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AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

1955-56

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WM. MACKAY, LL.D., Inverness				1909-1912
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Rev. G. W. MACKAY, D.D., Killin		• • •	•••	1919-1922
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Dr. John Cameron, LL.B., Glasgow				1946-1949
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GEARR IOMRADH AIR OBAIR A' CHOMUINN GHAIDH-EALAICH LEIS A' CHEANN SUIDHE AIR SON NA BLIADHNA, 1955-56.

Chumadh cóig coinneamhan de 'n Ard Chomhairle ré na bliadhna; a' Choinneamh Thùs-ghnothaich am Baile Obair Eadhain agus na Coinneamhan eile an Glaschu. Choinnich Comhairle an Earail dà uair air son beachdachadh air an rùn Fear-deilbhe fhasdadh air son Comunn na h-Oigridh agus gnothaichean iomchuidh eile. Aig a' Choinneamh Thùs-ghnothaich chuireadh air bonn na Comhairlean Seasmhach air son na bliadhna. Aig na coinneamhan eile thug na Comhairlean aithisgean air an obair fhéin agus gheibhear geàrr-chunntais air gach Comhairle anns an leabhran seo.

Thàinig call mór air a' Chomunn agus air aobhar na Gàidhlige an uair a chaochail Mgr. Dòmhnall MacPhàil a bha 'na Fhear-deilbhe aig a' Chomunn anns an Airde Tuath fad fichead bliadhna. Air dha an dreuchd sin a leigeil dheth anns a' bhliadhna 1952 thaghadh e mar bhall de 'n Ard Chomhairle. An ath bhliadhna ghabh e dreuchd Fir Gairme Comhairle Clann an Fhraoich. Shaothraich e mar an ceudna 'na bhall de Chomhairle a' Chraobh-sgaoilidh. Anns gach dreuchd anns an robh e ghiùlain e e fhéin gu h-uasal, càirdeil, agus gu h-éudmhor as leth cànain agus dualchas a dhaoine. Bha ùidh mhór aig Mgr. MacPhàil an obair Comunn na h-Oigridh agus faodaidh sinn a ràdh nach robh clachan 'san Airde Tuath agus na h-Eileanan Siar nach robh aithne air ar caraid. Bidh cuimhne mhaireann agus chliùiteach air Mgr. Dòmhnall MacPhàil.

Thug am bàs bhuainn móran chàirdean—feadhainn dhiubh a bha 'nam buill de 'n Chomunn fad iomadh bliadhna agus iad uile dealasach as leth cànain uasal nam beann. Chaochail na leanas ré na bliadhna—Morair Alanais, Caiptean Ailean Caimbeul, Stiùbhart MacAonghais, Aonghas MacDhòmhnaill, Niall MacDhòmhnaill, Tómas Athall MacDhonnchaidh, A' Bhean Uasal NicGhilleathain (Conon), Iain MacMhuirich, Iain Mac a' Phearsain, Iseabal Nic a' Phì, agus an Sàr-bhàrd agus Sheanchaidh, An t-Ollamh Urramach Coinneach MacLeòid, duine iriosal, caomh a chuir àirde air luach litreachas agus ceòl

a dhaoine. Tha ar co-fhaireachdainn aig na dàimhnich a dh'

fhàg iad 'nan déidh.

Chumadh an leth-cheudamh Mòd 'sa dhà am Baile Obair Eadhain. Bha am Mòd soirbheachail anns gach dòigh. Chuir Màthair na Ban-righ agus A' Bhana Phrionnsa Mairearad urram mór air a' Chomunn an uair a fhritheil iad a' cheud chuirm-chiùil air feasgar Di-haoine. Thug Màthair na Ban-righ seachad àireamh de na duaisean dhaibhsan a choisinn iad. Thubhairt iad le chéile gun do chòrd an oidhche riutha.

Tha sinn an comain maithean Baile Obair Eadhain air son na fialaidheachd agus a' chàirdeis a nochd iad do bhuill a' Chomuinn ré na seachdain agus bu mhath leinn ar taing a chur an céill dhaibh. Bu mhath leinn mar an ceudna ar làn thaing a thoirt do bhuill na Comhairle Ionadail a shaothraich gu dìcheallach fad dà bhliadhna gu maoin a' Mhòid a thional agus air son gach ullachadh a rinn iad fa chomhair nan uile a fhritheil am Mòd.

Tha Comhairle a' Mhòid anns An Leargaidh Ghallda a' saothrachadh gu dìleas fa chomhair an leth-cheudamh Mòd 'sa trì.

Tha Mòd na h-ath bhliadhna gu bhith air a chumail an Inbhirnis agus tha a' Chomhairle Ionadail a' dol an car na h-obrach gu dìcheallach.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

REPORT for Period of Eleven Months ended 31st March, 1956.

