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1960-61



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Choinnich Ard Chomhairle a' Chomuinn gu riaghailteach còig uairean. Ré na bliadhna bha còig coinneamhan aig Comhairle an Earail.

Chumadh Mòd a bha air leth taitneach agus soirbheachail an Dun Eideann an uraidh. Chuireadh fàilte air roinn mhath de bhuill a' Chomuinn le maithean a' bhaile agus aon fheasgar fhuairleadh aoigheachd a bha sònraichte bhuapa. Tha An Comunn glé fhada an comain na Comhairle Ionadail a rinn gach ullachadh agus 's math a chaidh iad ris. Tha e iomchuidh cuideachd taing a thoirt do na càirdean air feadh na dùthcha a chuidich le bhith cur ri maoin a' Mhòid.

An déidh còrr is lethcheud bliadhna tha am Mòd gu bhith air thigheadas an Sruighlea am bliadhna. Tha a' Chomhairle Ionadail a' saothrachadh gu dìcheallach agus le mór dhealas. Chan 'eil teagamh nach 'eil buaidh a' leantainn an oidhirpean. An cois an saothrach a' taisgeadh maoin a' Mhòid tha iad a' brosnachadh mac-meanmua an t-sluaigh 's na ceàrnan mu'n cuairt agus ag ùrachadh agus a' neartachadh an ceangal agus am bàidh do'n Ghàidhlig agus do dhualchas an daoine.

An uraidh thugadh iomradh gun robh Comhairle an Earail a' beachdachadh air ciamar a b'urrainn do'n Chomunn a bhith air a riochdachadh air comhairlean a tha air an stéidheachadh a chum math agus leas na Gaidhealtachd. Rinneadh tagradh ri Rùnaire na Stàide agus b'e bhuil gun tugadh cuireadh do'n Chomunn riochdairean coinneachadh ri luchd-dreuchd nan iomadh comhairle a tha sealltainn as déidh chùisean a tha 'n dlùth cho-cheangal ri cor na Gaidhealtachd. Chuir na riochdairean rùintean a' Chomunn an céill gu soilleir agus fhuair iad deagh éisdeachd ach cha tugadh gealladh dhaibh gum biodh e comasachadh gabhail ri'n iarrtas. Tha a' Chomhairle a' sìor thagradh a chum an rùintean a thoirt gu buil.

Leigeadh ris beachdan agus iarrtasan a' Chomuinn do'n Chomhairle (The Pilkington Committee) a tha a' rannsachadh ciod a bu chòir a bhith dèanta gu Craobh Sgaoileadh agus Telebhision a bhith air ùr stéidheachadh. Rinneadh tagradh a chum is gum bi àite iomchuidh air a thoirt do'n Ghàidhlig

anns na co-dhùnaidhean a théid a chur fa chomhair na Pàrlamaid.

Mar bhuil air an tagradh a rinneadh ri luchd dreuchd Féis Dhun Eidinn bidh Cuirm Chiùil Ghàidhlig agus Céilidh aig an Fhéis am bliadhna fo ùghdarras a' Chomuinn, a' Chuirm Chiùil air a' cheud latha de'n t-Sultain agus a' Chéilidh air an ochdamh latha de'n t-Sultain.

Chan 'eil bliadhna nach fheumar luaidh a dhèanamh air càirdean a thug am bàs bhuainn, fir agus mnathan aig an robh fìor spéis do'n Chomunn agus do dh'obair a' Chomuinn. Tha sinn 'gan ionndrainn uile agus tha ar co-fhaireachdainn aig na dàimhnichean a dh'fhàg iad nan déidh. 'Nam measg bha 'n t-Ollamh Urr. Alasdair MacDhòmhnaill, ministear Eaglais Ghàidhlig Chalum Chille, duine ciùin, coibhneil, gasda, agus fìor Ghaidheal, A' Bhean Uasal Mairead NicDhòmhnaill, té a dh'obraich gu dìcheallach mar rùnaire fa chomhair Mòd 1959, Bean Mhgr. Nèill Mhic Gille Sheathanaich a bha mùirneach aig na h-uile a chuir eòlas oirre, Eóghan MacDhiarmaid a bha trì uairean 'na Ionmhasair air a' Mhòd Nàiseanta, fear a bha air leth dealasach as leth ceòl nan Gaidheal, Mgr. Calum M. MacCalum, am fear-stiùiridh ealanta a bh'air ceann Còisir Ghàidhlig Chinnloch, agus an t-Urr. Calum MacGilleathain, Conan, duine coibhneil comasach nach do lasaich 'na spéis is 'na ghràdh do eachdraidh agus cainnt a dhaoine. Bithidh sinn 'gan cuimhneachadh.

