

February 26, 1966.

The ninth annual dinner of the ex. Presidents of the S.A.S.A. was held in the Carlton Hotel, Edinburgh, at the conclusion of the Association meeting.

Mr J. Ramsay presided over a good attendance of ex. presidents, who thoroughly enjoyed the dinner and wine so carefully ordered by the organizer, Mr W. Mellors.

After the chairman had proposed the loyal toast he welcomed to the gathering, Mr Jim Reid, the new president of the S.A.S.A.

Mr George Donn briefly but fittingly proposed the principal toast, The S.A.S.A. to which Mr Reid replied in appreciative terms. Mr Reid gently chided the chairman, who had sent him the invitation to attend and only after receiving an acceptance had then said that the quest

had to speak for his diem! at the conclusion of an excellent speech, in which Mr Reid declared his dedication to the advancement of Scottish swimming, he was given an ovation by his hosts.

Among several subjects discussed two were worthy of notice. Mr Barric raised the question of a luncheon party for life members of the Association. It was the opinion of ex-presidents that such a luncheon party, to be held on the day of the A.G.M., could well be organized by such life-members as were interested.

Mr Reid put forward a plea that in future the prospective president should serve a preliminary year as Vice-president and that having served his term of duty as President, he should then become an ex-officio member of Council for a period of one year. This proposal was discussed at some length and appeared

to have the general approval of the ex. presidents.

The remainder of the evening was most agreeably passed with song, story and a noggie or two.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Willie Mellors, who had made the excellent arrangements for the dinner and also the theatre and dinner party for the ex presidents ladies.

The next dinner will be held in the Midland District, with Mr George Prescott in charge.

The attendees at the Baxton Hotel were-

W. Z. Barrie, 1946	R. Paterson 1949
J.A. Goswami, 1950	J. Rumney 1952
P. Philp, 1954	J.A. Johnston, 1956
Mrs Down, 1958	T. Blafman, 1959
W. Sharp, 1961	W. Mellors, 1962
G.J.C. Rae 1963	G. Prescott, 1964
J. Dunne, 1965	J. Reid, 1966.

Apologies for absence were
received from Tom Myers (the);
Willie Thomson, whose wife was ill.