. Scrimgeour; Secretary and Treasurer, A. Hardie, 2 Fetteresso Terrace, Stonehaven.
- 459—COWDENBEATH WEST END JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1932; 44 members; President, Wm. Duncan; Secretary, Peter Falconer, 47 Primmer Place, Cowdenbeath, Fife; Treasurer, R. Walker, 6 Glenburn Place, Cowdenbeath; *Burns Chronicle* official, John Bell.
- 461—LEICESTER CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1877; federated 1932; 267 members; President, James Hobbs; Secretary, I. M. McCallum, 182 Glenfield Road, Leicester; Treasurer, William A. Campbell, 106 Colchester Road, Leicester:
- 462—CHELTENHAM SCOTTISH SOCIETY : instituted 1930; federated 1932; 180 members; President, Dr. David Clow; Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Webster, Handley Cross, Cheltenham; Treasurer, A. Milne, Fairlands, Leckhampton Road, Cheltenham.
- 464—YAKIMA VALLEY BURNS CLUB : federated 1932; President, Wm. Tweedie; Secretary, Archie Wilson, 1211 Cherry Avenue, Yakima, Washington, U.S.A.; Treasurer, Thos. Jackson.
- 466—DYKEHEAD AFTON WATER LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1932; 30 members; President, Mrs. Nelson; Secretary, Mrs. H. Keir, 9 Nithsdale Street, Dykehead, Shotts; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Stewart, 135 Shotts Kirk Road, Dykehead, Shotts.
- 467—GILBERTFIELD HIGHLAND MARY LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1932; 56 members; President, Mrs. Jean Soutar; Secretary, Mrs. Janet Porte, 6 Mill Road, Halfway, Cambuslang; Treasurer, Mrs. Gebbie, 61 Bothwell Street, Cambuslang.
- 468—HIGH BLANTYRE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1932; 52 members; President, Hugh Gibson; Secretary, James McLean, 374 Main Street, High Blantyre; Treasurer, Thomas Crane, 6 Douglas Street, High Blantyre.
- 469—DENNY CROSS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1932; 37 members; President, Joseph H. Graham; Secretary, Thomas Bryson, Holehouse Farm, Denny; Treasurer, William Bryson, Wallace Crescent, Denny.
- 470—ST. GILES BURNS CLUB : instituted 1923; federated 1932; 120 members; President, W. Scott; Secretary and Treasurer, Bailie Robert Farquhar, Ingleside, West Road, Elgin.
- 471—ROSE OF GRANGE BURNS CLUB : federated 1932; Secretary and Treasurer, John Lapsley, 7 Dugald Stewart Avenue, Bo'ness.
- 472—RENFREWSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BURNS CLUB : instituted 1929; federated 1932; 41 members; President, Peter McCallum; Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur C. E. Lewis, Vallorbe, 16 Rodney Road, Gourrock.

- 475—TWEEDDALE LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1933; 50 members; President, Mrs. C. C. Turnbull; Secretary, Mrs. E. Smith, 21 St. Andrew's Road, Peebles; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Davidson, Bridgegate.
- 476—BORDER CITIES BURNS CLUB : instituted 1929; federated 1933; 120 members; President, Leonard Harrop; Secretary and Treasurer, Alexander Barron, 462 Hall Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada.
- 477—BELLAHOUSTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1929; federated 1933; 94 members; President, Mrs. D. Graham; Secretary, Mrs. J. McComish, 38 Kenmure Street, Glasgow, S.1; Treasurer, R. S. Frame, 207 Paisley Road West, Glasgow, S.W.1; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 478—BONNIE DOON LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1933; federated 1933; 60 members; President, Mrs. T. Pryde; Secretary, Mrs. T. Penman, 96 Blair Street, Kelty, Fife; Treasurer, Mrs. I. Morris, Grievesland Terrace, Kelty.
- 479—QUEEN OF THE SOUTH LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1932; federated 1933; 120 members; President, Mrs. J. Clark; Secretary, Mrs. H. Coulson, 52 Friars Vennel, Dumfries; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Millar, Lockerbie Road, Dumfries.
- 480—GLENCAIRN BURNS CLUB OF CORNWALL : instituted 1923; federated 1933; 100 members; President, The Lord Semphill; Secretary, J. A. Donald, Glencairn, Falmouth; Treasurer, W. Cameron, Popplewell Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
- 481—LONDON AYRSHIRE SOCIETY : instituted 1897; federated 1933; President, Alexander Belch; Secretary, Robert Kean, Romney House, Tufton Street, London, S.W.1; Treasurer, John A. D. Paton, 105 Canfield Gardens, Hampstead, London, N.W.6.
- 484—SHEDDENS LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1933; 15 members; President, Mrs. Mary Logan; Secretary, Mrs. Janet Donaldson, 8 McEwan Street, Glasgow, E.1; Treasurer, Mrs. Isabella Paul, 682 Shettleston Road, Glasgow, E.2.
- 486—JEAN ARMOUR BURNS CLUB : federated 1934; President, Mrs. Duffin; Secretary, Mrs. J. Duffy, Sunnybraes Terrace, Steelend, Saline, by Dunfermline; Treasurer, Mrs. Pallan.
- 492—HARROW AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1928; federated 1934; 425 members; President, Edward Grafton; Secretary, James O. Cumming, 38 The Lawns, Hatch End, Middlesex; Treasurer, A. G. Esslemont, 114 Kenton Lane, Harrow, Middlesex.
- 493—AKRON BURNS CRONIES : instituted 1934; federated 1934; 22 members; President, Mrs. Peter F. Young; Secretary, Mrs. George Bosomworth, 81 Sand Run Road, Akron, 13, Ohio, U.S.A.; Treasurer, Mrs. James Youngson, 453 S. Firestone, Boulevard, Akron.