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REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1961.

The Finance Committee met five times during the year and the Sub-Committee, consisting of Mrs. Angus Whyte (Convener), Miss May Margaret MacMillan, Mr. Calum Robertson and Mr. John A. MacRae, met monthly for the examining and passing of accounts.

Opportunity is taken of paying tribute to Mr. Donald Grant's six years' service as Convener and of expressing appreciation of the many years prior to that when he served on the Committee.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure for year ended 31st March, 1961, are presented herewith, and the result of the year's workings is the encouraging surplus of £1500 os. 5d. This surplus is almost entirely due to the success of the Edinburgh Mod which produced the

gratifying sum of £5,209 6s. 2d., and acknowledgment to all Members of the Mod Local Committee and their friends is hereby made. Although An Comunn's Total Ordinary Income is higher this year by £153, the Total Expenditure is higher too by £56, so while An Comunn's general affairs have aided the situation by £97 it is the extra Mod Income which has largely produced the net surplus of £1,500 os. 5d. The Edinburgh Mod, therefore, is due credit for the present improved position. Mr. Moffatt-Pender's contribution to the Edinburgh Mod in meeting the cost of the Grants towards Expenses of Junior Choirs was exceptionally high this year and the deep gratitude of An Comunn for such unbounded generosity is here expressed. After the close of last year's Accounts in which the expense of the Nightstor System of heating was charged, Glasgow Corporation allowed a grant of £69 10s., and this amount (proportioned) is shown in the Balance Sheet (Assets) as a deduction in items I and II. The M. & T. Fund, as will be seen, has a surplus of £105 this year. At the cessation of activities of Ceilidh nan Gaidheal, the sum of £100 was given to An Comunn for the purpose of maintaining in perpetuity the Ceilidh nan Gaidheal prize of £5 offered annually in the Senior Literary Section.

Miss MacLeod, who had joined the Office Staff in 1954, terminated her employment in order to study for the teaching profession and the good wishes of An Comunn go with her. Her place has been taken by Miss Margaret A. MacInnes, a native of Lewis and a fluent Gaelic speaker, and it is hoped she will be happy in the work of the Association.

An Comunn is fortunate in having Mr. James T. Graham, Mr. William Hume and Mr. Mill of the Clydesdale and North of Scotland Bank available for professional guidance and An Comunn's gratitude is recorded.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee met twice during the year.

SUMMER SCHOOL.—The Committee co-operated with the Workers' Educational Association in organising a Course in Celtic Studies in St. Andrews in July, 1960. Only a few students attended but the Committee trust that more will enrol for a similar course which is planned for this summer (1961).

The Committee plan to hold a Summer School of Gaelic in Oban or in Fort William next year.

GÆLIC IN SCHOOLS.—The Scottish Education Department provided useful data concerning the teaching of Gaelic and the qualifications of teachers. An Comunn expresses its gratitude to the Department for the directive that half an hour per day should be devoted to the teaching of Gaelic whenever possible in Primary Schools. It was felt that there was a need for the appointment of another Gaelic Inspector.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee held four meetings during the year.

The Committee is engaged in reprinting and publishing a number of varied and useful books. Last September the first issue of the all-Gaelic children's quarterly, *Sradag*, was published and the response exceeded all expectations. The initial difficulties in the production of a paper of this nature have been resolved but the cost of the publication is very great and the Committee is very much concerned with ways and means of increasing circulation, and if possible introducing advertisements, two factors which would make it possible to reduce the selling price and publish the paper monthly. The Committee seek the full co-operation of Schools, Affiliated Societies, Branches and others to increase distribution and sales.

The need for a comprehensive dictionary was considered and the Committee decided that the work could best be done at University level. An approach was made to the Celtic Departments of the three Universities for support financially and otherwise. The matter was considered broadly at a preliminary meeting and a further meeting with the heads of Celtic Departments and representatives from the Central Gaelic Committee is being arranged.

