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Thàinig iomadh atharrachadh air a' Chomunn Chaidhealach ré na bliadhna chaidh seachad agus am measg nan atharrachaidhean sin uile cha robh gin a b'fheàrr a chòrd ruinn na gun deachaidh Roinn ùr a stéidheachadh anns na h-Eileanan Siar. Chan eil e mór dhuinn a ràdh gur e seo rud as fhearr a thachair do'n Chomunn on a chaidh a chur air bonn, 'oir 's ann an seo—anns na h-Eileanan Siar—a tha dachaidh is daingneachd ar canain. Seo far am feum a' bhuaidh a bhith air cosnadh: agus 's ann as a seo a dh'fheumas freumhan ar dual-chais a bhith a' sgaoileadh a mach gu dùthchannan eile.

Tha aobhar-taingeachd eile againn airson Roinn nan Eilean Siar. Tha mòran rudan a tha ag obrachadh an aghaidh rùintean ar dàimh 's ar daoine a' gabhail àite an iomadh ceàrn de na h-Eileanan an diugh agus tha e a' tighinn mar dhleasdanas oirnn uile sùim a ghabhail de na nithean a tha a' bagradh oirnn agus gun dearmad a dheanamh air ar guth a thogail 'nan aghaidh.

Tha sinn an comain an Riaghaltais airson an dusan mìle not a fhuair sinn bhuapa. Tha fios againn gur e an còrr a bu chòir dhuinn fhaighinn agus tha sinn an dòchas nach eil an seo ach toiseach tòiseachaidh. Ach tha na fhuair sinn a' dèanamh feum mór dhuinn. Thug e cothrom dhuinn air Cailean Spencer as na Hearadh a chur fo thuarasdale an obair a' Chomuinn. Chan eil teagamh sam bith againn nach dèan Cailean feum mór am measg Meuran a' Chomuinn agus tha sinn dearbhte gum bi deagh thoradh an lorg a shaothrach. Ach feumaidh sinn uile lamh-chuideachaidh a thoirt dha.

Tha sinn an comain nam Meur airson na h-obrach a tha iad a' dèanamh—gu h-àraidh ann a bhith a' cumail air adhart chlasaichean Gàidhlig, a' cur mhòdan air bonn agus, aig an aon àm, a' cur ri maoin a' Chomuinn. O chionn ghoirid bha cuideigin a' comhairleachadh dhuinn na Meuran a chur a bith! Tha sinn eòlach gu leòr air sgeamhail de'n t-seòrsa seo aig ar sàilean agus cha leig sinn a leas mòran sùim a ghabhail dheth.

A thaobh Mòd Nàiseanta 1972, tha mòran againn am beachd gum b'e seo Mòd cho càirdeil, soirbheachail 's a bha riamh aig a' Chomunn. Tha làn aobhar againn air a bhith a' moladh Comhairle Ionadail A' Mhòid an Inbhirnis airson na h-obrach ionmholta a rinn iad, a dh'aindeoin gach duilgheadas a thàinig 'nan rathad. Agus tha sinn an dòchas gum bi “Oidhche nam Bard” air a cumail aig a h-uile Mòd Nàiseanta anns na bliadhnachan ri teachd.

Tha sinn mar an ceudna an comain Iain Player 's a Mhic airson a' chuideachadh airgid leis a bheil iad gar còmhnaidh o bhliadhna gu bliadhna.

Tha sinn duilich nach eil faclair ùr Comhairle an Fhoghlaim 'nar làmhnan fhathast. 'S e

obair mhór agus fheumail a tha seo. Leis na tha a nise ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlig tha feum mór air an fhaclair seo. Tha an obair a' dol air adhart fo stiùireadh nan Clò-bhualadairean, Collins, agus tha sinn an dochas nach fhad an ùine gus am bi am faclair air a thoirt am follais.

Tha na sgoilean-samhraidh (òigridh is inbhich) a' dol o neart gu neart. Cha robh sgoilean na bliadhna seo dad air dheireadh air an fheadhainn a chaidh romhpa, agus tha deagh dhòchas againn gun tig tuilleadh fàis air na h-oidhirpean seo. Tha sinn fada an comain an luchd-teagaisg a shaoraich cho dìcheallach, gun duais gun tuarasdail, anns an obair fheumail seo. Tha mòran leabhraichean a dhìth oirnn airson sgoilean de gach seòrsa, sgoilean latha is sgoilean oidhche, agus tha sinn an dòchas nach fhada gus am bi An Comunn a' dèanamh a chlà-bhualadaireachd fhéin. Cha tàinig seo gu buil fhathast ach tha e 'san amharc, agus nuair a thig e, chan eil teagamh nach toir e togail mhór do dh'obair agus do dh'aobhar a' Chomuinn. Ma theid leinn 's e ceum fada bhios ann air an rathad cheart.

Bu mhath leinn taing a thoirt do gach fear is té—luchd-teagaisg, luchd-sgrìobhaidh, eadhon luchd-labhairt—a chuidich an dòigh sam bith le aobhar na Gàidhlig feadh na bliadhna chaidh seachad. Tha ar taing aca uile, co dhiù tha iad sa' Comunn gus nach eil.

RUAIRIDH MACFHIONGHUIN.

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Coinneamhan. Chumadh cóig coinneamhan de'n Ard Chomhairle ann an 1972, trì ann an Inbhirnis, té an Steòrnabhagh is té an Glaschu.

Ceann Suidhe. Thatar a' cur fàilte air Mgr. Ruairidh MacFhionghuin a thaghadh 'na Cheann Suidhe agus a' guidhe soirbheachadh dha anns an dreuchd chudthromaich a ghabh e as làimh.

Comhairle Roinn nan Eileanan an Iar. Am briathran a' Chinn Suidhe b'e "an ceum as fheàrr a rinn An Comunn riamh Comhairle Roinn nan Eileanan an Iar a chur air bonn" agus bha e 'na thoileachadh fàilte a chur air an earrann diubh a thaghadh mar bhuill air an Ard Chomhairle aig a' choinneamh a chumadh ann an Steòrnabhagh.

Comhairle Roinn Earra-Ghaidheal. Tha Roinn na h-Airde Deas ro mhór is ro sgaipte gu bhith 'na h-aon roinn agus dh'aontaicheadh Roinn ùr, (an ceathramh roinn), a chur air bonn air son Earra-Ghaidheal. Tha mòran de na Meuran san t-Siorrachd toilichte leis an rùn—theagamh gur h-e an duilgheadas as motha riochdairean bho na h-eileanan fhaotainn aig a bheil ùine gu coinneamhan a fhrithéaladh air Tìr-mór, ach far am bi toil bidh gnìomh agus cha bu chòir so a bhith 'na chnap-starradh.

Dràma Ghàidhlig. Tha ùidh mhór air a bhith an Dràma 'san Airde Tuath bho chionn bhliadhnachan ach gu ruige so cha robh Féis Bhliadhnail air a cumail. Tha ullachadh a nis air a dhèanamh gu Féis a chumail ann an Caol-àcainn air an 3 is an 4 latha de'n Cheitein. Mar is àbhaist tha Comunn na Dràma Ghàidhlig ann an Glaschu ag ullachadh fa chomhair Féis Ghlaschu is thatar an dòchas gum bi na sgiobaichean as fheàrr a' feuchainn ann an Co-fharpais Chrìochnachaidh aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta ann an Inbhir-Air an ath bhliadhna.

Tha oidhirp de'n t-seòrsa so a'airidh air gach cùl-taic is còmhndadh a ghabhas toirt daibh agus thatar an dòchas gum bi mòran 'san éisdeachd anns gach àite far am bi Féis air a cumail.

A' Chòmhdhail Bhliadhnail. Chumadh a' Chòmhdhail ann an Inbhirnis aig toiseach a'

Ghiblin is ged nach robh uidhir an làthair is a bha a' bhliadhna roimhe 's e còmh dhail shoirbheachail a bh'ann.

'San dol a mach thugadh aithisg leis an Fhear Stiùiridh mar a tha e 'na uallach air na Gaidheil cùl-taic a thoirt do'n Ghàidhlig is d'ar dualchas agus so a bhith fillte ann an obair is, ca itheamh-beatha an t-sluaigh. Feumaidh a' chàinain agus ar dualchas a bhith mar uallach air na Gaidheal ge b'e àit' am bi iad agus chan ann an earbsa ri comunn sam bith. Bhiodh e feumail dhuinn a bhith a' toirt fa-near nam meadhonan a th'air an cleachdadh le Gaidheil na h-Eirinn gu cuideachadh le'n càinain, an dualchas, agus an teachd-an-tìr.

Labhair Mgr. Iain M. MacLeòid air Adhartachadh Càinain ann an teagasg na cloinne. Eisdidh a' chlann ris a' chàinain a labhras a' bhan-sgoilear riutha is feumar gach cothrom a thoirt dhaibh gus na chluinneas iad a chur am briathran—chan eil dòigh nas fheàrr air canain ionnsachadh.

B' e 'n cuspair a bh'aig Mgr. R.M. MacLeòid "Gu bheil buaidh-inntinn ann an cultuir a bheir féin-spéis do dhaoine". Feumair a' bhuidh-inntinn so a chleachdadh anns an t-seadh as àirde ma tha soirbheachadh gu bhith a' leantainn nan oidhirpean a nithear as leth càinain, dualchas, caitheamh-beatha is teachd-an-tìr.

Clò-bhualadh. Dh'aontaich an Ard Chomhairle ris an rùn Uidheam Clò-bhualaidh a bhith aig A' Chomunn air Tairbeart Na Hearadh. Tha An Comunn a' cur a mach còrr is £6000 gach bliadhna air clò-bhualadh agus le bhith a' clò-bhualadh gach leabhran is eile a tha tighinn am follais gach bliadhna 's e sàbhaladh mór a bhios ann. Tha dùil ri leabhraichean a chleachdar le clann-sgoile a chur a mach bho àm gu àm.

