

Branches.

Bedfordshire
Berkshire
Buckinghamshire
Birmingham
Cambridgeshire
Cornwall
Cumberland

Dorset
Durham
Gloucestershire
Hampshire
Hertfordshire
Kent
Lake District
N. Lancs.

Leeds and Wharfedale
Leicester and Rutland

London
Mersey and Deeside
Norfolk and Norwich
Northamptonshire

Northumberland
Nottinghamshire
Oxford and County
Scarborough and District
Somerset and Bath
Suffolk

Surrey (East)

Surrey (West)
Sussex
Warwickshire
Wiltshire
Worcestershire
York

Place of Festival.

"The Bury," Goldington
Reading
Wendover and Aylesbury
Bourneville
Cambridge
Liskeard
Carlisle, Cockermouth, Naworth
and Penrith

Symondsburys and Poole
Raby Castle
Pittville and Cheltenham
Southampton and Breamore
St. Albans
Aylesford and Maidstone
Grasmere
Preston and Quernmore Park,
Lancaster

Leeds and Wakefield
Scraptoft Hall, nr. Leicester, and
Birnham House, Stoneygate
Cecil Sharp House, London
Liverpool
Eaton Hall, Norwich
Wellingborough and Drayton
House

Byewell Hall
Kirklington Hall
New College, Oxford
Ormesby
Newton Park, Bath
Bawdsey Manor, Bury St. Ed-
munds and Ipswich
Ashburton Park, Croydon,
Woodmansterne and Richmond
Guildford
Chelwood Gate and Goodwood
Jephson Gardens, Leamington
Devizes and Breamore
Hagley Hall
Exhibition Building, York

INCORPORATION OF THE E.F.D.S.

It is with regret that the Committee has to announce the failure of the Society's petition to the Privy Council for the granting of a Royal Charter. Acting upon the instruction of the Annual Meeting, the Committee is now taking steps to arrange for the incorporation of the Society under the Companies' Act and necessary alterations to rules will be submitted to the Annual Meeting. A very great deal of legal business has been necessitated by the Royal Charter petition, as by the Society's ultimately successful campaign to secure exemption from payment of rates on Cecil Sharp House, and in this connection the Committee would express its profound gratitude to Mr. Bonham-Carter for his services as honorary legal adviser. The Committee has endeavoured to show its appreciation of Mr. Bonham-Carter's work for the movement by awarding to him the gold badge of the Society which will be presented on the occasion of the Annual Meeting.

FINANCE.

The exemption of Cecil Sharp House from rates and the consequent saving to the Society of approximately £400 per annum has greatly simplified the Committee's task of balancing expenditure and revenue during a year in which unusually heavy expenditure on the redecoration of Cecil Sharp House has proved necessary. The gratitude of the whole movement is due to the Society's Donor Members whose annual subscriptions have made possible the recognition of the Society's claim to exemption.

In spite of the newly won freedom from rates, the year has not proved an easy one and the Committee has found it necessary to devise fresh economies and to seek for new sources of revenue in order to compensate further decreases in receipts from members' subscriptions, affiliation fees and vacation school takings. The year's difficulties have however, been satisfactorily met and August 31st finds the Society with a small credit balance of £58 in hand after making all necessary reserves and an adequate allowance for depreciation.

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

No E.F.D.S. demonstration team has this year visited another country but in June the Society was represented by Miss Karpeles at the Folk Dance section of an International Dance Congress organised in Vienna. This opportunity of meeting dancers from other European countries was particularly useful to Miss Karpeles, who is acting as Honorary Secretary of the International Folk