The Finance Committee have met on five occasions within the period under review. The Sub-Committee have also met

regularly to examine and approve accounts.

The Committee have been considering the simplifying of claims in connection with the expenses incurred by Junior Choirs attending the National Mod. It was thought possible to devise an equitable formula which would be readily understood by those concerned and would expedite the scrutinising of claims. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Moffatt-Pender, who offered to pay 25 per cent. of the expenses of all Junior Choirs attending this year's Mod at Largs, the Committee were able to defer consideration of this matter until next year. The Committee take this opportunity of recording their grati-

tude to Mr. Moffatt-Pender for this further evidence of his practical interest in the work of An Comunn.

The Balance Sheet and the Statement of Income and Expenditure are presented herewith. This time they cover a period of eleven months owing to the decision to end the Financial Year on 31st March instead of 30th April. It will be seen that the financial position, though not entirely satisfactory, has improved since last year's report. There is still a deficit* but it has dropped from £1,086 in the previous twelve months to £57 over eleven months.

This difference is mainly accounted for by an increase of £442 over the previous year in the surplus from the National Mod, a welcome increase of £100 in Ordinary Members' Subscriptions, and a commendable decrease in the general expenses of the two offices.

It would be a cause for some satisfaction if this increased membership resulted in an improvement in the sales of the

Magazine, the deficit on which remains steady at £240.

An Comunn continues to an increasing extent to be indebted for its solvency to the strenuous activities of the local committees who organise National Mods. The efforts of these committees are beyond praise, but it is desirable that the burden of expenditure should be shared more widely over all the Branches which bear the name and share the prestige of An Comunn Gaidhealach.

It has not yet been found possible to use Cnoc nan Ros for increasing the revenue of An Comunn. On the other hand additional expenditure has been incurred in preparing memorial gates and supporting pillars. It is the Committee's intention shortly to examine the whole position with regard to Cnoc nan Ros.

We should like, in paying tribute to the devoted service of the office staffs, to express our pleasure at the return to the office of Miss Chrissie Turner, who is already well known to members for efficient and valued services to An Comunn.

*Note.—Principally as a result of there having been put into effect a recommendation by the Finance Committee (approved of by the Executive Council) as to the treatment of Expenditure on Comunn na h-Oigridh, the Accounts now show a small Surplus (£125) for the Period.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee met four times during the year. A further meeting was held in conjunction with the Art and Industry Committee to make preparation for a Summer School of Gaelic.

Gaelic in Primary Schools.—The Committee considered summaries and reports based on the returns received through the Director of Education on the teaching of Gaelic in schools in Lewis and the mainland of Ross-shire. Copies of the summaries and reports were submitted to the Director of Education. with the recommendation that a meeting be arranged between representatives of both sides. The Committee are awaiting a reply.

The Committee are hopeful of having an opportunity of discussing the position of Gaelic in the Counties of Argyll and Inverness with the respective Directors of Education.

The Committee were glad to note that Inverness-shire Education Committee resolved to take steps to have Gaelic taught in primary schools in the Gaelic-speaking areas of the County.

Gaelic in Glasgow Schools.—After due consideration, the Director of Education intimated that in view of the number who enrolled in Gaelic classes, his Committee were of opinion that it would not be necessary to extend classes to other schools

in the City.

Linguistic Survey.—The Committee wish to co-operate with those engaged in this work and asked for details of the scheme. In view of the extent of the work, it was agreed that the Committee could help by referring to the Survey in An Gaidheal in the hope that Branches of An Comunn and Feachdan of

Comunn na h-Oigridh would assist.

Vacation Course.—Recommendations were made to the Director of Studies, Jordanhill Training Centre, to arrange a Course for Gaelic-speaking teachers. In the light of past experience, the Provincial Committee felt that the response to such a course would be negligible. The Provincial Committee, however, hope to arrange a Conference of Gaelic-speaking teachers next July.

Summer School.—Arrangements were made to hold a Summer School of Gaelic in Portree during the month of July.

NORTHERN EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

Convener-Mr. Kenneth Fraser, M.A.

One meeting was held during the year. A circular was sent to all Branches drawing attention to the facilities available under the respective County Education Committees for Gaelic

Continuation Classes in the language and drama.

Classes were being held in Aberdeen (2), Turriff, Nethybridge (including Grantown, Carrbridge and Aviemore), Inverness (2), Beauly, Dingwall, Strathpeffer, Auchmore (Stromeferry), Plockton and Tain.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee held one meeting during the year.

The revised edition of Bàrdachd Ghàidhlig is now ready for the printers. It is hoped that copies of the new edition

will be available in the autumn.

