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The Annual General Meeting and Dinner will again be held at Amandini's Grill, 3 Southampton Row, London, W.C.1, opposite Holborn Underground Station, on Saturday, 24th October, 1970, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. Dinner will be approximately 27s. 6d. with a choice of two main and three desert menus, and may be paid at the time, but please let the Secretary know in good time if you will be able to attend, so that numbers may be finalised before the date.

The present Officers and Committee will resign at this meeting and nominations for the new Officers and Committee should be received not later than at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

The month of July has not proved generally suitable for a further re-union again this year in Edinburgh, to coincide with the Commonwealth Games there, but it has been decided that in future, further re-unions will be held in Scotland, preferably during the month of August. These may be held anywhere in Scotland depending on preference and suitability, and not necessarily in Edinburgh. Suggestions from members will be welcomed. If, however, any overseas members are visiting the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh this year, Major Sir Torquhil Matheson would be pleased to meet them at his home (Standerwick Court, Frome, Somerset) if they are at any time in the vicinity. This applies also, of course, to any of our members in this country.

He also wishes to thank Miss Bobbie Matheson of Australia, Mrs. M. Matheson of Edinburgh, and Dr. Mackay of Northampton for their assistance in the supply of records and information, in his efforts to bring the clan history up to date. He is of the opinion that it would also be helpful to those who wish to assist in this undertaking, if it were possible to have the last issue (1900) reprinted. The possibility of this will be considered if there is sufficient response and members who would like to buy a copy should write to the Secretary.

Our Membership List (with initials in alphabetical order) has now been revised. The names of members and families, wife and children (up to 18 years of age) will be shown separately. Will

members who would like their families shown separately please complete the enclosed form and post to the Secretary.

The Secretary has received a letter from the Rev. J. Ure Stewart of Box 401, Seaforth, Ontario, Canada, who is Secretary of the Canadian "Ontario" Mathesons, all of whom are descendents of McLeod Mathesons. The Rev. Stewart expressed his pleasure at learning of the Clan Matheson Society, and gave details of their own first re-union last year, at which over 250 people were present at Southside Park, Woodstock, 8 miles from the place where his great grandparents and their children lived on arriving in Canada in 1834 in Oxford County, Ontario.

They have plans to hold their second re-union at the same place this year on 20th June. He is at present revising the genealogy which will consist of about 150 pages when completed and contain over 1,000 names. The Rev. J. Ure Stewart is 87 years of age.

We were delighted to hear of this Canadian Branch, and hope that in the near future there will be a closer link-up between our two groups and a valuable exchange of records and information.

The Caledonian Schools "Open Day" will be held at Bushey, Herts, on Saturday, 11th July, 1970, from 2.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many of our "local" members as possible will be able to attend.

The following alterations should be made to the Membership List :—

Life Member, England : Richard J. Matheson; new address—81 Lisbon Avenue, Twickenham, Middlesex. Tel.: 01-894-7191.

5 Year Members : Miss Ellen Matheson and Mrs. Margaret Dear; read Kinloss for Kinross.

Annual Members, Scotland : Read "Mrs." before M. J. R. Matheson. Read Moat Drive for Moat Street.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since our last issue :—

Life Member, Scotland : George Leslie Matheson, F.B.O.A., 38 High Street, Wick, Caithness. Born Balloch, Dunbartonshire, 28/10/21. Optician. Hobbies : Trout Fishing, Sea Angling, Rough Shooting, Wild Fowling, Bee Keeping, Brandy, Beer and Wine Making. Telephone : Wick 3157.

Life Member, England : G. J. Mathieson, 44 Priory Road, Kew, Surrey.

Life Member, Overseas : Lorne Alexander Matheson, Ph.D., 650-11th Street, Boulder, Colorado, 80302 U.S.A. Born London, Ontario, Canada, 17/12/05. Research Scientist. Hobbies : Hiking, Skating. Telephone : 303-442-7624.

Annual Members, Scotland : Rev. J. G. Matheson, M.A., B.D., 15 Abbotsford Court, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, 10.

Annual Members Subscriptions (still only 10s. 0d.) for the year June, 1970—June, 1971, should be forwarded to reach the Treasurer by 1st July, 1970.

Please notify the Secretary of any permanent change of address in order that correct records may be maintained.