- 494—MOTHERWELL UNITED SERVICES BURNS CLUB : federated 1934; 60 members; President, Robert K. Hamilton; Secretary, Geoffrey Plumb, 41 Waverley Terrace, Motherwell; Treasurer, John Ormiston, Glencairn Street, Motherwell.
- 495—BAGHDAD CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1922; federated 1934; 70 members; President, J. Gilroy Baillie; Secretary, H. Campbell, c/o Stephen Lynch & Co., Ltd., Baghdad, Iraq; Treasurer, W. T. Kellie, c/o The Imperial Bank of Iran, Baghdad, Iraq.
- 496—THE AULD HOOSE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1934; President, Ex-Provost Kinninmonth; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas Chalmers, 1 Rossend Park, Burntisland, Fife.
- 497—ST. ANDREW BURNS CLUB (WELLINGTON, N.Z.) : instituted 1934; federated 1934; 160 members; President, H. McWhinnie; Secretary, Miss B. Clark, 282 Lambton Quay, Wellington, New Zealand; Treasurer, C. G. Cattanaich.
- 498—FLINT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1931; federated 1934; 65 members; President, Alexander Burnside; Secretary, Jos. M. Graham, 2617 Sloan Street, Flint, 4, Mich., U.S.A.; Treasurer, Geo. Hill, 702 Mason Street, Flint; *Burns Chronicle* official, Geo. S. MacGregor, 1049 Chevrolet Avenue, Flint.
- 500—NEW CUMNOCK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1924; federated 1934; 60 members; President, A. W. Mackay, B.Sc.; Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. William Edgar, Oakdene, New Cumnock, Ayrshire.
- 501—GALT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1908; federated 1935; 75 members; President, William Murphy; Secretary, John Leadbetter, 69 Glenmorris Street, Galt, Ont., Canada; Treasurer, Wilfred Bonner, Sen., 63 Elliott Street, Galt; *Burns Chronicle* official, F. Hutchinson, 33 Grand Avenue South, Galt.
- 503—DUNBLANE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1923; federated 1935; 42 members; President, Baillie Archibald MacDougall; Secretary and Treasurer, Daniel Campbell, Finnartmore, Ramoyle, Dunblane.
- 505—WISHAW MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1935; 100 members; President, Godfrey Hill; Secretary, Alexander Reid, 95 Netherton Road, Wishaw; Treasurer, Robert Scott, Waverley Drive, Wishaw.
- 506—JEAN ARMOUR LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1934; federated 1935; 34 members; President, Mrs. Haddow; Secretary, Mrs. J. Moore, 87 Shottskirk Road, Dykehead; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Patterson, Shottskirk Road, Dykehead.
- 507—BURNS SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY (CALIFORNIA) : instituted 1935; federated 1935; 60 members; President, Robert L. Brown; Secretary, Alex. Brownridge, 1414 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, California; Treasurer, S. Jas. Tuffree, Placentia.
- 508—AUCHTERDERRAN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1905; federated 1935; 35 members; President, John Dick; Secretary, Mrs. R. Morgan, 32 16th Street, Bowhill, Cardenden, Fife; Treasurer, Stuart Boyd, Jamphlars Cottage, Cardenden.

- 509—MOTHERWELL MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1911; federated 1935; re-affiliated 1945; 400 members; President, Alexander Blair; Secretary, G. S. Barrie, 125 Camp Street, Motherwell; Treasurer, J. B. Clapperton, 33 McDonald Street, Motherwell; *Burns Chronicle* official, W. Graham, Alma Place, Glencairn Street, Motherwell.
- 510—SCOTTISH DYES RECREATION CLUB : federated 1935; President, E. O. Wisbey; Secretary, I. M. Halkett, c/o I.C.I. Ltd., Dyestuffs Division, Earl's Court, Grangemouth; Treasurer, G. F. Wood, same address as Secretary.
- 511—PERTH (WEST AUSTRALIA) BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1935; 80 members; President, Dr. T. C. Boyd, M.A.; Secretary, Mrs. Jessie Reid, 166 Seventh Avenue, Maylands, Perth, Western Australia; Treasurer, Mrs. M. Thompson, 317 Vincent Street, Leederville, Perth.
- 513—FREDERICTON SOCIETY OF ST. ANDREW : instituted 1845; federated 1935; Secretary, John H. Malcom, Bank of Nova Scotia, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada.
- 514—SHANGHAI BURNS CLUB : federated 1936; Secretary, William Lyle, 51 Canton Road, Shanghai, China.
- 515—CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF ABADAN : instituted 1824; federated 1936; 160 members; President, A. D. Foster; Secretary and Treasurer, William Jamieson, c/o Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd., Abadan, Iran.
- 516—THE AIRTS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1933; federated 1936; 25 members; President, John McLurg; Secretary, Charles Plain, 96 Northfield, Tranent; Treasurer, Thomas Davidson, 16 Schaw Road, Prestonpans.
- 518—YE AULD CRONIES MASONIC BURNS CLUB (CLEVELAND, OHIO) : instituted 1935; federated 1936; 15 members; President, James W. Logie; Secretary and Treasurer, Thomas Hair, 285 East 218th Street, Euclid, Ohio, U.S.A.
- 520—UDDINGSTON LOCHLIE LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1936; 65 members; President, Mrs. Sarah McBride; Secretary, Mrs. Isobel Downie, 89 Woodlands Crescent, Bothwell; Treasurer, Mrs. Janet Frew, 7 Russell Place, Tannochside, Uddingston.
- 521—WARATAH-MAYFIELD BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1936; 50 members; President, Angus Smith; Secretary, James McGirvan, 13 Burnett Street, Mayfield West, Newcastle, N.S.W., Australia; Treasurer, Robert Bell.
