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# THE HOMEGOING

## THE TRIP OVER

The great "Homegoing" is now history. Most of our party have returned and are enthusiastic over the reception accorded them and the splendid way they were treated by everyone on the Island. Those who were Manx by birth have a deeper and warmer feeling for the land they fondly call "home" and those of Manx ancestry who viewed its beauties and mingled with its people for the first time are proud of their heritage and, like its native-born sons and daughters, have a warm spot in their hearts for that "gem of the sea."

To fully describe the trip, the Convention and tell the story adequately would require a book many times the size of the Bulletin. Copies of the Manx papers were mailed to our entire membership by the N. A. M. A. These papers gave a very graphic account of the trip, the welcome and the various functions there. However, in the space at our command we will briefly tell the story.

Arriving at Montreal, it was pleasant and interesting to meet our own folks all excited and ready for the great adventure. It was particularly pleasing to meet Tom Radcliffe of the "Examiner" and Miss Rylance of the "Times." It seemed to bring the Island a little closer. A pleasant day was spent in that great city, sight-seeing or lounging around the Queen's Hotel having a "cooish" with old friends whom we had not seen for many years. Following the very fine Banquet, everyone was taken to the Doric by busses furnished by the N. A. M. A. Here they placed themselves in the care of the officers and crew of that grand old ship. General

satisfaction was expressed with the quarters assigned and the officers of the N. A. M. A. were warmly congratulated on the accommodation acquired for the comfort of the travellers.

The trip down the St. Lawrence was beautiful and at Quebec everyone took advantage of the three-hour stop-over to visit the interesting places of this historic city. Leaving Quebec, the party settled down and entered into the spirit of the trip. The committee did everything possible to make everyone happy. There were deck sports, card games, community singing, concerts, singing by the Cleveland Quartette and dances. (All prizes were donated by the N. A. M. A.) With the exception of the two days which were quite rough and rendered many of our party hors-de-combat, the entire party was the happiest one which ever crossed the ocean.

## THE ARRIVAL

As one of the party relates it:

Early Sunday morning when we sighted the Island everyone was thrilled with the familiar landmarks, Bradda Head, King Williams College and Castle Rushen. There had been a purple haze hanging round the coast in the early hours, but now the sun began to break through and we could see so plainly the scenes of our childhood and like a flash a thousand memories dashed across our minds as we knew our parents, relatives and friends were gathered round the shore with throbbing hearts, oh so anxiously waiting for the return of the exile. There was hardly a ripple

on the water, and to see the dear old Island with the sun shining gloriously on the sides of its purple covered hills, green fields, white farmhouses, the big dark rocks, rising out of the bright blue water idly lapping the coast and the gloriously happy and contented appearance of the whole view was a sight for the gods and a revel for a hungry heart. We arrived home on that glorious Sunday morning. What a Homecoming! Twenty thousand of our ain-folk welcoming us, singing, shouting, bands playing, chorus singing, waving of hands. There was so much doing it was impossible to take all in.

We tried to sing "My Own Dear Ellan Vannin." Sing! Most of us could hardly talk. We realized we had not come home to our relatives alone, but the whole Island was there to welcome home its own. It was a grand feeling to see those thousands on Victoria Pier, not there out of curiosity alone. You felt everyone wanted to play a little part to make you glad you had "Come-On-Over." After the charming welcoming addresses and the pleasant reply by our President, we ran round in circles in the excitement of looking for our relatives and friends, but finally reached our destinations. An enjoyable trip and a welcome that never will be forgotten.

## THE CONVENTION

The Third Annual Convention of the N. A. M. A. opened at the Villa Marina, Douglas, on Tuesday, June 24th. Our President writes "A Wonderful Success."

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## Thanks!

May I at this time pass on my sincere thanks to those who by their wonderful spirit of helpfulness co-operated to make the 1930 Convention the success it was?

To our Past President, Mr. J. E. Christian, who worked conscientiously and whole-heartedly, giving his valuable time and promotional experience, working with one idea in view, to get the best possible for those making the trip. Through his effort I think no party ever sailed out of Montreal under more pleasant conditions.