Féis Chéilteach. Chumadh Féis Chéilteach ann an Cill-Airne agus tha sinn a' cur meal-an-naidheachd air na h-Oganaich a choisinn a' cheud duais ann an co-fharpais nam buidhnean. Dh'aontaich An Ard Chomhairle gun co-obrachadh am BBC is An Comunn le cosgaisean cho-charpaiseach as a' Ghaidhealtachd a bhiodh a' feuchainn aig an Fhéis cheudna an ath bhliadhna, na co-fharpaisich gu bhith air an taghadh le luchd-amhairc a' phrògram, "S e ur beatha".

Sgoil Shamhraidh. Chumadh an treas Sgoil Shamhraidh ann an Steòrnabhagh agus 's ann a tha an fhéill air an sgoil a' dol am meud gach bliadhna gus an ìre gur h-ann a dh'fheumar da sgoil shamhraidh a chumail ann an àitean fa leth. Thatar gu mór an comain an luchd-teagaisg a bha fo stiùireadh Ceannard na Sgoile, Mgr. Ruaridh MacFhionghuin.

Gàidhlig anns na sgoilean. Tha e 'na thoileachadh dhuinn gu bheil Gàidhlig a nis 'ga teagasg anns an streath as àirde ann an Acadamaidh Pheairt is gun d'rinneadh ullachadh gu Gàidhlig a theagasg am bun-sgoilean Taobh Siar Siorrachd Rois bho thoiseach na h-ath bhliadhna.

Comunn na h-Oigridh. Am bliadhna a rithist chumadh "campa" an luchd-ionnsachaidh ann an Sgoil a' Bhac. Cha b'urrainn suidheachadh na b'fheàrr do luchd-ionnsachaidh na cothrom a thoirt dhaibh a bhith am measg luchd na Gàidhlig. Bha clann na Gàidhlig cruinn mar a b'àbhaist ann an Inbhirnis agus fhuair iad cothrom air cuid de dh'annasan a' bhaile

sin fhaicinn. Thatar gu mór an comain nan Ceannardan is an luchd-teagaisg a tha 'gan cuideachadh.

Cuimneachan a' Mhòrair Mhic Ille na Brataich. Rùnaich an Ard Chomhairle stad a chur air an iarrtas airgid aig deireadh na bliadhna so agus beachdaichear tràth an ath bhliadhna air an dearbh dhòigh air an cuirear an t-airgead gu feum.

Bàs caraid. B'ann le mór dhuilgheadas a chuàlas gun tàinig bàs aithghearr air Gillebeart MacAlasdair, ball de'n Ard Chomhairle. Bidh An Comunn a' caoidh deagh fhear comhairle agus chaill na Gaidheil is a' Ghàidhlig duin' uasal a bha a' saothrachadh gu dìleas as an leth. Tha ar co-fhaireachdainn aig na càirdean a dh'fhàg e 'na dhéidh.

COMHAIRLE AN EARAIL

Choinnich a' Chomhairle còig uairean ré na bliadhna.

Am measg ghnòthaichean air an do bheachdaich a' Chomhairle bhà:—

1. Rùn-oibre Comhairle an Iomhais.
2. Tuarasdail seirbhisich A' Chomuinn.

Bidh a' Chomhairle a' beachdachadh air tuarasdail gach bliadhna bho so a mach.

Thagh a' Chomhairle seirbhiseach ùr do'n Chomunn, Mgr. Cailean Spencer, an Comhòrdanaiche. Tha Mgr. Spencer a' toiseachadh 'san dreuchd an déidh na Bliadhn' Uire agus tha sinn a' guidhe soirbheachadh a bhith a'leantainn a shaothair anns an raon fharsaing a tha roimhe.

COMHAIRLE A' MHOID IS A' CHIUIL

Chumadh ceithir coinneamhan de'n Chomhairle ré na bliadhna.

Ghabh a' Chomhairle ri trì gill-dùbhlain ùra—aon mar chuimhneachan air an Urr. Gilleas-buig M. Péutan, a bha 'na Cheann Suidhe air A' Chomunn, bho Mheur Chill-Màrnog, aon mar chuimhneachan air Dòmhnall MacLeòid, a bha air ceann na Bùn-sgoil an Inbhir-gòrdon, is Sgiath Shelma bho Mheur an Obain.

Rùnaicheadh saor-dhuais Comhairle Ionadail a' Mhòid Nàiseanta àrdachadh bho £100 gu £150.

Thugadh cead do Chòisirean Inbheach a dh'fheuchas aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta cìs £15 'sa' bhliadhna a phaidheadh an àite cìs bhliadhnail bho gach ball ach faodaidh còisir cìs bhall a phaidheadh an àite cìs dhaimheil.

Thugadh an àire gu robh móran de na Mòdan Ionadail air an cumail air an aon latha, ni a tha ciallachadh gu faod duilgheadas a bhith aig Comhairlean Ionadail a' faotainn bhrith-eamhan agus nach eil e cho furasda riochdaire bho'n Chomunn a bhith an làthair. Tha a' Chomhairle a' moladh barrachd sgapaidh a dhèanamh air cinn-latha.

Rinneadh ullachadh gu ceasnachadh Ghàidhlig fa chomhair a' Mhòid Nàiseanta a chumail re an Earraich sa' tighinn anns gach cearn a chuireadh feum air.

Tha feasgar air a chuir air leth aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta bho chionn iomadh bliadhna air son dealbhan-cluich ach am bitheantas cha robh mòran 'san éisdeachd. Co-dhùnadh gur e co-fharpais am measg bhuidhnean a bhunaich a' cheud duais aig Féisean Dràma anns gach Roinn bu dòcha air luchd-éisdeachd a tharraing agus rinneadh ullachadh gu Féis a chumail an ath bhliadhna an Caol-àcainn. Bidh an Fhéis àbhaisteach air a cumail an Glaschu.

Tha An Comunn an comain Iain Player agus a Mhic a thug tabhartas seachad air son an ceathramh bliadhna agus do Leek and Westbourne a thug deagh chuideachadh airgid.

A dh'aindeoin gach duilgheadas ris na choinnich Comhairle Ionadail a' Mhòd Nàiseanta an Inbhirnis rinn iad ullachadh barraichte fa chomhair an àireamh bu mhotha riamh de cho-fharpaisich. Aig amannan nach gabhadh na tallachan na bh'ann de luchd-éisdeachd chuir-eadh *closed circuit television* gu feum an talla eile gu cothrom a thoirt do na h-uile na co-fharpaisich fhaicinn 's a chluinntinn. Chaidh a'Chomhairle Ionadail gu làn dhìcheall gu Maoin a' Mhoid a chruinneachadh agus b'e bhuil gun d'fhuair iad fad a bharrachd air na chuir iad romhpa. Gu dearbh tha An Comunn glé bhuidheach de bhuill na Comhairle Ionadail air son cho flor mhath 's a rinn iad. Tha e iomchuidh taing a thoirt do Pròthaist is Comhairle Baile Inbhirnis agus do'n BBC air son an aoidheachd a thug iad do bhuill na Comhairlean agus do no riochdairean.

Tha ullachadh 'ga dheanamh mar tha fo chomhair Mòd na h-ath bhliadhna a bhios air a chumail air son a' cheud uair am Baile Inbhir-àir agus dé a b'fheàrr na gu faigheadh iad deagh chuideachadh, gu h-àraidh airgead, bho Mheuran, Comuinn Dhàimhnail is càirdean ar cànan 's ar dualchais air feadh na dùthcha.

Tha Comhairle Ionadail a tha air leth adhartach ag ullachadh fo chomhair Mòd Nàiseanta 1973 a bhios air a chumail an Dùn-déagh.

COMHAIRLE AN IONMHAIS

Choinnich a' Chomhairle ceithir uairean ré na bliadhna.

Bha e 'na chuis-thoileachaidh do'n Chomhairle gun do dh'ardaicheadh an t-sùim airgid a tha an Riaghaltas (Roinn an Fhoghlum) a' toirt do'n Chomuinn bho £7500 gu £12,000. 'S e deagh àrdachadh a tha'n so ach tha fhathast cruaidh fheum air tuilleadh airgid bho Mheuran is buill A' Chomuinn a chum is nach bi bacadh air a chur air an obair. Thatar gu mor an comain nam ball Pàrlamaid Ghaidhealach a chuidich leis an tagradh ri Roinn an Fhoghlum.

Chuireadh inneal-cùntais air ghleus a tha a' cuideachadh gu mór le cumail nan cùntasan. Thatar an comain Mgr. Insch, am fear-sgrùdaidh, air son a shaothair a chum is gum bi e nas fhasa cùntasan a chumail. Ri linn an atharrachaidh thug Mgr. Ros Beattie suas àite mar Ionmhasair is tha e nise comasach do 'n Mhgn. Uasail Rae an obair a dheanamh. Tha e iomchuidh taing a thoirt do Mhgr. Beattie air son cho dìleas 's cho dealasach 's bha esan fhad 's a bha e air ceann na h-obrach.

Fhuair e suas ri £100 bho Chomhairle an Ealain (Meur Alba) gus cosgais "Oidhche nam Bàrd" a bh'aig a' Mhòd a dhìoladh.

Cosgaidh beairt clò-bhualaidh A' Chomuinn is gach ni a bhios 'na luib £12,000 ach tha

deagh dhòchas gum faighear suas ri 70% de'n chosgais bho Bhòrd Leasachaidh na Gaidhealtachd 's nan Eilean.