- 522—GLENLEE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1933; federated 1936; 25 members; President, James Allan; Secretary, Murdoch Dyet, 9 Glenlee Street, Burnbank, Hamilton; Treasurer, George Orr, 10 King Street, Burnbank, Hamilton; *Burns Chronicle* official, James Allan, 58 Sempie Street, Burnbank, Hamilton.

- 523—HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES : instituted 1877; federated 1936; 1399 members; President, Captain James R. Patrick; Secretary, James Mackintosh, Scottish House, 19 Bridge Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia; Treasurer, Jas. G. MacKee, C.A., 44 Margaret Street, Sydney.
- 524—THE CRONIES BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1936; 30 members; President, James McDonald; Secretary and Treasurer, A. H. F. Marshall, 8 Moss Street, Paisley.
- 525—FLINT JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1937; 24 members; President, William Piercy; Secretary and Treasurer, John R. Hurry, 9271 Neff Road, R1 Clio, Michigan, U.S.A.
- 526—DYKEHEAD TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1937; 35 members; President, Andrew Inglis; Secretary, John C. Weir, 33 Wilson Road, Allanton, Shotts; Treasurer, Thomas Rae, Hunter Place, Dykehead, Shotts.
- 528—LOUGHBOROUGH SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION : instituted 1930; federated 1937; 100 members; President, Alderman A. Y. McElvie, J.P.; Secretary, A. D. Telfer, 87 Middleton Place, Loughborough; Treasurer, D. MacEwen Lawson, C.A., Windyridge, Pantain Road, Loughborough.
- 529—THE WILLIAM MITCHELL BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1937; 27 members; President, William Kilpatrick; Secretary, Robert Cook, 27 Calder Drive, Mossend, Bellshill; Treasurer, James B. Mitchell, 509 Main Street, Bellshill.
- 530—SOUTHERN SCOTTISH COUNTIES BURNS ASSOCIATION : instituted 1937; federated 1937; 12 clubs; President, James Denniston, F.E.I.S.; Secretary and Treasurer, William Black, Cardean, Eastfield Road, Dumfries.
- 531—TEES-SIDE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1899; federated 1937; 120 members; President, A. H. Merrie; Secretary, Mrs. N. Leslie, Dunottar House, Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, Co. Durham; Treasurer, N. E. Wallace, 3 Grantham Road, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees; *Burns Chronicle* official, W. G. Wishart, Grangeholme, Imperial Avenue, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.
- 532—CESSNOCK BURNS CLUB, N.S.W. : instituted 1935; federated 1937; members; President, J. Tomlinson; Secretary, Walter W. Robertson, 63 Melbourne Street, Aberdare, Cessnock, New South Wales, Australia; Treasurer, A. Harrower.
- 533—FAULHOUSE CALEDONIAN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1937; 50 members; President, Douglas Stirrit; Secretary, John Malcolm, 99 Barton Terrace, Fauldhouse; Treasurer, George Malcolm, 21 Scott Place, Fauldhouse.
- 534—BEDLINGTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1937; 84 members; President, Jas W. Pooley; Secretary, S. Pattinson, Stayros, Clovelly Gardens, Bedlington, Northumberland; Treasurer, William Craigs, Sub-Postmaster, Post Office, Barrington, Bedlington Station; *Burns Chronicle* official, Christopher Bergen, 1 Jubilee Terrace, Bedlington Station.

- 535—PLYMOUTH AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1927; federated 1937; 70 members; President, R. McDonald; Secretary, John Common, Cluden, Torland Road, Hartley, Plymouth; Treasurer, John Hutcheson, 37 Lynwood Avenue, Marsh Mills, Plymouth.
- 536—WHITHORN AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1937; 50 members; President, Rev. Harry Law, M.A.; Secretary, and Treasurer, Thomas Latimer, The Clydesdale Bank, Ltd., Whithorn.
- 537—HARTHILL AND DISTRICT YOUNG CRONIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1937; 30 members; President, Thomas Cunningham; Secretary, Charles Grahame, 18 Dunn Terrace, Harthill, Lanarkshire; Treasurer, David Grahame, 2 Muirhead Place, Eastfield, Harthill.
- 538—GREENOCK AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUBS' PAST PRESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION : instituted 1937; federated 1937; 40 members; President, John R. Lynn; Secretary and Treasurer, A. C. E. Lewis, Valloche, 16 Rodney Road, Gourock.
- 540—JOHNSTONE MASONIC BURNS CLUB : instituted 1930; federated 1937; 65 members; President, Councillor James R. Walker, J.P.; Secretary, Archibald H. Caldwell, 12 Macdowall Street, Johnstone; Treasurer, Ex-Provost Hugh McQueen, 12 Collier Street, Johnstone.
- 541—DOUNE AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1938; 60 members; President, Bailie Masterton; Secretary and Treasurer, Councillor John McTurk, Northlea, Doune.
- 542—WHITE HEATHER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1936; federated 1938; 60 members; President, James Cowan; Secretary, Archibald Armstrong, 64 Beechworth Drive, Newarthill; Treasurer, William Johnson, 133 High Street, Newarthill.
- 543—ABBEY CRAIG BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1938; 81 members; President, George Marshall; Secretary, Duncan M. Muirhead, 20 Dunster Road, Causewayhead, Stirling; Treasurer, Alexander Marshall, Airthrey Road, Causewayhead, Stirling.
- 544—ASHINGTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1890; federated 1938; 40 members; President, J. F. R. Gairdner, M.B., M.R.C.S.; Secretary, J. Hudson Ogle, 7 Ingleby Terrace, Lynemouth, Morpeth; Treasurer, R. Tweddle.