To Mr. Alex Cannell of the White Star Line of Cleveland for his splendid co-operation and courtesy in handling our bookings.

To Mr. Harvey Pentland of the Canadian National Railways of Cleveland for his advice on train travel. He was always willing to work out any schedule.

To Mr. John R. Cain of Cleveland for his kindly assistance in compiling and printing of our Bulletins.

To Mr. Fred Boyde of Chicago and Mr. T. Donald Bain of Los Angeles for the great promotional work done in these cities.

To Mr. A. D. Kenna, Hon. Secretary of the World's Manx Association, for his splendid co-operation and efficient efforts in organizing and carrying through all suggestions forwarded him. His arranging of the entertainment on the Island. His idea in carrying out the transportation of our party. His interest in everyone to make their visit happy and enjoyable, which he did. To his committee for the wonderful support given him.

To the editors of "The Isle of Man Times" and "Examiner" and the Manx press generally for their co-operation and publicity campaigns. They helped us wonderfully.

With the splendid help and co-operation received any undertaking would be successful.

A. B. KELLY, Secretary.

# THE HOMEGOING

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## Convention Briefs

### TUESDAY SESSIONS

The eloquent welcoming addresses by our Hon. President, Alderman A. B. Crookall, and Hon. Vice President, Mr. Richard Cain, which were very cordially received.

Mr. Daniel Teare's wonderful presidential address, full of sentiment. He stated: "When the Lord God of the ages planted this Isle in the midst of the sea and raised thereon a people known as the Manx Race, He surely put enough sentiment and feeling into them to appreciate the beautiful and fertile Isle he had given them."

scribed by the Manx people of Cleveland for the erection of a window in the shrine. For this gift Councillor Oates ably returned the sincere thanks of the T. E. Brown Committee to the donors for their token of love. This meeting was very well attended and the audience was fully repaid by the fine programme furnished.

The President remarked that this was a wonderful meeting.

### FRIDAY SESSIONS

Greetings received from Winnipeg Society, with the hope that the Homegoing would strengthen the bonds which bound us together.

Buffalo was chosen for the 1931 Convention.

Mrs. J. R. Cain reported trees were to be planted at St. Johns by representatives of all Societies throughout United States and Canada, also for W. M. A. and the N. A. M. A.

The Convention closed with hearty votes of thanks to the past officers of the N. A. M. A.; to all on the Island who had contributed to make the Convention the success it was, and to the President for so ably presiding. These were carried by all standing and giving three hearty cheers.

## ENTERTAINMENT

The splendid entertainment programme which had been planned for our party was enjoyed to the full.

Those wonderful Char-a-banc drives to Castletown, Port Erin, Peel and Ramsey and the hearty reception given at each place. The visit to Rushen Abbey. The wonderful programme arranged by the Peel citizens. The singing of the Ramsey Cushag Choir at Ramsey. The government reception and garden party at Villa Marina, also the great reception by the mayor and council of Douglas. The concert given by Al Davidson's Claribel Band. The Homecoming concert given by the six Cleveland Gold Medallists and Mr. Noah Moore's Ladies' Choir. The wonderful banquet given by the Athol Lodge of Freemasons. The reception given by Canon Owen at King William's College. The Mhelia and Manx folk dances, also "The Charm" and "P. C. Quilliam" by the Peel Players at the Villa Marina. What wonderful entertainment. We who had not the good fortune to be present cannot fully appreciate all the World's Manx Association did to make this 1930 party enjoyable.

This Homecoming has done much to cement the spirit of love and loyalty between "we" on this side and the homefolks who were so happy to greet us. "May this spirit ever continue."

### WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

Councillor J. N. Oates' (President of the Manx Society) splendid address on "Preserving Our Heritage." Also Mr. Eagleson of Washington, Pa., who rejoiced that the Convention had been the means of bringing them together in friendship and fellowship, for it was the human touch that counted in the world and made life the better worth living.

Greetings were conveyed from the following delegates:

Mr. J. R. Cain Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland, and Northeastern Ohio Manx Society; Mrs. F. T. Gorry, Ladies' Auxiliary Mona's Relief, Cleveland; Mr. Frank Cleator, Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, Cleveland; Mr. Peter Watterson, Chicago; Mr. R. H. Greggor, Vancouver; Mr. J. E. Storey, Los Angeles; Mr. A. Callow, Toronto; Mr. J. J. Corlett, British Columbia; Mrs. Agnew, Moose Jaw.

