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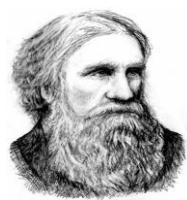
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1. The end of the year saw the end of the Financial Year for the Society and we are pleased to report that we are still in the black. As usual, the main expenditure was on postage, stationary, and the Journal. The figures are as follows:

Balance at 31/12/83 £64.55

<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>
Postage £15	£51
Stationary £18	£22
Journal £180	£4.96
Unpaid cheque £5	£43.13
	£94.60

Balance at 31/12/84 £62.24

2. On a slightly different financial note – of the 1400 MacDonald Christmas cards that Kathy Triggs had printed, only 400 are left and £22.16 has been sent to Oxfam.

3. Copies of North Wind 2 and North Wind 3 are available at £1 each from the Secretary. Please phone or write to – Bill Raeper, 18 Buckingham Street, Oxford. Tel (0865) 247300.

4. In the last newsletter we mentioned the sorry state of the MacDonald family headstone at Drumblade Cemetery and how badly it needs recutting. We have already received some money to help us do this and have opened a special account. Freda Levson is organizing this project and if anyone would like further details or would like to contribute please write or phone – Freda Levson, 58a Westbourne Park Villas, London W2. Tel 01-221-0842.

5. We are most grateful to Professor Giorgio Spina for giving the library copies of Anodos (his translation into Italian of George MacDonald's Phantastes) and Letterature No. 6, edited by him and containing his article on "Influenze della letteratura inglese sul "Lorenzo Benoni" and sul "Doctor Antonia" di Giovanni Ruffini.

6. Those of you who already know something of the MacDonald family history will already be aware of the close connection between the MacDonald family and the Troup family (also of Huntly). The Rev. Robert Troup, an old college friend of MacDonald's married MacDonald's cousin Margaret, and of their children one son, Charles Edward married Winifred, MacDonald's youngest daughter. Another son, Frank, became a distinguished architect and there is to be an exhibition of his work at the Heinz Gallery in July. The Gallery and organisers of the F.W. Troup exhibition have kindly offered the Society an opportunity for a part during the exhibition. The party will be held on Thursday 4th July at 6.30. Formal invitations will be sent to members and

their guests. Others who would like this opportunity to meet members of the Society will be very welcome. Please write or phone the Secretary – Bill Raeper, 18 Buckingham Street, Oxford. Tel (0865) 247300.

7. The C.S. Lewis Second British Conference will take place from 15th-26th July 1985 at St. Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, North Wales. The cost, which includes full board, lectures and tours is £192.50 for British participants and £275 for others. Further details and booking from: The Booking Secretary, St. Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, Deeside, Clwyd. CH5 3DF.

8. If anyone browsing around bookshops comes across either of the following: In Face of Fear: Michael Scott's Challenge to South Africa by Freda Troup (Faber and Faber 1950) or South Africa: An Historical Introduction by Freda Troup (Eyre Methuen 1972) or (Penguin African Library 1975) would they please notify Freda Levson, 58a Westbourne Park Villas London W2.

9. The 1662 Society is holding a meeting on March 4th 1985 on "Meister Eckhart and the Frontiers of Mystical Language." This will take place at the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct EC1 and the speaker will be Dr. David Blamires.

10. Two snippets from the Wm. Morris Society Newsletter which may be of interest to members:

a. There is no further news on Kelmscott House (formerly The Retreat when the MacDonald family lived there) as there is yet no outcome of the enquiry on the GLC's bid to acquire the house for a Morris museum.

b. Cleaning days at Kelmscott House, Saturday's 10am-12, 23rd February, 16th March, 6th April. Call in for coffee, friendly conversation and the odd job for anyone interested. This might be a good opportunity to have a look at The Retreat. For details, contact the Hon. Secretary R.S. Smith, Kelmscott House, 26 Upper Mall, London W6. Tel 01-741-3735

11. Last, but not least – subscriptions are now due, and we would be glad if you would pay as promptly as you can.

Thank you.