- 545—PARRAMATTA AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB (NEW SOUTH WALES) : instituted 1934; federated 1938; 53 members; President, Colin Cameron; Secretary, John Howie, 12 Gore Street, Parramatta, N.S.W., Australia; Treasurer, James Russell, 10 Isabella Street, North Parramatta.
- 546—THE OAK BURNS CLUB (HAMILTON) : instituted 1937; federated 1938; 40 members; President, John Kane; Secretary, Robert Ritchie, 43 Bent Road, Hamilton; Treasurer, James Ritchie, 47 Bent Road, Hamilton.

- 547—COALBURN JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1938; 33 members; President, James Simpson; Secretary, James Logan, 2 Tinto View Terrace, Coalburn; Treasurer, William Morrison, Croft Terrace, Coalburn.
- 548—LEEDS CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1894; federated 1938; 650 members; President, Col. A. D. Sharp, C.B., C.M.G., T.D., F.R.C.S.; Joint-Secretaries, W. Strachan, Drumnagarrow, Wellington Hill, Shadwell, Leeds, and W. Morgan, 39 Ridge Way, Leeds, 8; Treasurer, H. A. Gordon, Clynder, Creskeld Lane, Bramhope, Leeds.
- 549—BOTHWELL BONNIE LESLEY LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1937; federated 1938; 19 members; President, Mrs. Cain; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Duff, 8 Griqua Terrace, Bothwell; Treasurer, Mrs. May Chapman, 16 Croftbank Crescent, Bothwell.
- 550—DUNOON MARY CAMPBELL BURNS CLUB : instituted 1938; federated 1938; 47 members; President, J. McDonald; Secretary, D. McBride, 6 Park Terrace, The Glebe, Dunoon; Treasurer, J. Agnew, "Glencairn," John Street, Dunoon.
- 551—SCARBOROUGH CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1934; federated 1938; 166 members; President, William Littlefair; Secretary, Frederick P. Macleod, M.R.C.V.S., 86 Scalby Road, Scarborough; Treasurer, John G. Stewart, "Hill Crest," 61 Peasholm Drive, Scarborough.
- 552—FAWSIDE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1938; federated 1938; 45 members; President, P. Muirhead; Secretary, R. Hamilton, 80 Northfield, Tranent; Treasurer, A. Davanna, Northfield, Tranent; Assistant Treasurer, J. McDonald, c/o Cross Keys Inn.
- 553—WOLVERHAMPTON AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1938; federated 1938; 205 members; President, A. M. Hutcheson; Secretary, W. R. Robertson, 61 Birches Barn Avenue, Wolverhampton; Treasurer, W. King, Commercial Union Assurance Company, 87 Darlington Street, Wolverhampton.
- 554—BRUCE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1938; federated 1938; 40 members; President, James Collins; Secretary, Charles Ross, 4 Black Dykes Terrace, Falkland, Fife; Treasurer, Charles F. Hawkins, Bruce Arms Hotel, Falkland, Fife; *Burns Chronicle* official, Treasurer.
- 555—HARROGATE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY : instituted 1921; federated 1938; 90 members; President, Rev. Peter McCall; Secretary and Treasurer, Geo. S. M. Edward, 10 Woodlands Drive, Harrogate, Yorkshire.
- 556—CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF DONCASTER : federated 1938; President, J. M. Hain, M.B., Ch.B.; Secretary, W. Hall, A.M.I.E.E., 15 Manor Drive, Doncaster; Treasurer, David Calder, 183 Shady-side, Hexthorpe, Doncaster.
- 557—LADIES' BURNS CLUB OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA : instituted 1937; federated 1938; President, Mrs. Ted R. Ray; Secretary, Mrs. Stanley H. Hastings, 506 Coventry Road, Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.; Treasurer, Mrs. Josiah T. Rose, 2640 Peachtree Road, N.W., Apt. 12, Atlanta.

- 558—CAMBUSBARRON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1936; federated 1938; re-affiliated 1943; 45 members; President, Alexander Johnston; Secretary, William Miller, 27 North End Road, Stirling; Treasurer, Thomas Sneddon, 37 North End Road, Cambusbarron.
- 559—COVENTRY AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : federated 1938; 450 members; President, Dr. Stuart Smith; Secretary, Robert S. Miller, 211 Leamington Road, Coventry; Treasurer, William Hill, 9 Queens Road, Coventry.
- 560—CALEDONIAN SOCIETY, CAWNPORE : instituted 1936; federated 1939; 113 members; President, I. O. Hamilton, C.A.; Secretary and Treasurer, E. C. Caldwell, c/o British India Corporation, Ltd., Cawnpore, India.
- 561—LONDON (ONTARIO) BURNS CLUB : instituted 1939; federated 1939; 58 members; President, Eldon Mitchell; Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur G. Lemery, 113 Elmwood Avenue, London, Ont., Canada.
- 562—CASTLE DOUGLAS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1930; federated 1939; 50 members; President, J. M. Welsh; Vice-President, John Borland; Secretary and Treasurer, H. A. P. Haugh, 11 Ernespie Road, Castle Douglas.
- 563—NORFOLK CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1934; federated 1939; 100 members; President, Miss J. A. Morton; Secretary, D. A. Grant, 36 Eaton Road, Norwich; Treasurer, W. M. Robson, Dunedin, Hillside Avenue, Thorpe, Norwich.
- 564—WINSOME WILLIE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1939; federated 1939; 60 members; President, James Hendry, Sen.; Secretary and Treasurer, George Douglas, 53 Main Street, Ochiltree, *Burns Chronicle* official, D. McNeil, Jun., Mill Street, Ochiltree.
- 565—ROBERT BURNS CIRCLE OF NEW YORK : instituted 1934; federated 1939; 140 members; President, Robert MacGowan, M.A., D.D.; Secretary, Miss Jessie Strachan, 20-42 32nd Street, Astoria, Long Island, N.Y.; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Hughes, 1825 Riverside Drive, New York.