At the close of this session the party paid a noble tribute to our Manxmen who fell in the World War. Headed by our President, they walked across the promenade to the war memorial, where a wreath was laid bearing the inscription "North American Manx Association. In affectionate remembrance of our countrymen."

### THURSDAY SESSIONS

This was tribute day to our greatest Manxman and poet, T. E. Brown, whose centennial was celebrated this year. The Attorney General, R. B. Moore, Esq., paid him a wonderful tribute in a very eloquent address. Mr. H. P. Kelly, B. A., also spoke in Manx dialect. The rendering of his works by Mr. W. L. Clague, Miss Annie J. Caine, Miss L. Duggan and Mrs. J. E. Quayle were splendid. The handing over of the draft for \$300.00 by the acting secretary of the Convention, the late J. J. Kelly, sub-

## TYNWALD DAY

Tynwald Day was a great day for our party. The weather was ideal. Special seating privileges were granted the Homegoers in the Church at St. Johns and in the enclosure at the foot of the hill. Following a very interesting and impressive service, the party joined the procession to the hill and heard the law excerpts read in both English and Manx. The ceremony was broadcast for the first time in history.

Following the Tynwald ceremony a wreath was placed in the National War Memorial by representatives of the Island, the United States and Canada.

In the afternoon the annual meeting of the World's Manx Association was held in the beautiful grounds of the Nunnery. There was a record attendance. A fine programme had been arranged, and many splendid addresses were given by Manxmen from all parts of the world. A very excellent tea was also served.

This brought to a close the Convention programme, and the opinion freely expressed by all of the party was that the World's Manx Association had carried out all the details of the Convention in a very wonderful and pleasing manner.

Busses were furnished by the N. A. M. A. to take the party to St. Johns and also to the Nunnery on July 5 and to King William's College on July 1.

## SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the N. A. M. A. was called at the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, on June 13th after the big banquet tendered to the homegoing party and friends by the N. A. M. A. President J. E. Christian presided.

An amendment to the 1930 Constitution was presented by Mr. Fred Boyde of Chicago in regular form (under amendments) that the words "Third Vice President" be added to article under Officers and be inserted between present words "Second Vice President and Secretary." This amendment was carried unanimously.

The following officers were then elected unanimously:

President—Mr. Daniel Teare, Los Angeles.

Vice President—Dr. J. J. Moore, Chicago.

Second Vice President—Mr. John R. Cain, Cleveland.

Third Vice President—Mr. Philip Kissack, London, Ontario.

Treasurer—Mr. Fred Boyde, Chicago.

Secretary—Mr. Arthur B. Kelly, 2711 Dover Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

This being all the business, the meeting was duly adjourned until June 24th at Villa Marina, Douglas, Isle of Man.

The minutes of this meeting were read at the opening session of the Convention at Douglas and unanimously approved.

## Mr. and Mrs. Leroy E. Corlett Oskaloosa, Iowa, Appreciate the Isle of Man

Visiting the Isle of Man last June and attending the Homecoming celebrations were the realization of a long cherished dream by Mrs. Corlett and myself.

We approached the Isle on a very rough sea on the evening of June 21st. The sun was sinking through a dense bank of clouds, presenting the Isle in all its beauty and magnificence. We were nearing the birthplace of my father, who was born in Andreas, and the mingled emotions that played through one's heart and soul are indescribable. On Sunday morning we attended service at Kirk Andreas and there, through the kindness of Rev. Cowley, Rector of this Church, we found the record of the baptism of my father, which took place on the 6th day of July, 1828.

We joined the homecomers in all their holiday activities and found the Manx people extremely hospitable and delightful in all our contacts. The scenic beauty of this rugged little Isle would challenge the skill of any master painter.

Since returning home I have had occasion to make several public talks about the Isle of Man. Doing so is a pleasure, but I find it very hard to picture, in words, its beauty, the splendid hospitality of its people, and the royal reception and entertainment given to visitors.