Dhùineadh an t-iarrtas air son Maoin Chuimhneachain a' Mhorair Mhic Ille na Brataich aig deireadh na bliadhna agus beachdaichear tràth an ath bhliadhna air an dòigh as fheàrr gus an t-airgead a chur gu feum ann an adhartachadh Gàidhlig anns na sgoilean.

COMHAIRLE A' CHLO-BHUALAIDH 'S AN FHOGHLUIM

Chumadh dà choinneamh anns a' bhliadhna, 1972.

Thaghadh Mgr. Dòmhnall Moireasdan a bha 'na Iar Fhear Gairme, mar Fhear Gairme air a' Chomhairle.

'S e deasachadh an Fhaclair an gnothach as cudthromaiche a tha mu choinneamh na Comhairle is tha an Luchd-foillseachaidh, Collins, deiseil gu chur an clò cho luath 's a bhitheas an làmh-sgrìobhainn air a ceartachadh. Tha an taobh Beurla gu Gàidhlig gu ìre bheag air a h-ath-sgrìobhadh leis an luchd-cuideachaidh air feadh na dùthcha is thatar an dòchas gum bi an taobh eile a tha Comhairle Ghaidhlig an E.I.S. a' deasachadh ullamh an ùine gheàrr.

Thatar an comain Mhgr. Iain MhicAoidh a tha air gealltainn cuideachadh le Mgr. Coinneach Dòmhnallach a' ceartachadh na làmh-sgrìobhainn Beurla gu Gàidhlig.

Bha an Sgoil Shamhraidh Ghàidhlig a chumadh ann an Steòrnabhagh soirbheachail air leth agus thatar ag ullachadh gu dà Sgoil Shamhraidh a chumail an ath bhliadhna.

Bidh e glé fheumail an uair a bhios beairt clò-bhualadh aig A' Chomunn fhéin an gnìomh air Tairbeart Na Hearadh oir bidh e comasach leabhraichean a bhios feumail do sgoilean a chur a mach a thuilleadh air leabhraichean a' Mhòid Nàiseanta. Thugadh am follais Cairt Bliadhn' Uire le Tionnsgnadh Ceilteach agus bidh cothrom air grunn sheòrsachan de Chairtean Nollaig a chur a mach an déidh so.

Tha "Sruth" a' dol bho neart gu neart. Tha barrachd ann a nis mu dhéidhinn A' Chomuinn fhéin is tha àireamh an luchd-leughadh a' dol am meud. Dh'fheumte tuilleadh cuideachaidh bho bhuill A' Chomuinn. Tha 'n luchd-deasachaidh ri'm moladh.

Bha deich leabhraichean fichead ùr aig an Fhear Stiùiridh aig foillseachadh a chumadh an Baile Atha Cliath. B'e so turas a chuir àirde air cliù A' Chomuinn an sùilean an Riaghaltais is nam paipèaran naidheachd.

Tha leasan air teip agus co-chruinneachadh de rosg is bàrdachd Ghàidhlig 'gan deasachadh.

COMHAIRLE EALDHAIN IS CEIRD

Chumadh ceithir coinneamhan de'n Chomhairle am bliadhna. Aig trì dhiubh sin b'e ullachadh air son an fhoillseachaidh a chumadh aig àm a' Mhòid Nàiseanta ann an Inbhirnis an gnothach bu chudthromaiche a bha mu choinneamh nam ball. A réir choltais bha am foillseachadh fìor mhath agus thadhail moran de luchd frithealaidh a' Mhòid. Fhuai-

readh mòran stuth anns na co-fharpaisean bho sgoilean as Siorrachd Pheairt, Inbhirnis is Taobh Siar Siorrachd Rois. Cha robh mòran as àirean eile ged a chaidh leth-bhreac de'n Chlàr a chur an deagh àm gu Luchd-deilbhe Ealdhain is Obair-làimhe anns gach siorrachd.

Thug a' Mhgn. Uasal Gair suas a h-àite mar bhall de'n Chomhairle an déidh a' Mhòid. Chuidich i gu mór le obair na Comhairle fad nan trì bliadhna a bha i 'na ball agus thug i misneachadh do na sgoilean an Siorrachd Pheairt feuchainn anns na co-fharpaisean. Thug Mgr. Iain MacCreamhain cuideachd suas àite air a' Chomhairle—chuidich esan gu mor leis an fhoillseachadh aig a' Mhod.

Dh'iarradh air Mòdan Ionadail air feadh na dùthcha co-fharpaisean a chur air bonn is fhuaireadh fios bho shia dhiubh gu robh co-fharpaisean ealdhain is obair-làimhe aca cheana. Bu mhath leis a' Chomhairle nan cuireadh gach Comhairle Ionadail a' chuid as fheàrr de'n stuth a gheibh iad a steach do na co-fharpaisean nàiseanta. Dh'aontaich eadh foillseachadh ionadail a chumail aig a' Mhòd Nàiseanta ann an Inbhir-àir an ath bhliadhna.

Dheasaicheadh Clàr Cho-fharpaisean, 1974, agus bha e ri fhaotainn bho àm a' Mhòid ann an Inbhirnis. Tha Tionnsgnadh Ceilteach anns gach roinn de na co-fharpaisean. Gheibhear na tionnsgnaidhean bho'n Chomunn Ghaidhealach, Tigh Obar-thairbh, Inbhirnis.

COMHAIRLE ROINN A CHINN TUATH

Chaidh còig coinneamhan a chumail am bliadhna, agus aon dhiubh a' Choinneamh Bhliadhnail.

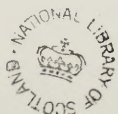
Bha a'Chomhairle am beachd gum bu chòir do'n Chomunn stùil a thoirt air òrduachadh a' Mhòid Nàiseanta. Chaidh "paipear uaine" dheasachadh air an do bheachdaich a' Chomhairle agus cuirear na théid aontachadh air beulaibh na h-Ard Chomhairle a dh'aithghearr.

Chaidh dà fho-chomhairle ùr a stéidheachadh—fo-chomhairle an Fhoghlum a bha rannschadh gu mionaideach suidheachadh na Gàidhlig sna sgoiltean air feadh an Taobh Tuath agus a bhios a' deasachadh aithisg airson Còmh-dhail an Fhogluim ris an do dh'aontaich Coinneamh Bhliadhnail a' Chomuinn.

'Se an dara fo-chomhairle, Fo-Chomhairle a' Phropaganda a tha sireadh dhòighean éifeachdach gu beachdan agus planaichean a' Chomuinn a chur air beulaibh a' mhórshluaigh.

Bha mòran a' tachairt anns an taobh-tuath a bha 'na aobhar toileachas-inntinn do'n Chomhairle. Bha Comunn Oigridh Inbhirnis beòthail a rithist agus iad air leabhran gu léir 'sa Ghàidhlig a chur a mach. Chaidh cròilean Gàidhlig a chur air bonn ann an Inbhirnis le cul-taic a' Chomuinn, agus chuidich An Comunn le stéidheachadh a' Chomuinn Sgithean-aich, a bhios a' toirt cul-taic do dh'aobhar na Gàidhlig air feadh na Roinne.

Tha co-oibreachadh math ann eadar na meuran agus a' Chomhairle, agus air iarrrtas Meur Lochbraoin shoirbhich leis a' Chomunn a chur air Siorrachd Rois Gàidhlig a stéidheachadh ann an sgoiltean Taobh Siar na Siorrachd. Le cuideachadh meur Obar-Dheadhain chaidh againn air prógraman Gàidhlig fhaighinn air Telebhisean Grampian.



COMHAIRLE ROINN NA H-AIRDE DEAS

Chumadh trì coinneamhan anns a' bhliadhna—a' Choinneamh Bhliadhnail is dhà eile.

Bha e 'na thoileachadh do na buill gun do thagh an Ard Chomhairle Mgr. Ruairidh MacFhionghuin, a bha 'na Fhear Cathrach air a' Chomhairle ré trì bliadhna, mar Cheann Suidhe air A' Chomunn Ghaidhealach. Rùnaicheadh an t-Urr. Iain Dùghallach mar Iar Cheann Suidhe air A' Chomunn Ghaidhealach agus 'na Fhear Cathrach air Comhairle na Roinn. Thàinig call mór air a' Chomhairle ri linn bàs Mhgr. Ghilleabeart MhicAlasdair.

'S e trì de na còig Comhairlean Sgìreil—Earra Ghaidheal, Cluaidh, Peairt is Siorrachd Aonghais—a tha gnìomhach. Tha na trì Comhairlean sin a' coinneachadh gach mìos agus a' strìth ri gach ni as urrainn dhaibh a dhèanamh ag adhartachadh air cànan is ar dualchais. Tha Gàidhlig is nis 'ga teagaisg anns a' chlas as airde ann an Acadamaidh Pheairt.

Tha cion luchd-teagaisg Gàidhlig agus ciùil ann an Earra-Ghaidheal a' cur iomagain air Meur an Obain agus dh'iarr iad cothrom air coinneachadh ri Fear Stiùiridh an Fhoghlum gu beachdachadh air a' chùis.

Cha do chum Comhairle Sgìreil na h-Aibhne Duibhe coinneamh bho'n thòisicheadh air ullachadh fa chomhair a' Mhoid Naiseanta a chumadh an Sruighlea an 1971 is feumar oidhirp a dhèanamh gus am bi a' Chomhairle so gnìomhach a rithist.

Ma 's e 's gun téid Roinn na Gàidhlig de'n BBC a chur suas an Steornabagh tha e cur iomagain air a' Chomhairle de a thachras do luchd-éisdeachd deas air an Eilean Sgitheanach. Fhuair eadhon fios-freagairt an coinneamh litreach gu robh iad am beachd gum biodh dà leth-uair co dhiùbh air a cheadachadh do mhuinntir Tìr Mòr.