- 566—SCOTTISH SOCIETY AND BURNS CLUB OF AUSTRALIA : instituted 1939; federated 1939; 80 members; President, R. M. Baxter; Secretary, Miss M. G. Barclay, 23 Bon Accord Avenue, Boudi Junction, Sydney, N.S.W.; Treasurer, Laurence Macaulay, 109 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.
- 567—NEWTOWN BURNS CLUB (PAISLEY) : instituted 1938; federated 1939; 60 members; President, Stuart McIntyre; Secretary, R. Atkinson, 47 Causeyside Street, Paisley; Treasurer, John W. Henderson, 4 Overton Crescent, Johnstone, Renfrew; *Burns Chronicle* official, Stuart McIntyre, 44 Kilnside Road, Paisley.
- 568—DARVEL BURNS CLUB : federated 1939; President, W. Auld; Secretary and Treasurer, D. Hamilton, 57 West Main Street, Darvel.



- 570—THE SCOTTISH CLANS ASSOCIATION OF LONDON LTD. : instituted 1898; federated 1939; President, Wm. Stewart Allan; Secretary, D. Campbell Thomson, Benachie, 35 Medway Gardens, Wembley, Middlesex; Treasurer, G. S. Bonnyman, 27 Munster Road, London, S.W.6.
- 571—EDMONTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1918; federated 1939; 30 members; President, Alexander M. MacDonald; Secretary, Hamish H. Gillespie, 11648 95a Street, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; Treasurer, Frank Heron, 7027 111th Avenue, Edmonton.
- 572—CHESTER CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION : instituted 1885; federated 1939; 150 members; President, Malcolm B. Cooper; Secretary and Treasurer, Tennant B. Chapman, C.A., Killearn, Woodlands Road, Haugh Green, Chester.
- 573—CROFT SPRINGSIDE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1938; federated 1939; 20 members; President, Frank E. Irvine; Secretary, William Williamson, 21 Springhill Terrace, Springside; Treasurer, Thomas McMillan, 43 Station Drive, Springside; *Burns Chronicle* official, Archie Johnstone, 23 Springhill Terrace, Springside.
- 574—HOLYTOWN BLAIR ATHOLE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1939; federated 1939; 50 members; President, John Blair; Secretary, Samuel Cowan, 29 Loanhead Crescent, Newarthill; Treasurer, David Naismith, Sunnyside Avenue, Holytown.
- 575—WINDSOR (ONTARIO) JEAN ARMOUR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1939; federated 1940; 31 members; President, Mrs. Margaret Wilson; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Lauder, 385 Elm Avenue, Windsor, Ontario, Canada; Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret McKenzie, 914 Monmouth Road, Windsor.
- 576—FORT MATILDA BURNS CLUB : instituted 1934; federated 1940; 100 members; President, A. G. Paton; Secretary and Treasurer, R. E. Cunningham, "Elbar," 19 Madeira Street, Greenock.
- 577—DALSERF AND CLYDESDALE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1939; federated 1940; 30 members; President, Adam Stronach; Secretary, George Spiers, 12 Douglas Drive, Ashgill, Larkhall; Treasurer, Alexander Wilson, 5 Prospect Drive, Ashgill, Larkhall.
- 578—LANARKSHIRE ASSOCIATION OF BURNS CLUBS : instituted 1924; federated 1942; 43 clubs; President, James Mathew; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Thomson, 21 Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang; Treasurer, James McLean, 374 Main Street, High Blantyre.
- 579—BATHGATE TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1941; federated 1942; 45 members; President, Simon Terrett; Secretary, Jasper Thomson, 18 Wallace Road, Bathgate; Treasurer, Charles Aitchison, c/o Barr, Bathgate Inn, George Street, Bathgate; *Burns Chronicle* official, Robert Young, 36 Edinburgh Road, Bathgate.
- 580—CUMBRAE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1896; federated 1942; 140 members; President, Matthew Cullen; Secretary, Walter Kerr, 17 Miller Street, Millport; Treasurer, Thomas Shields, 29 Glasgow Street, Millport; *Burns Chronicle* official, Walter Kerr, 17 Miller Street, Millport.

- 581—CUMBERNAULD AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB: instituted 1943; federated 1943; 60 members; President, James Goodwin; Secretary and Treasurer, Daniel Millar, 15 Baronhill, Cumbernauld.
- 582—HIGGINSNEUK BURNS CLUB: instituted 1942; federated 1943; 22 members; President, George Jenkins; Secretary, Matthew Watson, 43 Quarrollhall Crescent, Blackmill, Falkirk; Treasurer, Joseph Forsyth, 22 Bothkinnar Road, Carronshore, Falkirk.
- 583—LOCHGELLY PIPE BAND BURNS CLUB: instituted 1943; federated 1943; 40 members; President, R. Garmony; Secretary, George Findlay, 17 Walker Street, Lochgelly; Treasurer, J. C. Watson, 4 Bain Street, Lochgelly.
- 584—CORBY BURNS CLUB: instituted 1943; federated 1943; 32 members; President, William Brown; Secretary, Charles Gibson, 17 Stephenson Way, Corby, Northants; Treasurer, Percival Rae, 7 Hazlewood Road, Corby; *Burns Chronicle* official, James Stevenson, 147 Stephenson Way, Corby.
- 585—QUEEN'S PARK CLARINDA BURNS CLUB: instituted ; federated 1943; 206 members; President, F. P. McLennan; Secretary and Treasurer, William Young, 50 Deanwood Avenue, Glasgow, S.4.
- 586—BARRHEAD BURNS CLUB: instituted 1942; federated 1943; 35 members; President, Tom Begg; Secretary, John Dalziel, 35 Commercial Road, Barrhead; Treasurer, Andrew Allan, 7 Paisley Road, Barrhead; *Burns Chronicle* official, Robert Duncan, Cross Arthurlie Street, Barrhead.