Recently a book, *Gaelic Poems for Interpretation*, for use in Secondary Schools was published and the Committee are indebted to the McCaig's Trust for a generous contribution towards the cost.

Delivery of the long awaited reprint of the first three books in the series of Illustrated Gaelic readers is expected shortly and it is hoped that the two remaining books will be available in the near future.

The need for a fund, one purpose of which would be to

assist in making cheaper publications possible, is a matter which it was agreed would require the earnest consideration of the Committee.

PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE.

Five meetings were held during the year.

Branches were visited during the session by the President, Convener, Committee members and the Secretary. Many of the Affiliated Societies invited representatives from An Comunn to their functions and we record our gratitude for their kindness and co-operation.

Branches of An Comunn were formed in Port Glasgow and Brig o' Turk and the possibility of establishing Branches in other rural areas is being explored.

Perhaps the most encouraging event during the year was the Conference of Branch Representatives in the Southern Area. Branch activities ranging over a wide field were discussed and among the subjects considered were Church services in Gaelic, Branch visits, Representative membership, Gaelic classes, and the distribution and sale of *An Gaidheal* and *Sradag*. The importance of putting into practice the recommendations agreed at the Conference was stressed in a letter sent afterwards to Branches. One direct result of the Conference has been a marked increase in the number of Branch Representative members.

As a result of an approach that was made to the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society, there are good prospects of space being granted to An Comunn for an information bureau at this year's Highland Show.

It is a cause for regret that Mrs. Crawford is not well enough to take up duties as teacher of Gaelic singing in Ardnamurchan this year, and in thanking her for her services in the past, the Committee trusts that she will be fit and well to assist next year.

We learn with dismay of the cancellation of the Senior Section of Local Mods due to lack of entrants. The cause does not seem to be a lack of potential competitors in these areas and the Committee urges Branches and Mod Committees to consider ways and means of encouraging adults to take part. Invaluable propaganda work to remedy the situation could be done during the winter season and representatives

in each district should consider themselves responsible for stimulating interest and entries.

This year again we appeal to all members of An Comunn to recruit new members and to point out to potential members that they should join as a token of their regard and support for the work of An Comunn. The personal benefits derived from membership should be of secondary importance, the main aim being to help An Comunn to promote its aims and objects.

The badge and tie of the Association are available to all members—Life, Ordinary, Branch Representative, and Junior.

NORTHERN AREA PROPAGANDA SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Committee met three times during the year. It was agreed that Education matters should be dealt with by this Committee.

An experiment in propaganda was tried out at the 1960 Clan Gathering held in Inverness in June, 1960. This took the shape of a stand, properly constructed and designed, in which An Comunn's publications were displayed, work by the Gairloch Feachd was displayed and the programmes for last year's provincial Mods were set out in a pyramid formation, crowned by the National Mod programmes. A staff of fluent speakers attended to the wants of the public and a number of members were enrolled. A full report with a coloured photograph has been submitted to the parent committee. It is hoped to have the stand at some of the local games this summer.

Provincial Mods were held in Stornoway, Brora, Kingussie, Portree, Kyle of Lochalsh and Fort William, and a great debt of thanks is due to the committees and others who run these Mods. Most branches in the area have been active and branch visitation has been regular. Informal Gaelic classes have been held by the Inverness and Strathconon branches and it is hoped that this activity will be taken up by many more branches.

Both of the Comunn na h-Oigridh camps were a great success, thanks to the efforts of the volunteer workers and the children themselves. Comunn na h-Oigridh continues to flourish in Gairloch. A most successful Conference attended

by branch delegates and members of the Sub-Committee was held recently at Cnoc nan Ros. The conference was very happy to have our President, Mr. Hugh MacPhee, take the chair at all sessions and to have with them such good friends as Mrs. Bannerman, Dr. Maclean and Mr. Derek Thomson. A full report of its proceedings will be submitted shortly.

MOD AND MUSIC COMMITTEE.

Six meetings were held during the session and the Music Sub-Committee met on several occasions to consider songs for competition.

