

SECRETARY'S REPORT for year to 30th September 1977

As the years go on it becomes increasingly difficult to give an Annual Report that does not sound like a carbon copy of all the previous ones. This, the twentieth, is no exception. All Branch members except those who have just joined this year, are well aware of the activities of the Branch last year. Our two conductors have steered us through much music, and on the few occasions when neither was available, we were fortunate in having another of our members, Jim Carey, able and willing to take over the Baton.

The Special Christmas and Summer Evenings, gave us targets to aim at. With increased costs and extreme difficulty in obtaining published music, the branch has come to depend more and more for supplying music, and we are very grateful to Eric Gillett for the seemingly endless numbers of arrangements, he makes of all kinds of music both ancient and modern.

Some of our members who had been teaching the recorder in schools before the cuts in educational expenditure, have made other arrangements to continue their good work out of school. One group of these children contributed to our Christmas programme.

Unfortunately, we were unable to support the Society's Annual Festival held this year in Bradford, and we have not played in St. Giles this year. However, some small groups of members have played outside the Branch on several occasions.

Two of our Student members have left Edinburgh, one to continue her musical studies in London, and another to return home to Germany. Both have expressed their wish to continue membership of the Edinburgh Branch, and we wish them every success in the future.