The text of the first two of the series of illustrated Irish readers was revised and translated into Scottish Gaelic. It is hoped that both readers will be published in the near future. The Committee would like to express sincere thanks to Mr. Donald Grant for the work he has done in adapting the Irish text to Scottish Gaelic.

The Committee are grateful to the McCaig Trust for granting £100 towards the cost of production of the readers and

a further £100 against loss.

During the year the Committee offered, free of charge, to schools and continuation classes, a number of useful publications

for which there is no longer any demand.

The Committee are still concerned with the poor support given to the official magazine. A sub-committee was formed to consider the present position of *An Gaidheal*. The Committee recommend *An Gaidheal* to all Gaelic speakers and others interested in the language. Regular literary contributions will be gratefully received.

The possibility of producing a series of Gaelic teaching records was fully explored. The B.B.C. kindly agreed to grant An Comunn the use of the series of recorded lessons made several years ago, but owing to the heavy cost of producing records it

was reluctantly decided to abandon the project.

PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE.

The Committee held two meetings during the year.

The Committee suffered a grievous loss in the passing of Mr. Donald MacPhail, former Northern Organiser, and since his retiral a member of Committee. During his term as Organiser, which extended to twenty years, Mr. MacPhail devoted himself zealously and untiringly to Branch and Provincial Mod work.

The proposal made by the Scottish Community Drama Association that they were in favour of a separate festival of Gaelic plays, which would not exclude Gaelic plays from the National Play Festival, was enthusiastically received by the Committee. The Committee are prepared to co-operate with

the Drama Association in every way possible.

During the year the President, Mr. Neil Shaw, visited Islay and reconstituted the Branches in Bowmore, Kilmeny and Port Charlotte. The President, accompanied by the Secretary, reformed the Cruachan Branch. During the winter session, the Secretary visited the following Branches:—Ayr, Cornaigmore, Edinburgh, Glasgow (Central), Govan, Inverness, Kildalton, Largs and Stirling. Further efforts were made to form Branches in the Southern Area but so far there has been no success. It is hoped that a Branch in Dunbarton will be revived at the beginning of next session.

The following affiliated societies were also visited:—Luss and District Highland Association, Paisley Highlanders' Association, Tir nam Beann, Dun Eideann, Uist and Barra

Association.

Provincial and local Mods in the Southern Area were held in Aberfeldy, Bowmore, Glasgow, Lochgilphead, Mull, Oban and Strontian. Due to lack of interest it was found necessary to cancel this year the Mods usually held in Campbeltown, Edinburgh and Fort William. The Committee appeal to all Gaelic speakers and others interested to give every support to the Mods in their area. The Committee record cordial thanks to all Conveners, Secretaries, members of Provincial and Local Mod Committees and their supporters for their splendid work in carrying these Mods to a successful issue.

Members added to the roll during the year were:—Life, 42; Ordinary, 298; Junior, 33. The total number of members on the roll at 31st March were:—Life, 932; Ordinary, 2650;

Junior, 250. Associations, Societies and Choirs affiliated to An Comunn number 65.

NORTHERN PROPAGANDA SUB-COMMITTEE.

Convener-Mr. Iain R. Mackay.

Three meetings were held during the year, one of which was a Special Meeting to consider the Rocket Range proposals in South Uist and their effect on the language. The meeting made recommendation to the Executive Council.

A sub-committee was appointed to consider the question of

suitable song books for use in schools.

Provincial Mods were held in Newtonmore, Kyle of Lochalsh, Dornoch, Stornoway, Fort William and Portree, and were as successful and well supported as in previous years. The Committee records its thanks to all those who have assisted with the preparations and organising of these Mods.

A special appeal was made to help funds. At least 5,000 forms were sent to persons throughout Scotland, including, where possible members of Clan Societies. The results were

disappointing.

The Committee issued two propaganda Newsletters to Northern Area Branches, members of Northern Sub-committees and contributors to the special appeal.

The Organiser visited the majority of existing Branches and

will visit the others at an early date.

The Committee wish to show their appreciation of the untiring efforts of certain individuals connected to An Comunn in the North, who, together with the Organiser and his Assistant, were always willing to visit Branches and contribute to the programmes at their ceilidhs and concerts.

ART AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

Three meetings of the Committee were held during the year, also a joint meeting with the Education Committee in

connection with the proposed Summer School of Gaelic.

The numbers taking part in the Art and Industry competitions are steadily increasing. The work submitted for the Aberdeen Mod was of a very high standard, and for the first time in post-war years articles were submitted by Juniors, and the Committee hope that this augurs well for the future.

An exhibition was again arranged at last year's National Mod. In addition to the articles submitted for competition purposes, country wear loaned by local shops was displayed. There was a varied collection of baskets made by inmates of the Blind Asylum. To all those who helped the Committee tender sincere thanks.