The National Mod held in Edinburgh last year was very successful with entries above the average and well-attended sessions. The overall increase in Junior and Senior Choirs was very satisfactory. The Committee would like to record its thanks to the Lord Provost, Magistrates and Councillors of the City of Edinburgh for their warm welcome to Mod visitors and for the generous hospitality extended to members of An Comunn.

A notable feature of Mod week was the simple ceremony of the laying of a wreath on the grave of the great Gaelic poet, Duncan Bàn Macintyre, the bard of Glenorchy.

The Committee records its sincere thanks to the Mod Local Committee, under the Convenership of Miss Madge Campbell Brown, for its painstaking efforts in raising such a creditable sum for the Mod Fund and for the much appreciated help given by individual members of the Local Committee throughout Mod week. An Comunn is also grateful to Branches, Affiliated Societies, and numerous individuals for contributing so generously to the Mod Fund.

We note with deep sorrow the sudden and unexpected passing of the Honorary Local Treasurer, Mr. Euan MacDiarmid, C.A. He served in a similar capacity with great efficiency at the two previous National Mods in Edinburgh.

At the end of this session we look forward to a successful Mod in Stirling. Next year the Mod returns to its birthplace—Oban.

The following table is a comparative summary of entries for the past five Mods :—

JUNIOR.			<i>Largs</i>	<i>Inverness</i>	<i>Glasgow</i>	<i>Dundee</i>	<i>Edinburgh</i>
Literary	...	...	12	15	23	14	18
Oral	...	...	46	256	247	98	263
Solo and Duet	Singing		104	233	182	111	221
Choral	...	...	23	42	35	16	39
Instrumental	...	...	7	22	14	10	17
Art and Industry	...	...	—	3	4	11	12
SENIOR							
Literary	...	...	28	23	35	22	33
Oral	...	...	81	92	99	71	67
Solo and Duet	Singing		396	450	485	408	501
Choral	...	...	83	97	90	76	100
Instrumental	...	...	19	23	27	15	10
Music Compilation	...	...	6	4	—	—	1
Art and Industry	...	...	11	17	23	20	23
Clarsach	...	...	13	22	19	15	13
			<u>829</u>	<u>1299</u>	<u>1283</u>	<u>887</u>	<u>1318</u>

ART AND INDUSTRY.

Two meetings were held during the year.

The number of entries received in the Junior and Senior Sections of the Mod in Edinburgh was very encouraging, Junior entries showing a steady increase.

The main attraction at last year's exhibition was the Highland cottage complete with furnishings. Other exhibits, consisting of competition material and articles on loan, were displayed to advantage outside the cottage. The Committee is indebted to exhibitors, competitors, those who helped to set up the exhibition and those who were in attendance during Mod week.

Of recent years considerable encouragement has been given to craftsmen and women by displaying and selling their goods, for example, wood carving and weaving, and last year beautiful articles made of deer-skin—bags, purses, belts, etc., found a ready sale.

A suitable room has been secured for the exhibition at this year's Mod in Stirling and the Committee hopes that visitors will give their support. In addition to the normal display, "live" exhibitions of interest are being arranged.

In choosing competitions for next year's Mod in Oban the Committee aimed at prescribing work of a varied nature which they hope will prove acceptable to all interested.

COMHAIRLE CLANN AN FHRAOICH.

Chumadh dà choinneimh de'n Chomhairle ré na bliadhna.

Leig Mgr I. M. Moffatt-Pender dheth a dhreuchd mar Fhear Gairme, dreuchd 'san do shaothraich e gu dìleas, dealasach ré àireamh bhliadhnachan. Mar Chomhairle agus mar Chomunn tha sinn a' cur an céill dha ar spéis agus fìor thaing dhùrachdach air son an obair a rinn e air sgàth na Comhairle agus a rùintean. Thaghadh Mgr. Dòmhnall A. MacDhòmhnaill 'na Fhear Ghairme 'na àite.