COMHAIRLE ROINN NAN EILEANAN AN IAR

Chumadh a' cheud choinneamh de'n Chomhairle seo 'san Og-mhios 1972 ann an Steòrnabagh ach chuireadh seachad mòran ùine roimh 'n seo a' frithealadh choinneamhan beaga is móra eadar Leòdhais is Barraidh.

Anns an dol a mach chuir e imcheist oirnn mar a bha misneachd a' mhórs-shluaigh a' lagachadh a thaobh cor na Gàidhlig anns na h-eileanan, bha e fainear dhuinn nach robh ach glé bheag feadh nan eileanan a bha deònach is comasach air cuideachadh ris an aobhar. Ach beag air bheag thàinig e am follais gun robh an ùidh ag ath-bheòthachadh, is bha e fainear a bharrachd gur anns na ceàrnaidhean far am bu treasa buaidh na Beurla 's ann bu mhotha bha iarrtas an tuilleadh àite is brosnachadh a thoirt do'n chànan is do'n dualchas. Tha sinn fada an comain Dhòmhnail Iain MhicCumhais is Ruairidh MhicAoidh a bha 'n Iathair aig an coinneamhan coitcheann a chumadh ann an Iochdar is Loch-nam-Madadh anns an dol a mach is Dòmhnall MacThómais a bha cuide ruinn ann an Steòrnabagh. Gu deireadh na bliadhna chumadh trì coinneamhan de'n chomhairle, is ceithir de na fo-chomhairlean.

An lùib na h-oibreach seo tha cosgaisean siubhail is eile gu bhi air leth cudthromach agus ann am beachd lughachadh a dhèanamh, shaoil leinn gum biodh e iomchuidh coinneamhan a chumail mu dheas le buill Uibhist is Bharraidh a mhàin is aig an àm cheudna coinneamhan a chumail aig tuath le buill Leòdhais is na Hearadh a mhàin is cothrom

aig a' Chomhairle gu h-iomlan coinneachadh ri chéile dà uair neo tri 'sa bhliadhna.

Tha an obair anns na h-eileanan glé ghealltanach oir tha na buill a' gabhail mór shaothair anns a' chlàr-ghnothaich a tha romhpa. Gu seo thathas air beachdachadh le adhartas, air na cuspairean a leanas.

Leabhraichean ùra—clann sgoile is inbhich a tha ag
ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig.
Ath-leasachadh an Riaghaltais Ionadail.
Ceòl anns na sgoiltean.
Cròileanan.
Luchd dreuchd anns na bun-sgoiltean.
Còlaisde Ghàidhlig.
Drama Ghàidhlig.
Craobh-sgaoileadh air Reidio is Telebhisean.
Raon nan Rocaidean is gnothaichean eile.

Anns na bliadhnachan a chaidh seachad bha e na aobhar thaingeachd gu robh an eaglais ri faicinn mar mheadhon 'son Gàidhlig a chumail am measg an t-sluaigh le bhi'ga cleachdadh mar a' cheud chàinain. Tha e nis ri fhaicinn gu bheil cuid de na h-eaglaisean a' tréigsinn an dleasdanas le bhi gabhail ri beurla ann an sgìrean far 'bheil coigrich a' tàmh. Tha seo eadhon a' tachairt far a bheil sluagh na Gàidhlig tur an àghaidh tachartasan de'n t-seòrsa seo agus le riochdairean as gach ceàrnaidh de na h-eileanan faodar a bhi cinnteach gum bi a' Chomhairle seo a' togail na céiste ann an aithghearrachd. Ma thig lagachadh air ar càinain ann an nithean spioradail agus anns na h-eaglaisean 'se buille bàis da rìreabh a bhiodh ann.

Tha sinn toilichte a ràdh aig an aon àm gu bheil càirdeas dàimheil againn ri ministearan anns gach eaglais a tha faicinn gu bheil aobhar is obair a' Chomuinn a' cinneachadh agus gu feumar seo a dhaighneachadh is adhartachadh.

IOMRADH AN LUCHD-DREUCHD

Am Fear-Stiùiridh:

Tha e gu math doirbh a sgrìobhadh ann am beagan shreathan mu dhéidhinn na bliadhna seo, oir thachair mórán agus, thatar an dòchas, rinneadh adhartas mór air aobhar na Gàidhlig. Chumadh coinneamh shoirbheachail ri Rùnaire na Stàite agus fhuaras airgid bhuaithe gu gnìomhachadh a' Chomuinn a dhaighneachadh agus gu beòthachadh dòigh-bheatha nan Gàidheal adhartachadh. Rinn am Fear-Stiùiridh cuairt ann an Eirinn far an do dh'ionnsaich e mórán a bhios feumail 'nar n'obair. Chuidich e le stéidheachadh Comhairle nan Eileanan an Iar agus chuir e seachad mórán ùine ag oibreachadh air planaichean gu buidheann clò-bhualaidh a chur air bonn ann an Tairbeart na Hearadh.

Chuir e seachad mórán ùine cuideachd ann a bhith a' frithealadh choinneamhan a' Chomuinn agus coinneamhan eile. A measg rudan eile tha e 'na bhall de Chomhairle Comunn Oigridh Inbhirnis, de Chomunn nan Leabhraichean Gàidhlig, de Chomhairle-Earail nan craobh-sgaoilidhean sgoile Gàidhlig, agus de'n Chomhairle Albannaich "Seachd-

ain nan Ceilteach” —Féis eadarnàiseanta a chumar ann an Cill-Airne, Eirinn. ’Se rud cudthromach a th’ann a seo airson réiteachadh nan sluagh ceilteach agus tha An Comunn agus a’ Bh.B.C. a’ co-oibreachadh gu guth làidir a thoirt do na Gàidheil.

Tha am Fear-Stiùiridh cuideachd an déidh ìontachadh a ruigsinn ri Comhairle nan Ealdhain an Albainn, agus thug a’ chomhairle sin cùl-taic do’n Mhòd Nàiseanta. Chaidh Turus nam Bàrd Eireannach an Albainn ordachadh mar an ceudna ann an co-oibreachadh leis a’ Chomunn.

Thadhail am Fear-Stiùiridh air cóig meuran a’ Chomuinn agus bha e ’na bhrìtheamh aig trì mòdan ionadail—Uidhist, Aird-nam-Murchan agus Taobh Siar Rois.

Bu toigh leis an Fhear-Stiùiridh a bhuidheachas a chur an céill do luchd-dreuchd a’ Chomuinn—eadar an Iar Fhear Stiùiridh, an Rùnaire, agus na bana-chléirich uile airson gach cuideachadh a thug iad dha ’na obair, agus cuideachd do bhuill a’ Chomuinn a bha ’nan cul-taic dha. ’S mor da-rìribh an cothrom a tha romhainn an drasda agus thatar an dochas gu bi na buill uile a’ dèanamh an dichill gu aobhar nan Gàidheal adhartachadh.

An Iar-Fhear-Stiùiridh:

Tha An Iar Fhear Stiùiridh air astar math siubhail a chur as a dheidh anns a’ bhliadhna a chaidh seachad eadar Rubha Robhanais is Ceann Bharraidh is iomadh turus a bharrachd gu deas a’ frìthealadh choinneamhan gu ruige Glaschu is Duneideann. Thadhail e air ceithir modan ’na bhrìtheamh agus an cuideachd nan comhairlean ionadail le obair eile co-cheangailte. Steidhicheadh Comhairle Roinn nan Eileanan Siar ’san Og-Mhois agus bha moran obreach an luib a chnuasachd a rinneadh roimh ’ am. ’Se dleasdanas an Iar Fhir Stiùiridh a bhith ’na runaire air a’ Chomhairle sin ann a bhith ag adhartachadh nan cuspairean is nam beachdan a tha iad a’ cur romhpa.

Chunnacas leudachadh air Sruth anns a’ bhliadhna chaidh seachad is tha an obair seo ag iarraidh moran rannsachaidh ann a bhith lorg luchd-sgrìobhaidh is eile. Tha sinn mothachail air saothair Dhomhnaill Iain MhicIomhair a tha ’nar cuideachd agus an deagh obair a tha e deanamh do dh’aobhar na Gaidhlig.

Bithidh An Sgoil Shamhraidh a’ dol air adhart a’ bhliadhna seo a rithist agus tha cuideachd moran oibreach co-cheangailte ris an deasachadh. Tha e an urra ris an Iar Fhear Stiùiridh a bhith ag ullachadh son co-fharpaisean Freagair Seo, Eachdraidh is Beul Aithris is air a’ bhliadhna seo tha duil a bhith co-oibreachadh leis an “Society for Cultural Exchange” a tha cur buidheann gu ruige Leodhas is na Hearadh as t-samhradh. Tha e air iarraidh air le buidheann eile a bhith frìthealadh choinneamhan is beachdan a thoirt seachad a thaobh obair a’ Chomuinn is aobhar na Gaidhlig.

Aig an am seo tha e an ceann an ullachaidh tha dol air adhart gu bhith steidheachadh an Inneil Chlo-bhualaidh anns na Hearadh is tha dochas gum bi seo deiseil ann an uine nach bi fada.

AN RUNAIRE

’S e ullachadh fa chomhair a’ Mhòid Nàiseanta obair a tha toirt suas mòran ùine, gu h-àraidh an uair a tha am baile anns a bheil am Mòd suas ri 200 mìle air falbh. An uair a

thàinig ám a' Mhòid ann an Inbhirnis bha e 'na thoileachadh a bhith 'g obair còmhla ri buill na Comhairle Ionadail nach robh 'gan sòradh fhéin agus a chaidh gu uchd an dìchill gus am bidh gach ni réidh, dòigheil. Tha iad uile ri'm moladh.