The Committee are making arrangements for an exhibition at this year's National Mod in Largs, and in addition to exhibits there will be demonstrations of carding, spinning and weaving. The Committee extend a cordial invitation to all Mod visitors and trust that all members of An Comunn then in Largs will make a point of supporting this venture.

Competitions have already been prescribed for next year's Mod in Inverness. The scope of the competitions has been widened considerably and the Committee appeal to all interested

to submit entries.

MOD AND MUSIC COMMITTEE.

The Committee held seven meetings during the year. The Syllabus Sub-committee met on several occasions to select songs for forthcoming Mods.

The second post-war Mod held in Aberdeen was successful in every way. The presence of Her Majesty The Queen Mother and the Princess Margaret was an honour deeply appreciated by An Comunn members and all who attended the Mod. Her Majesty graciously presented the prizes at the first Grand Concert.

The hall accommodation in Aberdeen was adequate and arrangements for the week's activities were very satisfactory, due to the close co-operation between the Mod Local Committee and the parent Committee. The Committee record sincere gratitude to the Mod Local Convener, Mr. Dugald Macdonald, and his Committee. Due to their magnificent efforts, over £2,600 was raised. The Committee would also like to thank all Branches, Affiliated Societies, members and others who contributed in any way to bring the Mod to such a satisfactory conclusion. All who attend the National Mod, who are not already members of An Comunn, are cordially invited to join now. The burden of raising the Mod Fund is a very onerous task for a Local Committee, and we appeal to Branches,

Societies and individuals to ease this burden by responding generously to the annual appeal for contributions.

The Mod Local Committee in Largs is working energetically under the able convenership of Miss May F. Hunter. As a result, the Mod Fund is steadily increasing. Preparations for the Mod are well in hand, and we look forward to a successful Mod this year.

Next year's Mod will be held in Inverness. Already the Local Committee and their supporters are preparing quietly but with energy behind the scenes.

Due to rising costs it was found necessary to standardise the Mod Syllabus. It is envisaged that the main particulars in the Syllabus will remain static for five years or so. A separate leaflet with the names of all prescribed pieces and other relevant information will be published annually. The new procedure will be in force at next year's Mod.

The following is a comparative summary of Mod entries for the past five years:—

JUNIOR		Edinburgh	Rothesay	Oban	Perth	Aberdeen
Literary		66	81	90	50	12
Oral		191	52	265	137	141
Solo and Duet Sing	ging	302	139	244	276	221
Choral		46	24	43	33	36
Instrumental		<u> </u>			10	9
Art and Industry		—		-	I	3
SENIOR		Edinburgh	Rothesay	Oban	Perth	Aberdeen
Literary		32	37	54	2 I	35
Oral		90	94	124	110	78
Solo and Duet Sing	ing	747	601	473	485	405
Choral		83	74	77	34	72
Instrumental		40	21	2 I	30	33
Music Compilation		3	3	10	4	·I
Art and Industry		23	22	45	24	31
Clarsach		6	3	10	13	.8
						
		1629	1151	1456	1228	1085
						

COMHAIRLE CLANN AN FHRAOICH.

Chumadh aon choinneamh de 'n Chomhairle.

Dh' fhuiling a' Chomhairle call mór an uair a chaochail Mgr. Dòmhnall MacPhàil air an 24mh latha de 'n t-Samhain, 1955. Bho 'n a stéidhicheadh a' Chomhairle as ùr an 1953 bha Mgr. MacPhàil 'na Fhear Gairme. Ré na h-ùine a bha e 'na Fhear Gairme bha e air leth dealasach gu prìomh rùn na Comhairle a chur an céill—'s e sin a bhith a' cleachdadh na Gàidhlige agus a' misneachadh na muinntir sin a tha ag ionnsachadh na Gàidhlige a chum gu fàs iad coimhlionta 'na labhairt. Fo a stiùireadh chum a' Chomhairle céilidh an co-bhonn ri Céilidh nan Gaidheal an Glaschu an 1954. Rinneadh ullachadh gu céilidh eile a chumail an uraidh ach thàinig a' chrìoch air roimh an am sin. Aig an dà Mhòd Nàiseanta mu dheireadh chumadh céilidhean an ainm na Comhairle. Chuidich an Céilidh a chumadh an uraidh an Obair Eadhain gu mòr le maoin a' Mhòid. Bu Shàr Ghaidheal Dòmhnall MacPhàil aig an robh a' Ghàidhlig agus gach subhailc co-cheangailte rithe 'na chrìdhe. Bidh sinn 'ga chaoidh 's 'ga ionndrainn.

COMHAIRLE COMUNN NA H-OIGRIDH.

Choinnich a' Chomhairle cóig uairean ré na bliadhna.