'S e rùn na Comhairle a bhith cleachdadh na Gàidhlig aig gach cothrom agus a chum an rùn seo a chur an gnìomh chumadh dà chruinneachadh an Aitreach nan Gaidheal—a' cheud fheasgar Oidhche Cheist is Oran agus air feasgar eile dh'fhoillsich Mgr. Fearchar MacRath dealbhannan snasail a thog e an iomadh cèarna de'n dùthaich agus an America. 'S e 'n aon choire a bh'air na cruinnichidhean sin cho beag agus a bha'n làthair ach thatar an dòchas gum bi Gaidheil Ghlaschu agus na coimhearsnachd 'nan cùl-taic do dh'oidhirpean eile de'n t-seòrsa seo a bhios air an cumal fo stiùireadh na Comhairle an ath bhliadhna.

COMHAIRLE COMUNN NA H-OIGRIDH

Chumadh sia coinneamhan de'n Chomhairle ré na bliadhna.

Mar is àbhaist chumadh dà champa do'n chloinn aig Cnoc nan Ròs, aon dhaibhsan a tha fileanta an Gàidhlig agus aon do Luchd-ionnsachaidh. Fhritheil clann a Barraidh, Uidhist a Deas, Grimisaidh agus Geàrrloch a' cheud champa (no *campa nan eileanach* mar a their sinn) agus an làthair aig an dara campa bha clann as Glaschu (Ard Sgoil Bheallahouston), Grianaig, Brùra, an t-Ath-leathann, Cùndainn, Geàrrloch, an t-Oban agus Steòrnabhagh.

Tha taing na Comhairle aig Mgr. Alasdair R. MacCoinnich a thug seachad airgead dhuais gu bhith air a riaghladh air a' chloinn a sgrìobhadh na litrichean a b'fheàrr mu champa nan eileanach. Fhuair e deich litrichean fa chomhair na co-fharpais.

Thugadh dà dhusan caman do Sgoil Cheann a' Bhàigh agus dusan do Fheachd Gheàrrloch. Chuireadh feachdan ùra air bonn an Sgoil Cheann a' Bhàigh agus an Sgoil Mhionaid.

Chaidh sgrìobhadh gu Comunn Comhairlichidh Obair na h-Oigridh an Alba a' cur fo'n comhair obair Comunn na h-Oigridh agus rinneadh tagradh riutha a thaobh cuideachadh sam bith a tha ri sheachnadh a cheana no a bhios ri linn an cuid obrach-san an déidh seo.

Aig Còmhdhail nam Meur 'san Airde Tuath chuir a' Bhean Uasal Nic 'Ille na Brataich fa chomhair nan riochdairean beachdan agus rùintean na Comhairle.



**AN COMUNN
STATEMENT OF INCOME
YEAR TO**

EXPENDITURE

Comp. Figs.
Year to 31/3/60

		To GENERAL CHARGES		
		Salaries, National Insurance and Provision for Superannuation of Head Office Staff and Retiral		
£2548		Allowance to former Secretary	£2488	18 6
341		Rates, Insurance and Property Charges	329	17 9
144		Heating, Lighting and Cleaning	145	11 8
245		Office Expenses, Telephones and Postages	247	1 5
218		Printing, Stationery and Advertising	212	15 0
		General Travelling and Expenses of Executive		
23		Council Meetings	20	13 5
26		Audit Fee	36	15 0
<u> </u>	£3545		<u> </u>	<u>£3481 12 9</u>
		" AN GAIDHEAL-		
£306		Deficit for year	£330	1 5
11		Less Subscribed to Magazine Fund	7	0 0
<u> </u>	295		<u> </u>	<u>323 1 5</u>
	2	" GRANTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS		<u>2 2 0</u>
	13	" DELEGATES' EXPENSES		<u>17 4 0</u>
		" STANDING COMMITTEES -		
		<i>Propaganda—</i>		
		1. (a) Northern Organiser's Salary, Superannua- tion, National Insurance and Expenses, including Depreciation of Motor Car, £63	£914	14 5
£852		Less Proportion of Expenses and Depreciation charged to Comunn na h-Oigridh	82	2 10
79			<u> </u>	<u>£832 11 7</u>
<u>£773</u>				
		(b) Expenses of Inverness Office, Assistant's Salary and National Insurance	345	17 9
349			<u> </u>	<u>£1178 9 4</u>
<u>£1122</u>				
		Deduct Northern Area Guarantee Fund, less Expenses	41	1 3
31			<u> </u>	<u>£1137 8 1</u>
<u>£1091</u>				
80		2. Singing Classes	74	14 7
45		3. Travelling Expenses, Advertising, etc.	63	14 9
<u> </u>			<u> </u>	<u>£1275 17 5</u>
£1216		Comunn na h-Oigridh	303	7 1
285		Art and Industry	0	8 3
—		Mod and Music	5	4 9
2		Education	22	11 10
17		Clann an Fhraoich	0	0 0
<u> </u>	1520		<u> </u>	<u>1607 9 4</u>
<u>£5375</u>		TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR		<u>£5431 9 6</u>
—		" Balance—Surplus for Year		<u>1500 0 5</u>
<u>£5375</u>				<u>£6931 9 11</u>