Aig an aon ám tha ullachadh 'ga dhèanamh air son Mòd Nàiseanta na h-ath bliadhna a bhios air a chumail air son a' cheud uair ann an Inbhir-àir. Ma bha gu mì-fhortanach gainne thallachadh an Inbhirnis tha iad ann am pàilteas ann an Inbhir-àir, ni a chuidicheas gu mór.

Ged nach eil ám Mòd gu bhith an Dùn-déagh gu suas ri dà bhliadhna tha a' Chomhairle an sin glé dhìcheallach ag ullachadh is a' trusadh airgid. Tha e air leth inntinneach a bhith 'nam measg bho ám gu ám.

Fhrithail mi 's bha mi 'na mi bhrìtheamh Gàidhlig aig sia Mòdan Ionadail—aon 'san Airde Tuath is còig 'san Airde Deas. Aig gach aon diubh sin bu mhath leam barrachd inbhich fhaicinn a' gabhail pàirt anns na co-fharpaisean gu h-àraidh buill chòisirean aig a bheil cothrom math air ullachadh a dhèanamh. Cha bu chòir dhaibh a bhith a' diochuimhneachadh co-fharpaisean aithris. Bha e 'na thoileachadh darireadh a bhith aig Mòd Leòdhais far an an d'fhairich mi nach robh mórán feum orm oir bha a' Ghàidhlig cho fallain siubhlach aig na co-fharpaisich.

Ré na bliadhna thadhail mi air seachd Meuran is dà Chomunn Dhàimheil. B'fheàrr gu robh tuilleadh tìde ann gu tadhal air barrachd. 'S e glé bheag de na Meuran a tha cur fiosrachadh thugam mu dheidhinn an coinneamhan agus bu mhath leam nan cuireadh gach Meur sanas thugam a bheireadh cothrom dhomh a dhol air chéilidh orra.

Chuireadh mórán tìde seachad a' frithealadh choinneamhan de'n Ard Chomhairle is de na Comhairlean eile. Bu mhath leam taing a thoirt do'n Cheann Suidhe, Luchd Gairme Chomhairlean, am Fear Stiùiridh agus seirbhisich eile A' Chomuinn air son gach cuideachadh is còmhnaidh a tha iad a' toirt dhomh.

Review of the Year

1972 saw great achievements in An Comunn. The Secretary of State agreed, after representations supported by the Highland MPs, to raise the grant from £7500 to £12,000 and at the same time widened slightly the use to which it could be put to include social animation. This led directly to the appointment of a Field Officer, Colin Spencer, whose task it will be to co-ordinate the work of the Branches and thus strengthen greatly the whole movement.

Administration has been modernised and streamlined and the membership role has been reorganised. Our thanks are due to Mr Insch, the Auditor, for his help and advice in the installation of a mechanised accounting system.

Our stocks of books have been increased and we now undertake to supply any Gaelic book in print. A new book of poetry for schools was published this year—"Bardachd gu a Mineachadh" by L. Dick. A further pamphlet in the information series was published this year. This was on Hydro-Electricity and was sponsored by the North of Scotland Hydro-Electric Board. "Sruth" continues in its monthly form incorporated in the Stornoway Gazette, but increasing weight is being put on An Comunn news in its columns, and in this form "Sruth" provides a valuable information service to members of the Association.

The Executive Council agreed to the establishment of a full-time printing works in Tarbert, Harris, and plans are well in hand. It is hoped to be operational during 1973.

The Western Isles Regions of An Comunn came into being this year, and is showing great enthusiasm and determination in its work for Gaelic. For the first time in twenty years a Mod was held in Uist. This was a resounding success and all credit is due to the organisers.

The Executive Council agreed that the County of Argyll be raised to Regional status within An Comunn to combat the growing influence of Glasgow, and means of doing this effectively are under discussion.

The position of Gaelic in schools is a question which has received the attention of branches and of committees, and research is being undertaken in several centres which will lead to a report to form the basis of the Education Conference which the Annual General Meeting called for in 1973.

Financially, 1972 showed an improvement with generous contributions from branches. Of great importance to our work are the grants made by Local Authorities and for these we are grateful. As An Comunn grows, it is taking increasingly more money to finance our activities for the promotion of Gaelic and the Highland Way of Life and new sources of finance are needed.

The Association is indebted to the Scottish Education Department for its continued support and encouragement. It was also gratifying to see this year for the first time considerable donations from the Leek and Westbourne Building Society, from Marks & Spencer Ltd, and from Esso Petroleum Ltd.

NATIONAL MOD, INVERNESS

Inverness was beset with difficulties in organising the National Mod. The loss of the largest hall through fire caused last minute difficulties and alterations. The Local Committee coped admirably and the Mod can be rated first class both organisationally and monetarily due to their efforts.

This Mod saw several innovations, the most important of which was the Bardic Night for which the response was overwhelming. For the first time the Scottish Arts Council supported the Mod by guaranteeing this function against loss.

Another feature of the Inverness Mod was the introduction of an organised "fringe" with professional and amateur performers maintaining a high standard of Gaelic entertainment.

Our gratitude is due to the Press and the BBC for their co-operation and the comprehensive coverage they afforded the Mod, and also to John Player and Son for their continued support. Taped extracts from the Mod are available to members from the Stornoway Office.

AN COMUNN GAIDHEALACH IN THE WESTERN ISLES

The movement of An Comunn Gaidhealach to Lewis and the establishment of an office in Stornoway were regarded, initially, by many as regression but the years of operation in the islands have proved the antithesis.

The image of An Comunn Gaidhealach reflected from the Southern conurbations did not and could not attract support as the association was seen to be active only in seeking to promote the language and culture among exile Gaels. The erosion of the heritage in the hinterland was seen to accelerate with little attempt to arrest the decline.

The economy of the islands in recent years has left a deal to be desired; unemployment coupled with depopulation has had drastic effects on the general morale. Disillusionment and dissatisfaction bred freely and whilst we witnessed the drift of families to seek fortunes elsewhere, ironically we have seen an influx of strangers within our gates. Are we losing confidence in ourselves? We think not. The wind of change has begun to filter through the hills and glens. There is an underlying current of hope. The prospect of the new Western Isles Regional Authority to be implemented in 1975 indicate a credence in higher spheres that the islanders have become imbued with renewed vigour and enthusiasm. Our close relationship and identity through influence of language and culture have played a major part in achievement of this objective. There is a great opportunity ahead to prove that this identity is now more important than ever before and worthy not only of preservation but of advancement and projection. In co-operation and consultation with other organisations An Comunn Gaidhealach has become active in the islands, operating in many spheres, seeking to involve itself in all aspects of the social and economic welfare of the people.

For 2½ years An Comunn Gaidhealach undertook the administration of the newly founded Council of Social Service until the appointment of a full-time Secretary in May 1972. A former employee of An Comunn Gaidhealach in Stornoway has now taken over the full-time Secretarial duties of the newly founded Uist Council of Social Service.

Last year saw the revival of the Uist Mod which proved a resounding success. This was due in no small way to the efforts of An Comunn Staff working in the area, visiting schools and individuals interested in the cause.

Sruth in its present form, issued as a supplement to the Stornoway Gazette, is also administered from Stornoway Office and the growth in contributions and general interest evident, indicates that the paper, within the limitations of the format is fulfilling a useful function on behalf of the Association.

The Gaelic Summer School in Stornoway increases in popularity each year and this year it may be possible to hold a second school in Skye in September.

Plans are now firmly afoot for the promotion of a Gaelic Drama Festival in Kyleakin in 1973. This is attracting a favourable number of entries from an area extending from Aberdeen to Lewis and promises to become an Annual event.

The Printing Works will be established in Harris in the near future and prior advertisement indicates that there are several suitable candidates of a high calibre interested in the employment available.

This year the scope of "Freagair Seo" was increased to permit involvement of more schools and younger teams. We are indebted to the BBC Gaelic Department Staff for their co-operation in this venture.

Initial steps have now been taken towards the promotion of Nursery Schools in the Western Isles. In Lewis we are co-operating with the Council of Social Service and in Harris it may be possible to inaugurate the first such scheme in the near future. The availability of suitable premises may however prove difficult in certain areas.

The past year has seen the launching in the Western Isles of the third regional council of An Comunn Gaidhealach. The initial research and organisation towards the setting up of the council involved a great deal of travel throughout the islands but the diligence with which members have pursued their objectives has been gratifying.

This Council of An Comunn Gaidhealach consisting of persons from various professions and fields of activity will become a reckonable force in the islands in the future.