Chumadh an dà champa àbhaisteach aig Cnoc nan Ròs. Fhritheil 17 de chloinn a' cheud champa, campa nan eileanach. Bha an àireamh a fhritheil móran na bu lugha na bha i an uraidh. Theagamh gur e a dh' aobharaich seo gun deachaidh a' chisbhùird àrdachadh bho 3/- gu 5/- 'san latha agus gu robh a' chlann gu bhith na b' fhaide aig a' champa. Am bliadhna shocraicheadh a' chìs-bhùird aig 4/- 'san latha agus tha a' Chomhairle an dòchas gum fritheil móran as gach àite. Chan 'eil teagamh nach do chòrd an campa riuthasan a bha an làthair—bha gu leòr r' a dhèanamh is r' a ionnsachadh agus bha an aimsir air leth briagha.

Chumadh campa an luchd-ionnsachaidh an déidh campa nan eileanach. Fhritheil 18 de chaileagan, a' chuid mhór dhiùbh a Glaschu. Ghabh a' chlann seo ùidh mhór an obair a' champa agus chan 'eil teagamh nach do dh' ionnsaich iad tuilleadh de 'n chànain ré na h-ùine. Tha làn chuireadh aig cloinn sam bith aig a bheil ùidh a bhith ag ionnsachadh na Gàidhlige an campa seo a fhrithealadh. Tha ullachadh 'ga

dhèanamh gu campa eile a chumail am bliadhna.

Tha a' Chomhairle a' toirt taing do na h-uile a chuidich aig an dà champa a bha fo stiùireadh Fir-deilbhe na h-Airde Tuath. Le mar a tha a' chlann an diugh a' dol astar mór an carbadan do 'n sgoil chan 'eil e comasach dhaibh coinneachadh ro thric mar Fheachd de Chomunn na h-Oigridh. Tha a' Chomhairle mothachail air a' chuideachadh a tha luchdteagaisg a' toirt do 'n chloinn an iomadh àite ach 's e rùn na Comhairle gum biodh cothrom aig buill Comunn na h-Oigridh coinneachadh agus obair a dhèanamh a réir clar-oibre nam feahd ré uairean na sgoile, no ma tha sin eucomasach, cothrom

a bhith aca coinneachadh an déidh na sgoile.

Bu mhath leis a' Chomhairle Fear-deilbhe a bhith aig Comunn na h-Oigridh dha fhéin. Bha coinneamh 'san Lùnasdal an uraidh eadar riochdairean bho 'n Chomunn agus Ard Chomhairle an Fhoghluim an Dun Eideann. A réir coltais bhiodh Ard Chomhairle an Fhoghluim toilichte air dara leth tuarasdail agus cosdasan Fir-deilbhe a phaidheadh. A chionn nach 'eil airgead a' Chomuinn ach gann thàinig a' Chomhairle chun a' cho-dhunaidh nach seasadh An Comunn ri mu thuaiream £500 'sa' bhliadhna a dhìoladh do sheirbhiseach eile. Tha a' Chomhairle a' dol a dh' ath-bheachdachadh air a' chùis dh' fheuch a bheil dòigh eile ann gu cuideachadh leis an obair gun tuilleadh cosdais a dhèanamh.

Anns an dol a mach tha e 'san rùn Feachdan a stèidheachadh an sgoilean àraidh a bhios 'nam ball-eisimpleir do Fheachdan eile agus an dòchas gu lean iadsan a bhith ag adhartachadh obair Comunn na h-Oigridh air an dòigh cheudna.

Deas agus tuath rinn na Fo-chomhairlean oidhirpean ré na bliadhna air airgead a chruinneachadh a dhìoladh cosdasan

Cnoc nan Ròs agus nan Campaichean.

Chaith a' Chomhairle móran ùine a' beachdachadh air cumadh, air dealbh, agus air cosdas nan geatachan a thatar an dùil a chur suas aig Cnoc nan Ròs mar chuimhneachan air na laoich a thuit 'sa' chogadh. Tha dùil gum bi na geatachan agus an clàr-cuimhne ullamh gun cur suas aig Cnoc nan Ròs mu mheadhon an Og-mhios. Dhealbhadh na geatachan agus an clàr leis an Ollamh Cailean Mac na Ceardaich.

COMUNN NA H-OIGRIDH SUB-COMMITTEE.

(Northern Area.)

Convener-Mr. Iain R. Mackay.

Three meetings were called but only one was held owing

to the poor response of members. The Organiser reported on his visit to South Uist and Barra. He found the majority of teachers and headmasters co-operative.

Informal talks were held with the Director of Education for Inverness-shire, whose helpful attitude is much appreciated.

Two camps were held at Cnoc nan Ros last year, and both were very successful although the attendance was disappointing. The Organiser in a recent visit to the Islands made a special appeal for a better attendance this year. The Committee issued attractive posters to all the schools advertising this year's camp.

