

ANNUAL REPORT for year to 30th September 1978

The 1977/78 session did not have its usual inspirational send-off as there was no special outing to Kelso to play along with members from Roxburghshire, Newcastle and elsewhere. However, as this was a very special year in the history of the Edinburgh Branch, we had much to think about and plan. The 25th February 1978 - the 21st anniversary of the inauguration of the Edinburgh Branch - had seemed a long way off, until suddenly we were in the throes of booking a hall, drawing up invitation lists, to say nothing of planning a programme which would cover all aspects of the recorder. By mid-December we had started extra rehearsals for group playing.

None of these preparations deterred us from having our usual evening of Christmas Music which we all enjoyed as much as the audience of friends and relations and members of the church.

After Christmas we really got down to it and all the hard work really paid off. Due to some quite unsolicited publicity, we found that more people than had been invited, turned up at the door of the hall, and a little alarm was felt that we would not be able to accommodate every-one. However, more seats were brought in and we managed to seat everyone, without breaking any fire regulations.

A very full report of the concert has appeared in the Magazine so there is no need to enlarge here upon the actual performance. In the absence tonight of our President, tonight, he has asked me to convey his and Mrs. Gal's warm congratulations on the success of the evening, and a very fine performance. I think we can all say that it was a very happy evening.

The rest of the session went on much as usual finishing up with the usual summer evening when we play to friends etc.

Again, we are much indebted to Mr. Gillett who takes endless trouble to arrange suitable music for us, and for his infinite patience with our waywardness.

We are also very grateful to Mr. Carey and Miss Whitby who have taken over the baton on the rare occasions when Eric Gillett has been unable to come.