PROVINCIAL MODS

Provincial Mods were held during the year in the undernoted areas—

Islay	Edinburgh	S.W. Ross
Dalriada	London	Badenoch/Strathspey
Glasgow	Caithness & Sutherland	Dingwall
Perthshire & Angus	Aberdeen	W. Ross
Ardnamurchan	Lewis & Harris	Skye
Mull		Stirling

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

JUNIOR				Dunoon	Aviemore	Oban	Stirling	Inverness
Literary	...	...	...	85	41	65	42	58
Oral	...	...	...	279	377	473	340	639
Solo and Duet Singing	...	...	...	273	334	414	401	519
Choral	...	...	...	75	97	106	102	125
Instrumental (Piano and Violin)	...	...	...	27	39	15	15	22
Piping	...	...	...	—	18	26	42	39
Arts and Crafts	...	...	...	11	42	132	104	127
SENIOR								
Literary	...	...	...	44	33	22	16	42
Oral	...	...	...	92	37	110	52	112
Solo and Duet Singing	...	...	...	416	437	538	389	492
Choral	...	...	...	112	102	112	117	103
Folk Groups	...	...	...		
Fiddle Groups	...	...	...	—	10	6	8	6
Piping	...	...	...	—	18	19	28	28
Instrumental (Piano and Violin)	...	...	...	11	13	11	8	13

Music Compilation	—	12	—	2	1
Arrangement	2	3	—	4	—
Composition of Melody	6	6	2	4	4
Arts and Crafts	41	35	36	41	52
Clarsach	14	7	9	13	14
	<u>1 488</u>	<u>1661</u>	<u>2096</u>	<u>1728</u>	<u>2406</u>

HISTORY AND FOLKLORE COMPETITION

The village School on the Island of Scalpay, Harris, took all the top honours this year in the History and Folklore competition sponsored by An Comunn Gaidhealach. There were less entries this year due to the involvement of Schools in the Centenary Celebrations of the Scottish Education Act. Ironically, this Act in 1872 ignored the existence of Gaelic language and culture and destroyed the efforts of Gaelic enthusiasts and protagonists of the language in schools, colleges, societies at that time and served more than any other action, to suppress the teaching of Gaelic and its general use in the Highlands and Islands. The failure of the Act to recognise the value and wealth of the language and culture has resulted in the situation which has developed to the present time through successive generations, which have been denied the opportunity to appreciate the heritage which is theirs. The competition nevertheless resulted in magnificent projects which unquestionably have been instrumental in encouraging children of all ages to develop their initiative and ability for research. It has also in most cases given them the opportunity to learn a great deal about the History and traditions of their own area.

The competition was divided into Secondary and Primary Sections and results were as follows:—

- Secondary*— (1) Scalpay J.S. School
- (2) Leverhulme Memorial School, Leverburgh, Harris
- Primary*— (1) Scalpay School
- (2) Paible School, North Uist
- (3) Tigharry School, North Uist

The Trotternish Cup for the overall winners from 2 sections was awarded to Scalpay School whose headmaster Donald J. Morrison spoke highly of the merits of the purpose and advantages of this type of project within the school curriculum.

Scalpay has had a long association with the Fishing Industry and the economy of the island has been securely established because of this. It was appropriate that in their first attempt in this competition the Secondary Section should choose as their subject the Development of the Fishing Industry on the Island, and its bearing on the lives of the people.

The projects were judged by Mr Alex Fraser, Inverness.

CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Bodies with whom An Comunn has had consultation in 1972—

Scottish Arts Council
British Broadcasting Corporation
National Broadcasting Council for Scotland
Scottish Television

Grampian Television
 The National Trust for Scotland
 Scottish Council for Development and Industry
 Scottish Council of Social Service, Lewis, S. Uist, Barra and
 Harris Councils
 District Councils
 County Councils
 Highlands and Islands Development Board
 Gaelic Drama Association
 University Celtic Departments
 Aberdeen College of Education
 Jordanhill College of Education
 Scottish Tourist Board
 Federation of Crofters Unions
 Saltire Society
 College of Piping
 Conradh na Gaeilge
 Comhdhail na Gaeilge
 An t-Oireachtas
 The Eisteddfod
 General Trustees of the Church of Scotland
 Free Church Presbyteries
 Church of Scotland Presbyteries
 Scottish Community Drama Association
 Crofters Commission
 Lewis Youth Clubs Association
 University Celtic Societies
 Celtic League
 Federal Union of European Nationalities
 Countryside Commission for Scotland
 Celtic Congress
 Scottish Trades Union Congress
 Edinburgh Festival
 Lewis Amenity Society
 Gaelic Books Council
 Scottish Tourist Consultative Council
 Scottish Education Department
 Gaelic School Broadcasts Advisory Committee

REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

of

An Comunn Gaidhealach

for the year ended 31st December 1972

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The annexed copy of the Balance Sheet of the Society as at 31st December 1972, the Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended that date and the relative appendices provide a wealth of information with reference to the Society's financial position.

The first figure of importance is that of £35520 in respect of "Reserve Account" which, in comparison with that of a year ago, shows an increase of just over £1580. Welcome as this is, it is very much less than the increased grant of £4500 made available to the Society by the Scottish Education Department. Credit was taken in the 1971 Accounts not only for the ordinary annual grant at that date of £7500 but also for arrears of £525. As a result, from an Accounts point of view, the increase is less than £4000.

While subscriptions from Affiliated Societies show quite a substantial increase on those of 1971, there is an overall reduction of £550 in the Society's income from Membership Subscriptions, Affiliated Societies and General Donations and Contributions.

As referred to in last year's report credit was taken for a sum of £1338 in respect of accumulated Trust Revenue. In the course of the 1972 audit it emerged that credit should have been taken for some £435 less and the necessary adjustment has been made in the 1972 Accounts. This means that if a comparison is made between the income of the two years, that for 1972 is some £1773 less than in 1971. One can only hope that if the Scottish Education Department would reconsider the amount of the grant, the Department would even now be prepared to make an additional £1775 available for 1972. On second thoughts it would be even better if the Department would provide a total additional £3000 as this would also cover the loss of £1300 which was the amount refunded to the Society by the Lewis Council of Social Service in 1971.

It is interesting to note that the sale of Publications, etc., brought the Society gross income in 1972 of £6841, the gross profit on which amounted to £1826, an increase of over £400 on that of 1971.

Just as every individual has had to face up to increasing costs, so has An Comunn itself. Of the increase in expenditure of some £4300, no less than 62% is represented by salary and cost of living increases. The Society demands from the members of its staff a very high standard of work to which must be added a complete understanding of two languages—Gaelic and English. To retain and/or attract staff of ability to its service the Society had to be prepared to compete with the salary scales offered by other similar bodies and your Finance Committee realised that, cost what it may, it was imperative that scales identical to these offered by Local Authorities was a must. No one would however suggest that your staff are in any way overpaid or that the Finance Committee are in the least spendthrift.

Another major increase in costs is to be found in the Travelling and motor Expenses.

In a Society such as this, the cost of printing, postages, telephone, stationery, etc., must be a substantial item of expense involving as it does the cost of producing and circulating to all its members a copy of the Society's Annual Report which gives a comprehensive resume of the work of An Comunn in 1971. It is hoped that the Society will shortly be able to undertake its own printing work including, inter alia, the production of many of the Society's publications which are available for sale.

It is hoped that V.A.T. will not adversely affect the financial affairs of An Comunn but at this point in time it is well nigh impossible to make anything in the way of an accurate forecast of what could happen. It will be noted that an attempt has been made in this past year to distinguish between the many and varied Fund Raising Efforts organised by the

Inverness Mod Committee and the income of the National Mod itself. No details are available to enable a detailed comparison to be made with the funds, etc., raised by the Stirling Mod Committee. On the face of it, it does appear that the Inverness Mod Committee were able to improve upon the Stirling Mod Committee's figures. Inverness Mod Committee income amounted gross to no less than £19888.

It may be unfortunate, but Mod Expenses show an increase of some £2100 on that of 1971. The net surplus of £7633 arising in the Mod and all that appertained thereto completely offsets the deficit of over £600 on the Society's ordinary account.

It will be noted that whereas the total amount of over £32000 held on account of the Trusts administered by the Society, only £24559 has been specifically invested in name of the individual Trusts. Of the difference £1232 is held on Savings Account in name of the Bannerman Trust pending a decision as to the use of which this fund is to be put. If the Society is to make some further progress with the proposed printing, etc., establishment it is essential that liquid funds be available to finance the scheme. Accordingly the uninvested balance on such Trusts as the War Memorial and Thanksgiving Fund has been placed on Special Investment Account with Inverness Savings Bank where it earns interest at seven per cent per annum.

**Balance Sheet
as at 31st December**

	1972		1971	
FIXED ASSETS				
<i>Heritable Properties</i>				
As per Appendix I		£ 6900		£ 6900
<i>Office Furniture and Fittings</i>				
Inverness, Glasgow and Stornoway	£ 3175		£ 3175	
Less: Depreciation to date	<u>925</u>	2250	<u>675</u>	2500
<i>Motor Vehicles</i>				
As per Appendix II		1260		950
<i>Investments—Specific Trusts</i>				
As per Appendix III		<u>24559</u>		<u>20757</u>
		<u>£34969</u>		<u>£31107</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
<i>Publication Stocks</i>				
As valued by Director	£4983		£5520	
An Cruinne	<u>443</u>	5426	<u>458</u>	5978
<i>Sundry Debtors</i>		6312		11681
<i>Investments—General</i>				
As per Appendix IV		6156		7144
<i>Cash and Bank Balances</i>				
On Deposit Receipt—As per Appendix V	12755		5359	
On Current Account—As per Appendix VI	6527		7342	
On Imprest Account	<u>262</u>	19544	<u>262</u>	<u>12963</u>
				37766
OTHER ASSETS				
<i>Leasehold Properties—At cost</i>	3541		3541	
Less: Written off	<u>966</u>	<u>2575</u>	<u>791</u>	<u>2750</u>
		<u>£74982</u>		<u>£71623</u>
<i>Deduct:</i>				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
<i>Trust Funds</i>				
As per Appendix VII	32015		31178	
<i>Loan</i>			—	
<i>Sundry Creditors</i>	7447		6508	
		<u>39462</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>37686</u>
EXCESS OF ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES		<u>£35520</u>		<u>£33937</u>
<i>Represented by:—</i>				
<i>Reserve Account</i>				
As per Appendix VIII		<u>£35520</u>		<u>£33937</u>

Inverness, 1st March 1973.

We have examined and audited the books and accounts of An Comunn Gaidhealach for 12 months ended 31st December 1972 and have received all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet as at 31st December 1972, with relative Income and Expenditure Accounts for 12 months ended that date are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs.

