

Clan Matheson

NEWS LETTER No. 21

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner was held at the Quality Inn, Victoria, London, on Saturday, the 30th October, 1971. The Chief of the Clan was able to be present.

The venue will again be held at the same place this year on Saturday, 28th October, at 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m., and those able to attend should let the Secretary know before 1st October in order that arrangements may be concluded early. The cost of the dinner will be approximately £1.50 and may be paid at any time. Make a note of the date and keep it free for this annual occasion.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members since the last issue of the News Letter:—

Mrs. Catherine Matheson Hendry, Apt. 36-275 Palisade Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn. 06610, U.S.A.—L.M.

Her Grace the Duchess of Richmond and Gordon—H.M.
Alexdr. Matheson, 33 Newton Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis—L.M.

Provost Alexdr. Matheson says he will be pleased to welcome any members who may be visiting Stornoway at any time in their travels (address above).

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

Mrs. M. E. Dear—new address: 36 Cairnaquheen Gdns., Aberdeen.

Membership Secretary, A. C. Matheson—new address: 8 Stambourne Way, West Wycombe, Kent. Tel.: 01-7728359.

Treasurer, M. L. C. Mathieson—new address: The Stone House, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, Sussex.

Miss Lorna Hunt, New Zealand—now Mrs. L. Blair Rodgers, The Manse, Waikouaiti, North Otago, New Zealand.

Our best wishes are sent to Mrs. L. Blair Rodgers and the Revd. Blair Rodgers on the occasion of their marriage in Manurewa in New Zealand in January this year.

Of 34 exhibits at the Royal Agricultural Show of Natal, South Africa, last year, submitted by Mr. John R. A. Matheson, 23 were first prizes, 7 seconds, 3 thirds, and 1 highly commended.

We have received the following information regarding Lake Matheson in New Zealand. This was named after one Murdoch Matheson who, with his partner McLellan, ran a combined Butchery and store in the early 1870s at the gold mining settlement of Gillespie's Beach, which is on the west coast and some 8 or 9 miles west of Lake Matheson (South Island).

Our best wishes go with Mr. Len Cornish and Mrs. Rosemary Cornish (née Matheson) on their departure for Hong Kong in June where Leonard is taking up an appointment at the university there.

We are indebted to Mr. R. L. Mackay for the extracts which accompany this News Letter from the diary of John Matheson who was born at Craigmilsie in Strath Carnaig, Sutherlandshire, in 1772. The diary is the property of Dr. Molly M. Johnstone of Joppa, Edinburgh. It would be very helpful if members of the Society would write to the Secretary saying if they have enjoyed reading these extracts, and generally what kind of material they would like to appear in future News Letters.

The remaining Clan Matheson Greetings Cards are now being sold at 60p per dozen (70p overseas) until stock is finished. Application for same should be made to the Membership Secretary (new address above) or any Committee Member.

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