**AN COMUNN
BALANCE SHEET AS AT**

Comp. Figs.
31/3/60

LIABILITIES

		I. MOD PRIZE FUND—			
		James Grant Memorial	£92 17 2		
		Robert McMillan	100 0 0		
		Donald MacKay Legacy	1000 12 9		
		Mrs. Stewart of Simla	400 0 0		
		Mrs. M. Kennedy-Fraser Memorial	101 19 6		
		Dr. Roger MacNeill Legacy	453 1 5		
		Hugh MacCorquodale (Fingal) Memorial	100 0 0		
		Duncan Livingstone Fund (Mull Local Mod)	120 0 0		
		Charles Campbell Memorial	85 14 4		
		Mrs. Milloy Millar Bequest	400 0 0		
		John McNicol Memorial Fund	100 0 0		
		Miss Millar Weir Bequest	83 6 8		
		Col. Murdoch Mactaggart Memorial Prizes (Islay Local Mod)	50 0 0		
		Ceilidh nan Gaidheal	100 0 0		
	£3088				£3187 11 10
		II. DR. QUINTIN MACLENNAN TRUST FUND—			
		Balance as at 1/4/60	£3435 11 8		
		Add Surplus Income for Year to date	122 16 0		
	£3312 123 <hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>				3558 7 8
	3435				
		Of which Capital £1559 19 10			
		III. STRATHMORE CELTIC SOCIETY FUND—			
	254	Balance as at 1/4/60			254 6 0
		IV. NEIL MUNRO MEMORIAL FUND—			
		Balance as at 1/4/60	£119 18 10		
		Revenue for year to date	2 8 11		
	£120 1 <hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>				
	£121 1 <hr style="width: 50px; margin-left: 0;"/>				
		Less Cost of Prizes	1 5 6		
	120				121 2 3
		Of which Capital £116 9 9			
		V. FEDERATION OF GAELIC AND HIGHLAND SOCIETIES IN CANADA			
		... ..	£100 0 0		
		Add Savings Account Interest	2 8 4		
		Less Cost of two Pendants—Edinburgh Mod, 1960	6 7 3		
					96 1 1
		VI. GAELIC LITERATURE FUND—			
		Balance as at 1/4/60	£30 0 9		
		Add Savings Account Interest	0 17 3		
	30				30 18 0
		VII. WAR MEMORIAL AND THANKSGIVING FUND			
	15,497	Amount of Fund, 1/4/60	£15,496		15,601 1 5
		Interest	£365		
		Accommodation Charges	74		
		Donation	75		
		Sale of Articles	—		
					£514

£22,424

Carried forward ... £22,849 8 3

GAIDHEALACH
31st MARCH, 1961

Comp. Figs.
31/3/60

ASSETS

I. HERITABLE PROPERTY—

Office Premises, 65 West Regent Street, Glasgow—

£3589	At Cost as at 1/4/60	£3736	0	1
147	Add Cost of installing Heating Equipment	0	0	0

£3736					£3736	0	1
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Less Glasgow Corporation Allowance (proportioned)
on Heating Equipment

—	36	15	0
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£3736

£3699 5 1

**II. OFFICE FURNITURE, FITTINGS AND EQUIPMENT
(GLASGOW AND INVERNESS)—**

At Cost (less Sales and Amounts written off to
1/4/60)

£1187	£1314	6	8
127	Add Cost of Additions to date	36	4	6

£1314					£1350	11	2
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Less Glasgow Corporation Allowance (proportioned)
on Nightstor Heaters