Our visit over there was very enjoyable and satisfactory, but was too short for us to enjoy to the fullest the hospitality, the kindness and the friendship of the Manx people, and to extend to them our appreciation of their many admirable qualities as we saw them.

LEROY E. CORLETT

## FROM ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Did we have a good time? All we want to know in Rochester is when is the next one? I venture to say instead of six there will be twenty-six next time.

What was the most enjoyable part of the trip? Was it the Banquet in Montreal? (Please use capital "B" if this should happen to get into print.) Was it the "Coosh" on board the "Doric" before we sailed? Was it the meeting of friends we hadn't seen or heard of for 20 years? Was it the trip over? Maybe it was the first sight of the "lil-island" (I don't mind admitting I was on deck that morning by 4 o'clock) or was it the never to be forgotten reception which we received that beautiful Sunday morning in Douglas? Was it that great Masonic Banquet? It would be hard to say and it would take a better pen than mine to express it as it should be expressed. The Island itself was wonderful—the charabanc rides to Castletown, to Peel, to Port Erin and to Ramsey. Will we ever forget them?

As I said before, all we want to know in Rochester is: When is the next one? Yours sincerely,

DAN W. CHRISTIAN.

## OUR PRESIDENT

We are pleased to report we have received a letter from Mr. Teare stating that he is recovering from his serious illness. He has been released from Noble's I. O. M. Hospital and hopes to sail on the steamship "Brittanic," leaving Liverpool September 27th. We wish him a very pleasant journey home to Los Angeles and a speedy recovery to his usual good health.

## CELEBRATE CENTENARY

The Northeastern Ohio Manx Society have invited the Cleveland and Akron Societies to join them in a Centennial Birthday celebration to their member, Mr. Orrin Quiggin of Madison, Ohio, who is celebrating his one hundredth birthday anniversary on October 27th next. A very strong committee was formed at their last meeting at Leroy. Mr. J. H. Collister of Cleveland was elected chairman.

This great celebration will take place at the Methodist Church school-rooms at Painesville, and it is the object of this committee to invite all the old Manx pioneers of this district to join in this celebration. A birthday cake with 100 candles is to be presented by the Ladies' Auxiliary of Cleveland and a programme of entertainment will be given by our Cleveland, Akron and Northeastern singers. The Cleveland Choral Society will join in this celebration.

The Northeastern Society cordially invite everyone Manx and of Manx descent. They only ask you to bring a picnic lunch. Friday night, October 24th, Painesville, Methodist Church, 8 P. M. sharp.

Bus service can be arranged through James Clague, Telephone, Washington 2209-M.

## CLEVELAND JUNIORS

Miss Iris Minor, Chairman of the Juniors' Picnic Committee reports they had a wonderful time at their picnic on July 19th, at Mentor Park. About fifty Juniors were present, chaperoned by Mrs. Mona Bertsch. A fine programme of sports was arranged and was greatly enjoyed. Wilfred Cretney, Richard Kelly and Jack Corlett won the boys' races, and Noreen Cottier and Virginia Crowe were the winners in the girls' events. Following the races all went in swimming. A picnic-supper was served, followed by dancing. Everyone had a very happy time.

This branch of our Manx activities expect to be very busy this winter and have already made plans to present two plays.

The new officers are: President, Mona Cretney; Vice President, William Cannell; Treasurer, Thomas Keig; Secretary, Elinor Cain, 488 East 126th Street.

They cordially invite all Manx Juniors to join their group.

## Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, Cleveland

Don't forget the Manx Concert and Tea Party sponsored by the above Society to be held at the I. O. O. F. Hall, 5460 Lexington Avenue, Saturday, October 18th, at 8 P. M. A wonderful programme has been arranged by the committee, Judge Alva R. Corlett, Chairman. Plenty of tea and bunloaf. Tickets, 35c; juniors, 15c.

### Please Support

Our Bulletin is not interested in party politics, but at this time we have two prominent members of the N. A. M. A. running for election in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, at the State elections, November 4th.

We refer to Larry G. Collister, County Treasurer of this county, who is again Republican candidate for this office. Mr. Collister has served the county honestly and faithfully his last term and he is worthy of our support.