The Committee had prepared the collecting boxes which were on view at the Aberdeen Mod. The results were deplorable—£5 os. 11d. being only donated by Mod supporters, of which

£2 is known to have been contributed by one person.

Flag Days organised by Northern Area Branches were much more successful, and the Committee thank those who

organised them and those who contributed.

A competition for members has been initiated taking the form of a letter in Gaelic to the Organiser on the subject of the Easter Holidays. Four prizes will be awarded. For members under 12 years the competition will be drawing and painting, and again four prizes will be awarded.

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Comp. Fi Year to	,	EXPENDITURE
£1,781 264 151 251 171 22 26 ————————————————————————————————	£2,666	To GENERAL CHARGES— Salaries, National Insurance and Superannuation of Head Office Staff and Retiral Allowance to former Secretary
	39	,, DELEGATES' EXPENSES 34 17 6
£861 73 £788 440 £1,228	X.	7, STANDING COMMITTEES— Propaganda— 1. (a) Northern Organiser's Salary, Superannuation, National Insurance and Expenses and Retiral Allowance to former Organiser
£1,228 32 44	Cr.	£1,150 18 4 2. Singing Classes Cr. 18 0 0 3. Travelling Expenses, Advertising, etc 50 18 10
£1,240 241		Comunn na h-Oigridh £165 4 9 0 0 0
6 5 28 2 ——	1,522 £4,605	(Met from Field Days and Other Efforts) Art and Industry 0 0 0 Mod and Music 1 12 9 Education 8 16 0 Clann an Fhraoich 0 0 0 TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR PERIOD £3,941 2 1 Balance—Surplus for Period £23,941 2 1 125 1 1

£4,605

£4,066 3 2

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FOR ELEVEN MONTHS TO 31st MARCH, 1956

Comp. Fig Year to 30/4/55.			INCOME			
£274 57 ———— £158 158	£331	Ву	Subscriptions— Annual Members (a) 1955/56 (b) Arrears paid Life Members (42) Less Carried to Capital Account	£329 100 £132 132	5 0 15 0 6 0 6 0	£430 0 0
£232 105	21 7 66 152 604); - ;; ;;	Representative Members	 £235 88		20 12 6 5 0 0 55 10 0 164 17 10 588 15 11
	£1,308		TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME	٠		£1,412 11 3
	2,211	,,	EXTRAORDINARY INCOME—Surplus— National Mod—Aberdeen, 1955			2,653 11 11
+	£3,519 1,086	,,	Balance—Deficit for Period			£4,066 3 2 0 0 0

AN COMUNN BALANCE SHEET AS

Comp. Fi			LIABILITIES	
30/4/55.		١.	BORROWED MONEY—	
£3,500			Amount due to W.M. & T. Fund by General Account, see III. Contra £3,200 0 0	
		П.	MOD PRIZE FUND—	
£93 100 1,001 400 102 453 100	£2,249		Sames Grant Memorial	£2,368 10 10
		III.	DR. QUINTIN MACLENNAN TRUST FUND—	22,300 10 10
£2,927			Balance at 1/5/55 £2,974 18 7 Add Premium on Conversion of Defence	
2 46	2,975		Bonds 0 0 0 0 Surplus Income for Period to date 77 6 6	2.050 5 1
	2,773		Of which Capital £1,559 19 10	3,052 5 1
	254	IV.	STRATHMORE CELTIC SOCIETY FUND— Balance as at 1/5/55	254 6 0
£116		٧.	NEIL MUNRO MEMORIAL FUND— Balance as at 1/5/55 £116 5 10 Revenue for Period to date 2 19 6	
£118	116		Less Cost of Prizes £119 5 4 1 5 3 Of which Capital £116 9 9	118 0 1
	0.5	VI.	NEIL CAMERON FUND— Balance as at 1/5/55 £25 3 6 Add Deposit Receipt Interest 0 9 8	
	25	VII.	GAELIC LITERATURE FUND— Balance as at 1/5/55 £26 1 10 Add Savings Account Interest 0 9 1	25 13 2
	27 15,395	VIII.	WAR MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING FUND	27 9 15,519 2 9
	97	IX.	GAELIC DRAMA FUND	98 6 9
	26	X.	"AN GAIDHEAL" PRIZE FUND	26 2 6
	20	XI.	MOD AND MUSIC COMMITTEE— Canadian Officers' Prize Money	20 0 0
	£21,184		Carried forward	21,509 8 11