—	32	15	0
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1314

1317 16 2

III. GENERAL INVESTMENTS AT COST—

£4600 3½% War Stock

£1500 4% Consolidated Stock

£1500 5% Defence Bonds

£1000 Glasgow Corporation Temporary Loan

£200 Lanarkshire County Council 6% Stock, 1978-80

£1500 Birmingham Corporation 6% Stock, 1974-76

£1100 Lanarkshire County Council 6% Stock,
1978-80

10,056

Market Value £8693

11,457 0 9

IV. MOD PRIZE FUND INVESTMENTS—

3½% War Stock at Cost—

£100—James Grant Memorial

£120—Robert MacMillan

£1000—Donald MacKay Legacy

£400—Mrs. Stewart of Simla

£103—Mrs. Marjory Kennedy-Fraser Memorial

£85 14s. 4d.—Charles Campbell Memorial

6% Glasgow Corporation Mortgage—

£450—Dr. Roger MacNeill Legacy

3% Savings Bonds, 1960/70, at Cost—

£100—Hugh MacCorquodale (Fingal) Memorial

5% Glasgow Corporation Mortgage Repayable
19/12/65—

Duncan Livingstone Fund (Mull Local Mod)

5% Edinburgh Corporation Redeemable Stock,
1968-71—

£400—Mrs. Milloy Millar Bequest

£100—John McNicol Memorial Fund

£84 10s.—Miss Millar Weir Bequest

Commonwealth of Australia 5½% Stock, 1977/80—

£50—Colonel Murdoch Mactaggart Memorial
Prizes (Islay Local Mod)

Lanarkshire County Council 6% Stock, 1978/80—

Ceilidh nan Gaidheal

3087

3188 8 7

V. DR. QUINTIN MACLENNAN TRUST FUND

INVESTMENTS—

£1675 3½% War Stock at Cost

£200 3½% Glasgow Corporation Mortgage

Repayable, 11/11/64

£1300 6% Glasgow Corporation Mortgage

£200 Lanarkshire County Council 6% Stock,
1978/80

3202

3404 14 4

£21,395

Carried forward ... £23,067 4 11

Comp. Figs.
31/3/60
£22,424

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

		LIABILITIES—Continued						
	Brought forward			£514	£15,496	£22,849	8	3
	Upkeep of Cnoc nan Ros		£398					
	Equipment and Materials for Feachdan		10					
	Sundry Charges		1					
	Surplus for Year—Add			£409		105		
						£15,601		
	63 VIII. GAELIC DRAMA FUND						64	6
	26 IX. AN GAIDHEAL PRIZE FUND						26	2
	X. MOD AND MUSIC COMMITTEE—							
	20 Canadian Officers' Prize Money						20	0
	XI. MOD PRIZE FUND REVENUE ACCOUNT—							
£425	Balance brought forward				£435	16	9	
93	Add Interest on Investments				93	6	2	
£518					£529	2	11	
82	Less Transferred to Edinburgh Mod Account				89	17	0	
436							439	5
	XII. PUBLICATIONS—							
	i. Net Balance at Credit including "Voices from the Hills"				£474	10	7	
£545	ii. Translation Fund				161	13	10	
162	iii. Malcolm MacLeod Memorial Fund				317	0	4	
317							953	4
1024								9
	XIII. SUNDRY CREDITORS AND DEFERRED REVENUE—							
£1208	a. General				£991	0	1	
299	b. Comunn na h-Oigridh—Field days and Other Efforts—Balance at Credit				368	6	1	
£1507					£1359	6	2	
200	c. Special Fund—Provision for Treasurer's Super- annuation				300	0	0	
1707							1,659	6
	XIV. CAPITAL ACCOUNT—							
£13,382	As at 1st April, 1960				£13,372	19	8	
95	Add Life Membership Subscriptions				163	16	0	
£13,477					£13,536	15	8	
—	Surplus for Year				1,500	0	5	
£13,477					£15,036	16	1	
104	Deficit for Year				0	0	0	
13,373							15,036	16
£39,073							£41,048	10
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S. WHYTE, Convener, Finance Committee.

MARY S. YOUNG, Treasurer.

Glasgow, 15th September, 1961.—We have audited the Books and Accounts of the Treasurer of An Comunn Gaidhealach for the Year ended 31st March, 1961, 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.