SCOTT, PEDEN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

**Income and Expenditure Account
for year ended 31st December**

1972

1971

INCOME

Members' Subscriptions—				
Annual	£ 969		£ 854	
Life Membership Fund	682		464	
Branch	751		856	
Junior	<u>2</u>	£ 2404	<u>2</u>	£ 2176
Subscriptions—Affiliated Societies		318		92
Donations and Contributions		3374		4178
Accumulated Trusts—Revenue Balances		Dr. 435		1338
Grants:				
Scottish Education Department	12000		8025	
McCaig Fund	<u>150</u>	12150	<u>200</u>	8225
Publications—Surplus		1826		1408
Copyright Fee		104		58
An Cruinne		51		Dr. 205
Summer Schools		593		533
Let Property Revenue—Surplus		40		151
Invest Income		416		346
Feill Trust Revenue—Balance 1970			140	
Per Appendix 1971		622	<u>685</u>	825
Other Receipts		192		144
Lewis Council of Social Service		<u>893</u>		<u>1600</u>
EXPENDITURE		£22348		£20869

(a) Administration Expenses—				
Staff Salaries, National Insurance and Superannuation	15513		12964	
Rent, Rates and Insurance including proportion of cost of Lease	1276		1376	
Heat, Light and Cleaning	755		465	
Repairs	117		729	
Printing, Postages, Telephone, Stationery, Bank Charges, etc.	4877		3737	
Travelling and Entertainment Expenses, etc. of Staff and Officials	1397			
Committee Members	1346			
Motor Expenses	664		2296	
Audit and Accountancy Charges	853		501	
General Expenses—				
Depreciation of Furniture	250	£675		
Legal Expenses W/O	<u>—</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>875</u>	
			<u>£22943</u>	
(b) Other Activities—				
Youth Activities, Singing Classes, etc.	250		134	
Sruith Contributions	<u>1100</u>	1350	<u>1000</u>	1134
Bad Debts		<u>28398</u>	766	24843
Deficit for year transferred to Reserve Account		<u>£ 6050</u>		<u>£ 3974</u>

National Mod
Income and Expenditure Account
for year ended 31st December

	<i>Inverness</i> 1972		<i>Stirling</i> 1971	
INCOME				
<i>Fund Raising Efforts</i>				
Proceeds of Functions	£ 6381			
Donations	4814			
Bank Interest	<u>128</u>	£11323		
<i>Mod</i>				
Entry Fees, Admission Charges, etc.	5946			
Fringe Activities	179			
Public Funds	1002			
Broadcast Fees	641			
Feisdh	<u>387</u>			
	8155			
				£17994
EXPENDITURE				
Hire of Halls, etc.	£ 1976		£ 1660	
Adjudicators, Music Arrangements, etc.	1184		756	
Junior Choir Grants	1155		738	
Concert Artistes' Fees and Expenses	79		393	
Prize Medals, Engraving, etc.	2203		2078	
Travelling Expenses, Officials, Office Bearers, Delegates and Bard	1329		1361	
Accounting Charges	100			
Printing, Postages, Stationary, Publicity, Telephone and Bank Charges	3501		2741	
Official Reception Party	272			
Bard's night	£98			
Less: Grant Scottish Arts Council	<u>98</u>			
Art and Industry	<u>48</u>	11845	3690	39
Surplus for year Transferred to Reserve Account		<u>£ 7633</u>		<u>£ 8228</u>

Appendix I
Heritable Properties

		1972	1971
65 West Regents Street, Glasgow—At cost	£3699		
Less: Legal Expenses written off	<u>199</u>	£3500	£3500
91 Cromwell Street, Stornoway		3400	3400
Scarista Gaelic College		<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>
		<u>£6900</u>	<u>£6900</u>

Appendix II
Motor Vehicles

At cost at beginning of year	£1842	£1634
Added during year	<u>942</u>	<u>1006</u>
	£2784	£2640
<i>Deduct:</i> Disposals at Book Value	<u>200</u>	<u>253</u>
	<u>£2584</u>	<u>£2387</u>
<i>Deduct:</i>		
Depreciation at beginning of year	256	571
Adjustment re: disposals	636	545
Depreciation this year	<u>432</u>	<u>321</u>
	<u>£1324</u>	<u>£1437</u>
Book Value as at close of year	<u>£1260</u>	<u>£ 950</u>

Appendix III
Investments—Specific Trusts

Trust	Investment		
Mod Prizes—			
Jas. Grant	£100—3½% War Stock	£ 93	£ 93
Robert MacMillan	£120— do.	103	103
Donald Mackay	£1000— do.	995	995
Mrs Stewart of Simla	£400— do.	408	408
Mrs M. Kennedy-Fraser			
Memorial	£103— do.	102	102
Charles Campbell	£85.72— do.	86	86
Miss Olive Campbell	£150— do.	83	83
Dr Roger McNeill	£450—8¼% Mortgage with Glasgow Corpn.	450	450
Hugh MacCorquodale	£100—8½% Treasury Stock 1980/82	100	100
John MacNicol	£100—Mortgage with Oban Town Council	100	—
Ceilidh nan Gaidheal	£100—6% Lanark County Council Stock		
	1978/80	101	101
James C. MacPhee	£137.67—5½% Treasury Stock 2008/12	125	125
Duncan Livingstone	£120—8% Mortgage Glasgow Corpn.	120	120
Mrs Milloy Miller	£400—Mortgage Oban Town Council	400	—
Col. Murdoch MacTaggart	£50—5½% Commonwealth of Australia		
	1977/80	50	50
Mary Lamont Memorial	£500—Mortgage Oban Town Council	500	—
Aberfoyle & District			
Trophy Upkeep Fund	£100—3½% War Stock	37	37
	Carried Forward	<u>£3853</u>	<u>£2853</u>

Appendix III (Contd)

Investments—Specific Trusts (Contd.)

Trust	Investment	1972	1971
	Brought Forward	£ 3853	£ 2853
Dr Quintin MacLennan	£1675—3½% War Stock	£1703	£1703
	£200—9¼% Mortgage with Glasgow Corporation	200	200
	£1300—8¼% do.	1300	1300
	£200—6% Redeemable Stock Lanark County Council 1978/80	202	202
	£200—6% Conversion Stock 1972	—	198
	£1400—Mortgage Oban Town Council	1400	—
	£350—5½% Redeemable Stock Lanark County Council 1977/79	344	344
Strathmore Gaelic Society	£250—8½% Stock Glasgow Corporation	250	250
War Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund	£2500—3% Guar. Stock 1968/73		
	British Electricity	2410	2410
	£2500—3% Guar. Stock 1990/95		
	British Gas	2243	2243
	£2500—3½% War Stock	2355	2355
Badenoch Strathspey Area Committee Trophy	£100—Mortgage Oban Town Council	100	—
Angus & Margaret McNeill	£1500—Mortgage Oban Town Council	1500	—
	Mortgage Inverness Town Council at 8¼%	3400	3400
	£1400—6% Lanark County Council 1978/80	1413	1413
	£1500—6% Redeemable Stock 1974/76 Birmingham Corporation	1489	1489
	£100—3½% Commonwealth of Australia Stock 1977/80	99	99
	£100—5½% Trustee Security Stock Dum-barton County Council 1975	100	100
	£100—5½% Redeemable Stock 1977/79 Lanark County Council	98	98
	£100—Corporation of London 6½% Stock 1975/78	100	
		8200	100
		<u>£24559</u>	<u>£20757</u>
	Mean Market Value at 31st December 1972	<u>£18105</u>	

Appendix IV Investments—General Purposes

Investment	1972	1971
£4600—3½% War Stock	£4612	£4612
£1500—4% Consolidated Stock	1544	1544
£1000—6% Conversion Stock 1972	—	988
	<u>£6156</u>	<u>£7144</u>
Mean Market Value at 31st December 1972	<u>£2283</u>	

Appendix V Deposit Accounts

Trust, etc.	—	5359
General Purposes	11523	—
Bannerman Memorial Fund	1232	—
	<u>£12754</u>	<u>£5359</u>

Appendix VI Current Accounts with Bank

Trust, etc.		
War Memorial & Thanksgiving Fund	—	507
An Comunn Gaidhealach	6527	6835
	<u>£6527</u>	<u>£7342</u>

Appendix VII

Trust Funds

Trust	Purpose		
Mod Prizes—			
Jas. Grant	Mod Prize	93	93
Robert MacMillan	Mod Prize—Literary Section	100	100
Donald Mackay	Mod Prize—Discretion of An Comunn	1001	1001
Mrs Stewart of Simla	Junior Competition—Scriptures in Gaelic	400	400
Mrs M. Kennedy-Fraser	Mod Prize	102	102
Charles Campbell	Mod Prize—Learners' Finals	86	86
Miss Olive Campbell	Mod Prize—Junior Choir Unison	84	84
Dr Roger McNeill	Mod Prize—Discretion of An Comunn	453	453
Hugh MacCorquodale	Mod Prize—Short Story in Gaelic	100	100
John MacNicol	Mod Prize—Choir	100	100
Miss Miller Weir	Mod Prize—Literary Competition	84	84
Ceilidh nan Gaidheal	Mod Prize—Literary Section	100	100
James C. MacPhee	Mod Prize—Solos—Boy and Girl, Learner	125	125
Duncan Livingstone	Mull Local Mod/Tomermoray Branch/An Comunn	120	120
Mrs Milloy Miller	½ Promotion of Argyllshire Music/½ at discretion of An Comunn	402	402
Col. Murdoch MacTaggart	Prizes—Islay Local Mod	54	50
Mary Lamont Memorial	Mod Prize	500	500
Ballachullish Trophy Upkeep	Upkeep of Trophy	25	25
Aberfoyle Trophy Upkeep	Upkeep of Trophy	37	37
Dr Quintin MacLennan	Mod Prizes—Singers and Violin Players, Gaelic and Highland Music Section for Residents Glenmoriston, Glenurquhart and Stratherrick	5176	5174
Strathmore Celtic Society	An Comunn discretion	254	254
Neil Munro	Prizes—Pupils of Invercarsay School	105	97
Federation of Gaelic & High- land Societies in Canada	Mod Prizes—Senior Learners, Vocal Final	—	61
War Memorial and Thanks- giving Fund	An Comunn discretion	12411	11969
Translation Fund	Publication of Treasure Island in Gaelic, etc.	238	162
Angus & Margaret McNeill	Mod Prizes	8243	8243
Lachlan Blair MacKay	Promotion of Gaelic in Schools	75	50
Scarista Gaelic College	Foundation Gaelic College	—	1206
Bannerman Memorial	To be decided	1264	—
Badenoch Strathspey	Upkeep of Trophy	100	—
Roderick MacLeod			
Memorial	To be decided	123	—
Donald MacLeod Trophy	Upkeep of Trophy	60	—
		<u>£32015</u>	<u>£31178</u>