- 587—BUDHILL AND SPRINGBOIG BURNS CLUB: instituted 1943; federated 1943; 68 members; President, John Seymour; Secretary and Treasurer, Archibald D. Brown, 6 Budhill Avenue, Glasgow, E.2; *Burns Chronicle* official, John Seymour, 98 Budhill Avenue, Glasgow, E.2.
- 588—THE ATLAS TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB: instituted 1943; federated 1943; 40 members; President, Thomas Russell; Secretary, Abraham Macdonald, 65 Lower Bathville, Armadale; Treasurer, John Smart, West Main Street, Armadale; *Burns Chronicle* official, President.
- 589—SOLWAY BURNS CLUB: federated 1944; President, O. Gibbs; Secretary and Treasurer, G. Beattie, 5 Hallmeadow Place, Annan.
- 590—CRAIGS CRONIES BURNS CLUB: instituted 1935; federated 1944; 40 members; President, James Robinson; Secretary, John Hunter, 4 George Street, Stirling; Treasurer, William Sewell, 8 George Street, Stirling.
- 591—LUGAR WATER BURNS CLUB: instituted 1944; federated 1944; 60 members; President, David Geekie; Secretary, James Fleming, Jun., 14 Craigston Holm, Lugar; Treasurer, Duncan Brodie, Brick Row, Lugar; *Burns Chronicle* official, John Lindsay, Craigston Holm, Lugar.

- 592—BENWHAT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 85 members; President, William McCombe; Secretary, Andrew Galloway, 112 Benwhat, Ayr; Treasurer, James Wallace, 59 Benwhat, Ayr.
- 593—BARRMILL JOLLY BGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 53 members; President, Thomas Boyd; Secretary, Edward B. Anderson, The Blocks, Barrmill, Beith; Treasurer, William McBeth, McHardy Crescent, Barrmill, Beith; *Burns Chronicle* official, Matthew G. Boyd, Lugtonridge Farm, Barrmill, Beith.
- 594—THE BURNS CLUB OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, CLEVELAND, OHIO : instituted 1934; federated 1944; 81 members; President, John Wintour; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Donald C. Noble, 1466 E. 110th Street, Cleveland, 6, Ohio, U.S.A.
- 595—ALLANTON " BRIG O' DOON " LADIES' BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 36 members; President, Mrs. Mary McCue; Secretary, Mrs. Annie Thomson, 21 Kingshill Road, Allanton, Shotts; Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin, 10 Houldsworth Crescent, Allanton, Shotts.
- 596—GLAISNOCK BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 53 members; President, William Robertson; Secretary and Treasurer, James McKechnie, 18 Glaisnock Street, Cumnock; *Burns Chronicle* official, James Shearer, John Allan Drive, Cumnock.
- 597—BURNS SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK : instituted 1870; federated 1944; 100 members; President, Edward B. Mackenzie; Secretary, Robert Graham, 105 East 22nd Street, New York, 10, N.Y., U.S.A.; Treasurer, James M. Forbes, 2 Park Avenue, New York, 16, N.Y.
- 598—FORTH JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 30 members; President, Richard Friel; Secretary, James Douglas, 25 The Neuk, Forth, Lanarkshire; Treasurer, William Hamilton, 19 The Neuk, Forth.
- 599—LARKHALL RAPLOCH BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 54 members; President, James Craw; Secretary, William Dickson, 13 Albert Drive, Larkhall; Treasurer, J. S. Simpson, Machan Road, Larkhall.
- 600—MILLERHILL BURNS CLUB : instituted 1944; federated 1944; 30 members; President, Andrew Davidson; Secretary, David Moffat, 6 Dauderhall, Dalkeith; Treasurer, Andrew Davidson.
- 601—CALEDONIAN SOCIETY OF PALESTINE : federated 1944; Chieftain, J. Bartholomew, C.A.; Hon. Secretary, G. W. Adam, P.O. Box 273; Haifa, Palestine; Hon. Treasurer, J. A. Thompson, P.O. Box 309, Haifa.
- 602—THORNTREE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1943; federated 1945; 21 members; President, Abraham Brown; Secretary, George Thomson, 52 High Street, Cockenzie; Treasurer, Adam Peden, Crown Square, Prestonpans.

- 603—THE TOWER BURNS CLUB, TRANENT: instituted 1938; federated 1945; 40 members; President, Capt. Donald Scrimingour; Secretary and Treasurer, William Wood, 27 Muirpark Terrace, Tranent; *Burns Chronicle* official, President.
- 604—BELLSHILL BURNS CLUB, NO. 1: instituted 1925; federated 1945; 50 members; President, Alexander Bissett; Secretary and Treasurer, Robert Thomson, 76 North Road, Bellshill, Lanarkshire.
- 605—CRAIGMARK AND BURNTON BURNS CLUB: instituted 1944; federated 1945; 80 members; President, John McCormick; Secretary, Alexander Murphy, 58 Burnton, Dalmellington, Ayrshire; Treasurer, William Henderson, 24 Burnton, Dalmellington.
- 606—ROCKINGHAM BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; federated 1945; 40 members; President, William Montgomery; Secretary and Treasurer, S. Jeffrey, 96 Westfields Road, Corby, Northamptonshire.
- 607—HADRIAN BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; federated 1945; 80 members; President, A. McKay; Secretary, Douglas Ironside, 21 Little Carriden, Bo'ness, West Lothian; Treasurer, Charles Lothian, 113 Bridgeness Road, Bo'ness.
- 608—RICCARTON WALLACE BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; federated 1945; 54 members; President, George M'Broom; Secretary, Alexander Livingston, 41 Caprington Avenue, Kilmarnock; Treasurer, John Paterson, 33 Gilmour Street, Kilmarnock.