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AT 31st MARCH, 1956

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Comp. Figs. 30/4/55.	ASSETS	
£3,589	I. HERITABLE PROPERTY— Office Premises, 65 West Regent Street, Glasgow—at Cost as at 1/5/55	£3,589 4 3
1,104	II. OFFICE FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT (GLASGOW AND INVERNESS)— At Cost (less Sales and Amounts written off to 1/5/55)	1,119 3 8
.,	III. GENERAL INVESTMENTS AT COST—	
	£4,600 3½% War 5tock £4,612 3 9 £1,500 4% Consolidated Stock 1,543 10 6 £200 3% County of Lanark Mortgage	
	(Repayable 11/11/60) 200 0 0	
£6,356	#6,355 14 3 Market Value £4,794	
3,500	Less Advance from W.M. & T. Fund 3,200 0 0	3,155 14 3
2,856	IV. MOD PRIZE FUND INVESTMENTS—	3,133 14 3
£93 103 995 408	3½% War Stock at Cost— £100—James Grant Memorial £92 16 9 £120—Robert MacMillan 103 4 0 £1,000—Donald MacKay Legacy 994 16 4 £400—Mrs. Stewart of Simla 407 18 3 £103—Mrs. Marjory Kennedy-Fraser Memorial 101 14 8	
450	3½% Defence Bonds at Cost— £450—Dr. Roger MacNeill Legacy 450 0 0	
100	3% Savings Bonds 1960-70 at Cost— £100—Hugh MacCorquodale (Fingal) Memorial 100 0 0	
	5% Glasgow Corporation Mortgage (Repayable 19/12/65)— Duncan Livingstone Bequest (Mull Provincial Mod) 120 0 0	2.270.10.0
2,251	V. DR. QUINTIN MACLENNAN TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS—	2,370 10 0
£1,702	£1,675 3½% War Stock at Cost£1,702 8 4 £200 3½% Glasgow Corporation Mortgage	
200 950 ——— 2,852	(Repayable II/II/64) 200 0 0 £950 3½% Defence Bonds at Cost 950 0 0	2,852 8 4
250	VI. 5TRATHMORE CELTIC SOCIETY FUND INVESTMENTS— £250 3 \(\) Defence Bonds at Cost	250 0 0
230	***	
£85	VII. NEIL MUNRO MEMORIAL FUND INVESTMENTS— £85 3½% Defence Bonds at Cost £85 0 0	
32	Savings Certificates at Cost (held for upkeep of Memorial) 31 10 0	
117	VIII. NEIL CAMERON FUND INVESTMENT—	116 10
25	Sum on Deposit Receipt	25 13 2
£13,044	Carried forward	£13,479 3 8

BALANCE SHEET AS

Comp. Figs.		LIABILITIES—Continued
30/4/55. £21,184		Brought forward £21,509 8 11
£411 72	XII.	MOD PRIZE FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT— Balance brought forward £410 4 5 Add Interest on Investments 79 1 2
£483 73 ——— 410	XIII.	Less Transferred to Aberdeen Mod Account 70 7 0 418 18 7
£331 54 317	XIII.	i. Net Balance at Credit £455 12 6 ii. Translation Fund 54 13 11 iii. Malcolm MacLeod Memorial Fund 317 0 4
702	XIV.	VOICES FROM THE HILLS— Credit Balance 1/5/55 £86 6 4 Add Sales for period to date £17 0 92 3 4
——— 86 867	XV.	SUNDRY CREDITORS AND DEFERRED REVENUE— (a) General
. · · ·		and other efforts—Balance remaining at Credit 103 15 7
£7,350 158	XVI.	CAPITAL ACCOUNT— As at 1st May, 1955 £6,421 14 0 Add Life Membership Subscriptions 132 6 0
£7,508 1,086		£6,554 0 0 Less Deficit for Year 0 0 0
£6,422 ———————————————————————————————————		Add Surplus for Period 125 1 6,679 1

£29,671

£30,167 5 11

DONALD GRANT, Convener, Finance Committee.
MARY S. YOUNG, Treasurer.

AT 31st MARCH, 1956

Comp. Figs.	ASSETS—Continued
30/4/55 £13,044	Brought forward £13,479 3 8
26	IX. GAELIC LITERATURE FUND INVESTMENT— Balance in Bank Savings Account 27 1 9
£2,409 2,243 2,355 £7,007 107 £7,114 3,500 £10,614 4,186	X. WAR MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING FUND— (a) INVESTMENTS— £2,500 British Electricity 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1968/73 £2,409 15 6 £2,500 British Gas 3% Guaranteed Stock, 1990/95 2,242 11 9 £2,500 3½% War Stock 2,355 1 9 £7,007 9 0 In Bank 0 19 11 Add Advance to General Account at 3% Interest 3,200 0 0 £10,208 8 11 (b) PROPERTY—At Cost— i. House, "Cnoc nan Ros," Tain 4,186 6 6
918 15,718	ii. Furnishings 917 14 6 XI. PUBLICATIONS— Sum on Deposit Receipt (and Accrued Interest) for
54	Translation Fund 54 13 11
522	XII. SUNDRY DEBTORS AND DEFERRED EXPENDITURE 778 II
£64 35 5	XIII. STOCKS— i. General— Badges, Books, etc £76 0 8 ii. Art and Industry Committee— Greetings Cards £13 13 9 Celtic Designs 4 7 3 ——————————————————————————————————
31 135 £51 15 106 172	iii. Comunn na h-Oigridh Committee— Booklet
£29,671	Comunn Gaidhealach possesses Trophies, Camp Equipment, and Northern Organiser's Motor Car, all of which are appropriately insured. £30,167 5 11