Appendix VIII

Reserve

Balance at beginning of year	£33937	£27183
Less: Deficit transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	<u>6050</u>	<u>3974</u>
	27887	23209
Add: Surplus transferred from Mod Income and Expenditure Account	7633	8228
Transfer from Glasgow Centre Account	<u>—</u>	<u>2500</u>
Balance at end of year	<u>£35520</u>	<u>£33937</u>

Appendix IX

Feill Trust of An Comunn Gaidhealach Abstract of Account of Charge and Discharge for year ended 31st December

CHARGE

I. Estate at close of last Account	£12453	£12453
II. Revenue—Dividends and Interests received	434	468
III. Income Tax Repayment	<u>272</u>	<u>302</u>
Sum of Charge	<u>£13159</u>	<u>£13223</u>

DISCHARGE

I. Expenses of Administration	84	85
II. Payments made and due to An Comunn Gaidhealach	622	685
III. Estate at close of this Account	<u>12453</u>	<u>12453</u>
Sum of Discharge	<u>£13159</u>	<u>£13223</u>

Donations	General Fund	Mod
Mrs J. Albregt, London	£ 3	
B.B.C.	30	
Ian Borland	10	
D.N. Craig	4	
Mrs E. Croll	5	
Wm. Dent	5	
Clan Donnachaidh Society	10	
Wm. Eakins	15	
Duncan D. Forbes	7	
Killin Branch	3	
Leek and Westbourne Building Society	125	
Mrs Lord	5	
E.C. Moncrieff	3	
H.C. Munro	2	
D.C. Murray	5	
Isobel MacAulay	3	
Paisley Highlanders	10	
Wm. Teachers	41	
Others	222	£ 57
South Uist Mod	45	
L. Jeffrey	3	
J. Blackburn	5	
Northumberland and Durham Caledonian Society	2	
R. MacFarquhar	3	
Marks & Spencer	<u>555</u>	105
John Player & Sons		1600
Inverness Gaelic Choir		20
Arran Society of Glasgow		5
Lewis Branch, An Comunn		50
Sutherland Caithness Prov. Mod		400
Perth Gaelic Society		35
Inverness Gaelic Choir/Academy Choir		27
S. Hutton, Beauly		10
A. Bain, Kinross		3
N. of S. Milk Marketing Board		2
Anon.		10
Mrs F. Anderson, Inverness		5
Mrs MacDonald, Inverness		10
Dr Whittet		3
Mrs Fraser, Inverness		10
Dr MacDonald, Bonar Bridge		5
Capt Ruggles Brise		5
Mrs M. Murray, Carrbridge		5
Dr Hugh Macphee, Largs		5
A.G. Ballantyne, Grantown		5
A.C. Peterson, Campbeltown		4
D.S. Forbes, Aberdeen		5
Dr and Mrs W. MacKenzie, Sunderland		5
K. Ross, Inverness		5
Miss MacCillick, Lochgoilhead		5
Miss M. Bannerman, Glasgow		2
Mr and Mrs Glenell, Isle of Man		2
Dr H.F. Wilson, St Fillans		2
Mrs M. Campbell, Mull		2
Carried Forward	<u>£555</u>	<u>£2409</u>

	Donations (Contd)	General Fund	Mod
	Brought Forward	555	2409
Tiree—Mod			15
Esso Petroleum			50
Highland Society, Dundee			10
Glasgow Gaelic Society			5
Glasgow Sutherland			10
Paisley Highlanders			13
Miss A. Matheson			5
Glasgow Wester Ross Association			5
Celtic Union			5
Mrs J. Murray			2
Blairgowrie and District Highland Association			12
Glasgow Badenoch			5
Clan MacLean			10
Darlington Gaelic Society			5
Motherwell & Wishaw Highland Association			35
Ceilidh, etc., per R. MacKinnon			186
Lochcarron Gaelic Society			25
Mary A. MacLeod, Barvas			2
Sheriff Donald			7
Mrs Raatgaver			3
Shinty Match			11
Gordon Walker, Dunkeld			2
Mrs D. Grant			2
Clarsach Society			3
Crieff and West Highland Gaelic Society			40
Mary Hogg			2
Mrs Denny			2
			15

	Branch Donations		
Aberdeen	£ 41	£ 30	
Aberfeldy	25	15	
Arran		10	
Aviemore		50	
Ayr	50	10	
Blair Atholl and Struan		25	
Brora		50	
Cruachan	30	30	
Dingwall		130	
Dunoon	50	50	
Glasgow	200		
Glenrothes	25		
Inverness		110	
Killin		30	
Kingussie		50	
Lochearnhead	5	5	
Loch Fyne		25	
Logierait	4	40	
Manchester	34	55	
Carried Forward	£464	£555	£715
			£2896

Donations (Contd)
Branches (Contd)

	General Fund		Mod	
	Brought Forward			
Newtonmore	464	555	715	2896
Oban	5		15	
Elgin and District			50	
Lochtayside	50		25	
Grantown	70		20	
Forress	15		25	
Maryland	100		300	
Port Glasgow	15			
London Highland	10			
Dunkeld	75			
Golspie	5		5	
Tiree	5		10	
Buinessan	10			
Kinlochrannoch	5		5	
Beaully	10			
Stirling	50			
Largs	25		25	
Thurso	25			
Loch Broom		939	100	
			50	£1345

Local Authorities

Lochaber			£ 50	
Avoch			5	
Aberdeen T.C.	£ 10			
Aberfeldy	3			
Alva D.C.			1	
Alford D.C.			10	
Aird			25	
Arbroath T.C.	20			
Ardnamurchand D.C.			11	
Armadale T.C.	2			
Argyll C.C.	125			
Argyll (Mid) D.C.	25			
Ayr T.C.	10			
Badenoch D.C.			20	
Ballater	2			
Banff C.C.	10			
Barra			18	
Bute	10			
Callander T.C.	2			
Caithness West			3	
Caithness South			5	
Carnoustie T.C.	10			
Clackmannan C.C.	15			
Clydebank	50			
Cumnock T.C.	2			
Dingwall D.C.			10	
Dornoch & Creich D.C.			5	
Dumbarton C.C.	60			
Carried Forward	£356	£1494	£163	£4241

Donations (Contd)
Local Authorities (Contd)

	General Fund		Mod		
	Brought Forward	356	1494	163	4241
Dumbarton T.C.		15			
Dunfermline T.C.		5			
Dunoon		10			
Dunblane T.C.		2			
Lanark 9th D.C.				5	
Lanark 1st D.C.				5	
Lanark 2nd D.C.				20	
Lanark 6th D.C.				5	
Lanark 7th D.C.				5	
Renfrew st D.C.				25	
Renfrew 4th D.C.				5	
East Kilbride		10			
Fife C.C.		5			
Forress T.C.		10			
Fortrose T.C.		10			
Fortrose D.C.		2		5	
Forth William T.C.		20			
Gairloch				25	
Galston T.C.		2			
Glasgow Corporation		300			
Grangemouth T.C.		25			
Greenock		15			
Gourock T.C.		10			
Harris D.C.				15	
Invergordon T.C.		5			
Inverness C.C.		250			
Islay				25	
Kildonan, Loth & Clyne D.C.				10	
Kilmarnock T.C.		20			
Kirkwall T.C.		3			
Kintyre				15	
Lanark C.C.		50			
Lanark 8th D.C.				10	
Largs		5			
Lewis D.C.		3			
Lochcarron				5	
Lochbroom D.C.				10	
Lochgilphead		10			
Midlothian C.C.		50			
Milngavie		11			
Motherwell & Wishaw		10			
Mull				5	
Muir of Ord D.C.				23	
Nairn T.C.		5			
Oban T.C.		50			
Old Kilpatrick				10	
Perth T.C.		16			
Perth and Kinross C.C.		15			
Pitlochry T.C.		5			
Carried Forward		£1630	£1494	£418	£4241

Donations (Contd)
Local Authorities (Contd)

	General Fund		Mod	
	Brought Forward			
Port Glasgow T.C.	1630	1494	418	4241
Renfrew C.C.	5			
Renfrew T.C.	10			
Ross and Cromarty South West D.C.	10		25	
Ross and Cromarty C.C.	300			
Rutherglen	10			
St Andrews T.C.	10			
Stirling C.C.	10			
Stirling T.C.	10			
Stirling Western			10	
Stirling Central D.C.			5	
Stirling Central			5	
Stornoway T.C.	75			
Sutherland C.C.	100			
Tobermory T.C.	5			
Tongue & Farr D.C.			30	
Vale of Leven D.C.			30	
West Lothian C.C.	20			
Wick T.C.	10			
Helensburgh			25	
South Uist			10	
North Lorne			15	
South Lorne			15	
Western Perth			5	
Stirling Eastern			5	
		<u>1880</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>£ 573</u>
		<u>£3374</u>		<u>£4814</u>

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