- 609—SEAFORTH HIGHLANDERS ASSOCIATION (AYRESHIRE BRANCH) BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; federated 1945; 200 members; President, Thomas Rodger; Secretary and Treasurer, Alan Gibson, 5 Wyllie Place, Stewarton, Ayrshire.
- 610—THE "ROYAL ARCH" BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; federated 1945; 75 members; President, Thomas Dickie; Secretary, George J. Barr, 74 Gelston Street, Glasgow, E.2; Treasurer, William Steele, 5 Rowchester Street, Glasgow.
- 611—BLACKRIDGE, WESTRIGG AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; 30 members; President, Robert McLauchlan; Secretary, Walter Sneddon, 58 Bedlormie Drive, Blackridge; Treasurer, James Adamson, 32 Bedlormie Drive, Blackridge; *Burns Chronicle* official, Angus McMillan, 66 Bedlormie Drive, Blackridge.
- 612—TORRANCE MASONIC SOCIAL AND BURNS CLUB: instituted 1928; federated 1945; 60 members; President, Alexander B. Wilson; Secretary, Andrew Sherriff, 5 Viola Place, Torrance; Treasurer, Alexander Kerr, 6 West Road, Torrance.
- 613—TRANENT NO. 1 BURNS CLUB: instituted 1945; federated 1945; 32 members; President, Robert L. Dow; Secretary, Alexander Grant, 104 Lindores Drive, Tranent; Treasurer, John Herkes, 17 Lammermoor Terrace, Tranent.

- 614—BELLSHILL CALEDONIAN BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1945; 70 members; President, William Anderson; Secretary, James McPhee, 36 Raith Drive, Bellshill; Treasurer, John McLean, 28 Thorndean Crescent, Bellshill.
- 615—WEST LOTHIAN DISTRICT BURNS ASSOCIATION : instituted 1945; federated 1945; 10 clubs; President, Ex-Provost Thomas Russell; Secretary, Robert Findlay, 12 Main Street, Winchburgh; Treasurer, Robert S. Brodie, c/o Meikle, 15 Academy Street, Bathgate.
- 616—KIRKCONNEL AND SANQUHAR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1917; federated 1945; 40 members; President, Samuel Laidlaw; Secretary and Treasurer, William McClanachan, 3 Glenaylmer Road, Kelholm, Kirkconnel.
- 617—READING AND DISTRICT CALEDONIAN ASSOCIATION : instituted 1906; federated 1946; 187 members; President, J. K. Kirkwood, F.A.I.; Secretary, William Callander, 20 Erleigh Court Gardens, Earley, Reading; Treasurer, J. Strang, Wickcroft Farm, Englefield, Theale, Berkshire.
- 618—ALTRINCHAM AND SALE CALEDONIAN SOCIETY : instituted 1945; 432 members; President, R. Brooks; Secretary, T. C. Lochhead, 77 Ashley Road, Altrincham; Treasurer, J. C. Wallace, 250 Dane Road, Sale.
- 619—BAINSFORD CROSS-ROADS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1945; 40 members; President, William Meldrum; Secretary, Hugh Hunter, 69 North Street, Bainsford, Falkirk; Treasurer, John Gillespie, 13 Foundry Street, Carron Road, Falkirk.
- 620—THE MUIRHEAD BURNS CLUB : instituted 1942; federated 1945; 82 members; President, James Wilson; Secretary, W. B. Drysdale, 29 Kerse Road, Grangemouth; Treasurer, A. Ballingall, Kerse Road, Grangemouth.
- 621—SCOTTISH AVIATION BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1946; 81 members; President, Dr. J. Stevenson; Secretary, J. Maxwell, Scottish Aviation Limited, Prestwick Airport, Prestwick, Ayrshire; Treasurer, R. Purdie, Scottish Aviation Limited, Prestwick Airport, Prestwick.
- 622—COYLTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1946; federated 1946; 80 members; President, D. G. Smith, M.A.; Secretary, James Thom, "Learig," Joppa, Coylton, Ayr; Treasurer, Alfred McCracken, Sundrum Park, Joppa, Coylton, Ayr.
- 623—KILWINNING BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1946; 80 members; President, Joseph Johnston; Secretary and Treasurer, Samuel Black, 34 Claremont Crescent, Kilwinning, Ayrshire.
- 624—BURNS CLUB OF OBAN : federated 1946; Secretary, J. Fiskien, Avondale, Oban.
- 625—LOCKERBIE BURNS CLUB : instituted ; federated 1946; Secretary, George Stevenson, Solicitor, Lockerbie.

- 626—MOFFAT AND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1946; 93 members; President, Bailie Duncan; Secretary, James Shaw, M.A., F.E.I.S., Glen Annan, Moffat; Treasurer, James Scott, Holm Street, Moffat.
- 627—KINROSS JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1888; federated 1946; 60 members; President, Rev. William Paterson, B.D.; Secretary and Treasurer, T. McLeod, West Brachly, Kinross.
- 628—STEELEND JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1946; federated 1946; 53 members; President, J. Henry; Secretary, Mrs. M. Imrie, 4 Woodside Terrace, Steelend; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Muirhead, 47 Sunnybraes, Steelend.
- 629—SANQUHAR BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1946; 50 members; President, J. Stoddart; Secretary, A. B. Peden, 72 High Street, Sanquhar; Treasurer, J. I. Glencross, Eildon, Sanquhar.
- 630—COALSNAUGHTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1946; 70 members; President, David Walker; Secretary, Thomas Keddie, 23 School Terrace, Coalsnaughton, Tillicoultry; Treasurer, H. Hall, 140 High Street, Tillicoultry.