Glasgow, 13th September, 1956.—We have audited the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer of An Comunn Gaidhealach for the Period of Eleven Months ended 31st March, 1956, and found them correct and sufficiently vouched and instructed, and we certify that the above Balance Sheet and relative Statement of Income and Expenditure are in accordance therewith.

GILLESPIE & ANDERSON, C.A., Auditors.



AN COMUNN NATIONAL MOD— INCOME AND

Comp. Fig. Perth, 195		-			<u></u>	
£505		To	Prizes £509 5 2			
38		•••	6 (M) 1			
17		,,	m			
	£560	,,	Zingita in a literatura and literatu	£566	1	8
			Printing and Stationery (including 2,500 copies Cookery			
	240		Book £144 Is. 7d.)	342	19	9
			Note-Remaining Stock, 1,650 copies, transferred to Publica-			
			tion Account.			
	42	,,	Advertising	56	2	0
	5	,,	Expenses of Official Opening	13	15	0
		,,	Rent and other costs of Halls, including Public Liability			
	210		Insurance	298		
	105	,,	Stewarding, Badges and Booking Agents' Fees	38		
	16	,,	Fees for Arranging and Transcribing Music	0	0	0
		,,	Music Adjudicators' Fees (£163 16s.) and Adjudicators'			
	310		Expenses	313		
	35		Accompanists' Fees and Expenses	23	2	0
		,,	Hotel, Travelling and Out of Pocket Expenses of Officials,			
	202		Office-Bearers, Delegates, Bard, etc	261		0
	160	,,	Grants towards Expenses of Junior Choirs	132	12	3
		,,				_
	202		Charges, Transport and additional assistance	208		9
	44	,,		. 0	0	0
	100	"	Honoraria	100	0	0
	(2.221			CO 255		÷
1	2,231		Deleges Country	£2,355		
	2,210	"	Balance—Surplus	2,653	11	11

£4,441

£5,009 4 4

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ABERDEEN, 1955

EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Comp. Figs. Perth, 1954.	P. Com I Provide					
	By General Donations—	berdeen.	Headqu	arters.		
	Proceeds of Functions organised by Local Committee including individual efforts (Cookery Book Sales herein £46 11d, 3d.) £2	2,375 9	3 £0	0 0		
	Affiliated Societies and Other Associations	91 7	0 59	13 0		
	Branches of An Comunn Members of An Comunn and	199 14	6 31	4 0		
	other sources	121 0	5 163	9 7		
£2,368	£	2,787 1	2 £254	6 7	£3.041 17	9
33	" Donations for Specific Prizes				48 16	ó
£2,4	Revised Final Total as acknowledged	l in " An	Gaidheal	"	£3,090 13	9
£786 213 129	,, Admissions— Grand Concerts Rural Choirs' Concert Junior Choirs' Concert '			6 6 12 6 12 6		

L/00			Grand Concerts	LOOU	0	0		
213			Rural Choirs' Concert	211	12	6		
129			lunion Chains! Consent	110	12	6		
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38			Ceilidh—Broadcast		4	0		
_			Ceilidh—Clann an Fhraoich	- 11	14	6		
393			Daily Proceedings	374	12	9		
28			Colain Ana Exhibition	io	4	Ó		
20	1 507		Celtic Art Exhibition	10	7	v	1 471 6	_
	1,587						1,471 6	9
		11	Dr. Quintiin MacLennan's Trust—					
£10			Revenue Account-Prize Money	£10	Ω	0		
			Interest on Mod Prize Fund Investments—			•		
		,,			_			
73			General	70	7	U		
	83					_	80 7	0
	77		Entry Fees £60 2s., and Syllabus £10 19s. 8d.				71 1	8
	146							,
		,,	Broadcasting Fees			• • •		0
	78	,,	Surplus on Mod Programme			• • •	56 6	6
	5	,,	Judges' Marks				4 11	0
	64		Surplus on Mod Dance				8 16	0
	٠.		Interest on Funds while held at Aberdeen	• • •		• • •		8
	_	,,		• • • •		• • •		
	_	1 2	Surplus on Mod Music				5 16	6
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	£4,441						£5,009 4	4
	per contract of							2000