

Dear Frank,

I have now completed the general introductory chapter of the book, and also the various chapters on Reels, and would be grateful if you would look them over.

There are a few passages concerning the definition of a Reel & the consequences thereof which will have to be rewritten. I have marked these with a marginal note - ~~could you~~ when you come to them, would you just take them as temporary & pass on. There are also three sections missing, one on R&D in Chapter 7, one on the West Berwickshire Sui Reel, at the end of Chapter 7, and the ~~third~~ <sup>third</sup> on the Foulra Reel and Shaalds o' Foulra at the end of Chapter 9. In the case of the latter, I do not propose to give a description of the dance(s?), but I feel that the evidence for ~~the~~ & again the identity of the two should be given. Would you mind filling in the missing description of R&D?

In Chapter 4, on Shetland dancing, I have given a full description of an old-style Shetland wedding. The references to dancing here are very slight, but I think that it is desirable to give the account in full so that the various dance ceremonies can be seen in their proper settings. Since this chapter occurs at the end of the general introductory material, there does not seem to be any serious interruption in the flow of the book arising from this. I have given references to Urquhart Venables & Peaces Almanac. If I can find the original, I will alter them.

I have had to rewrite chunks of Chapters 1 and 2, and this has taken some time which I had not allowed for. In consequence, I have not started on the <sup>last</sup> ~~section~~ chapter (10) on Country Dances.

I have copies of Chapters 1-3, but not of Chapters 4 & 6-9. I am not sure what your plans are, and am rather reluctant to have the MSS lying in ~~your~~ your SCR awaiting your arrival. I will therefore send off Chapters 1-3 now - would you please acknowledge them, & I will then send off the remainder when I know you will be

at Southampton to receive them.

I shall have to leave the book for some while now to deal with some Mathematical & admin. matters. My plans for the rest of the Vac are as follows:

1) I hope to go to Scotland on September 7th, leaving early in the morning. I want to stay in the Lander district for about 4 days ~~spending one of those days in Edinburgh~~ to clear up the Six Reel & other matters. I shall try to spend one of those days in Edinburgh. On the Sunday, I hope to go to the Highlands - either Glen Monstan or Glen Urquhart. If possible, I shall stay there for the week, & return home via Dundee the following week-end.

I have agreed to take Jean with me to the Highlands - I will pick her up in Edin'burgh on the Sunday. When I am in the Highlands, she will entertain herself, though she ~~will be able to come~~ <sup>will be able to come</sup> with me on any long ones if she wishes. But she ~~isn't~~ isn't going to be allowed

to ~~be present~~ <sup>be present</sup> at interviews, for I feel that the fewer onlookers <sup>(there)</sup> the better. <sup>might</sup> ~~didn't seem very keen on coming~~ <sup>sure whether you would want to come or not</sup>. Would you prefer to ~~come~~ <sup>same</sup> Do you want to join the party? ~~Or will you save up the time & the money & try to go to Skethad again next year?~~ <sup>make a joint expedition to Yell & Linst next summer?</sup>

2) I am coming down to London for the Collector's Conference on the 24th, and am bringing the family. We hope to drive down on the Friday & return on the Tuesday - I will spend the Monday at the B.M. (We will be staying with Jean)

Are you likely to be able to stay overnight in London on the 24th? I am sure Joan's father would be delighted to put you up. I mention this because it might be a good opportunity for us to run through the MSS together - it would save you a good deal of writing, I imagine.

3) Rest of time here in Wallasey

~~One other thing~~ Returning to the book for a minute, <sup>can we send a copy</sup> ~~do you feel that the MSS draft~~ of Chapters 4 & 9 together ~~can be sent~~ to the Skethad Folk Society in lieu of a summary of our discoveries? If so, then I will get these chapters typed first, & send them off. ~~Or would you suppress the description of the wedding for the Folk Society?~~

Hope you ~~with~~ problem is still unwinding.

P.S. I have <sup>(just)</sup> had a card from Barclay Wilson announcing that he ~~will~~ is moving today to Twerton - his address is —. If this reaches you before you go to Dorset, you might care to drop in & see his <sup>quail's</sup> outfit.