- 631—PENCAITLAND AND ORMISTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1935; federated 1945; 44 members; President, James Brown; Secretary, David Taylor, 22 George Crescent, Ormiston, East Lothian; Treasurer, Thomas McVie, 24 Trevlyan Place, Pencaitland.
- 632—SYMINGTON BURNS CLUB : instituted 1946; federated 1946; 120 members; President, J. Percival Agnew; Secretary and Treasurer, Donald Fraser, "Eudora," Symington, Kilmarnock.
- 633—LADS O' BUCKHAVEN BURNS CLUB : instituted ; federated 1946; Secretary, Angus Macdonald, 126 Wellesby Road, Buckhaven, Fife.
- 634—ARDEER JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1946; federated 1946; 60 members; President, James McWilliam; Secretary, Robert Montgomery, 59 McGregor Avenue, Stevenston, Ayrshire; Treasurer, Alexander Ramsay, 24 Carment Drive, Stevenston.
- 635—JEAN ARMOUR BURNS CLUB, TRANENT : instituted 1946; federated 1946; 30 members; President, Alexander Neill; Secretary, John C. Currie, "Collensdene," 335 West Granton Road, Pennywell, Edinburgh, 4; Treasurer, John Kerr, 26 Lindores Drive, Tranent, East Lothian; *Burns Chronicle* official, Richard Park, 93 Lindores Drive, Tranent.
- 636—GISBORNE BURNS CLUB, NEW ZEALAND : federated 1946; President, W. B. Turbitt; Secretary, R. Howe, 103 Sheehan Street, Gisborne, New Zealand.
- 637—LARKHALL APPLEBANK BURNS CLUB : federated 1946; President, Hugh Inglis; Secretary, John Allan, 42 Logan's Buildings, Eddlewood, Hamilton; Treasurer, Archibald Harris; *Burns Chronicle* official, James Nutt, Bridge-end, Millheugh, By Larkhall.

- 638—STONEHOUSE BURNS CLUB : instituted 1945; federated 1946; 20 members; President, William Rae; Secretary, Robert Hamilton, 45 Camnethan Street, Stonehouse, Lanarkshire; Treasurer, George Gourley, 79 Camnethan Street, Stonehouse.
- 639—CUMNOCK DUMFRIES ARMS BURNS CLUB : federated 1947; Secretary, James Breakenridge, 61 Glaisnock Street, Cumnock, Ayrshire .
- 640—HAMILTON WHITE HEATHER BURNS CLUB : federated 1947; 40 members; President, Robert Currie; Secretary, William Dorricott, 9 Johnstone Street, Hamilton; Treasurer, Andrew Edgar, 26 Priory Street, Blantyre.
- 641—ROSEWELL BURNS CLUB : federated 1947; 50 members; President, Robert Brown; Secretary, Andrew Hill, 14 Victoria Street, Rosewell, Midlothian; Treasurer, James Millar, 22 Dalhousie Cottages, Bonrigg, Midlothian.
- 642—BEITH TAM O' SHANTER BURNS CLUB : instituted 1947; federated 1947; 41 members; President, T. Anderson; Secretary and Treasurer, John Wallace, 4 Wardrop Street, Beith, Ayrshire.
- 643—RUTHERGLEN BURNS CLUB : federated 1947; President, J. Wilkie; Secretary, R. S. McMillan, 153 Hamilton Road, Rutherglen.
- 644—HEITON BURNS CLUB : federated 1947; 43 members; President, W. F. Scott-Ker; Secretary and Treasurer, Major Dawson Bowman, Khanspur, Heiton, Kelso.
- 645—BO'NESS JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : federated 1947; President, George Auld; Secretary, Robert McLean, 161 Corbiehall, Bo'ness; Treasurer, William Grant, 30 Cadzow Avenue, Bo'ness.
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- 647—HILLEND DISTRICT BURNS CLUB, AIRDRIE : federated 1947; Secretary, John Anderson, 202 Main Street, Caldercruix, By Airdrie.
- 648—CARRON BRIDGE CRONIES BURNS CLUB, KILSYTH : federated 1947; Secretary, J. Murphy, 65 Barlandfauld Street, Kilsyth.
- 649—AULD AFFLECK BURNS CLUB, CATRINE : federated 1947; President, James Milgrew; Secretary, James Harvey, 9 Riverside Crescent, Catrine; Treasurer, Alexander Tanner.
- 650—MID AND EAST LOTHIAN AND BORDER DISTRICT BURNS CLUBS ASSOCIATION : instituted 1947; federated 1947; Secretary, James Juner, 2 Greenhall Crescent, Gorebridge.
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- 655—KENNOWAY JOLLY BEGGARS BURNS CLUB : instituted 1946 ; federated 1947 ; 60 members ; President, Major Robert Ballantine ; Secretary, Lewis Waddell, Scalda, New Road, Kennoway, Fife ; Treasurer, William Rogerson, Leven Road, Kennoway.
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543 Abbey Craig	645 Bo'ness Jolly Beggars
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288 Beith	630 Coalsnaughton
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| 581 | Cumbernauld                   | 467 | Gilbertfield Highland Mary |
| 580 | Cumbræ                        | 636 | Giaborne, New Zealand      |
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| 62  | Cupar                         | 282 | — Bowling Assoc.           |
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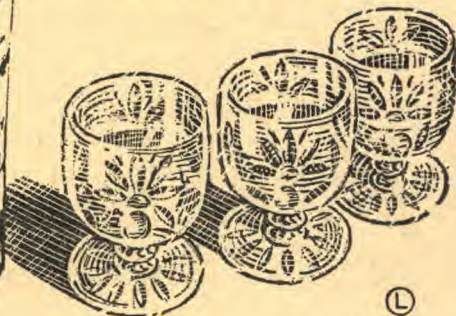
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