Alva R. Corlett is seeking election as an independent candidate for Common Pleas Judge. Judge Corlett has sat for many years as a municipal judge and has earned the title of an honest and fearless judge. He has had the courage to eliminate himself from the selection of candidates by the Cleveland Bar Association and we admire him for the stand he has taken.

Both are American-born 100 per cent Manxmen. So it behooves us as Manxmen to do our part to help to elect these two fine gentlemen.

Let's get out and register and ask our friends to do the same. Everyone should make himself a committee of one and get out and hustle for both our members. In that way we will have Manx representation at Cuyahoga County Court House.

### Pride of Race

A correspondent writes:

"It made one's blood tingle a little faster for 'Pride of Race' when watching the big parade of the Knight Templars here for their State Convention to see a Manxman, Mr. John E. Christian (Past President of the N. A. M. A.), heading his commandery, followed by his staff of 18 Past Commanders and 350 Knights marching down Euclid Avenue. Ten thousand Knights and 40 Bands took part in this magnificent spectacle."  
—J. S. C.

Mr. Christian is Eminent Commander of Holyrood Commandery of this city. May we congratulate him on the fine showing of the 22 platoons in line of his commandery.

## In Memorium

Since our last Bulletin was issued in June, we have lost by death three members of the North American Manx Association, all residents of Cleveland.

### MR. J. J. KELLY

The late J. Joseph Kelly was an outstanding figure in the great Manx colony of Cleveland. He was for many years actively interested in the Manx affairs of this city, having filled almost every office of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society and the Mona's Relief Society. He served several terms as President of the latter Society. He was a true Manxman in every sense of the word, always willing to do all in his power to advance every Manx cause. He dearly loved his Island home and its people.

As it was impossible for his brother and our Secretary, Mr. A. B. Kelly, to make the trip, "Joe" agreed to act as secretary in his place, and performed his duties well. He, as Chairman of the Cleveland committee on the T. E. Brown Memorial Shrine, on Thursday of the Convention week took great pride in presenting the check for \$300.00—largely the result of his labors.

He had not enjoyed robust health for some time but we all hoped the trip would do him good. It was ruled otherwise however, and he "passed on" at Douglas, Isle of Man, on July 14th after a very brief illness. He was laid to rest at Douglas and the large funeral, which included many "homegoers," was a silent tribute to his memory. We will miss him greatly.

### MR. HALSEY J. TEARE

Halsey J. Teare passed on with tragic suddenness on July 16th. He was working on his car in the garage. Apparently the doors closed, and carbon monoxide caused his death. He was well known and respected in our Manx circle and of a fine Manx family. He was only 43 years old. His untimely death cut short a very promising career.

### MRS. ROBERT CUBBON

In September we lost by death Mrs. Robert Cubbon, widow of the late Robert Cubbon. Mrs. Cubbon was one of Cleveland's real Manx women and had been a faithful worker for many years in our local Manx Societies. She recently gave a donation to perpetuate the memory of her husband to the N. A. M. A. fund created for that purpose.

To the immediate families and relatives we extend our deep sympathy.

## Detroit, Mich.

We have received a letter from Mr. R. H. Corkill, 14903 Ohio Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, who is anxious to communicate with Manx people in Detroit with the object of forming a Manx Society in that city. If you will communicate with him or Mr. J. Stephen, 11731 Chelsea Avenue, or Mrs. A. M. Cock, 1103 Coolidge Highway, River Rouge, Mich., they will be pleased to hear from you. Go ahead, Detroit, the N. A. M. A. will give you every assistance.

## Colorado Manx Society

We have received 18 memberships from the members of the above Society to the N. A. M. A. They issue an invitation to all Manx in Colorado to join them. Information will be gladly given by Ernest W. Coole, 138 South Logan Street, Denver, Colorado. In any way we can help you, Mr. Coole please ask us.

## A Handicapped People

### PHILOSOPHER OF FOLLY'S COLUMN

(You cannot swear in Manx even if you want to, for there are no swear words in the Manx language.—The Archdeacon of the Isle of Man.)

Though I am strong for words of love,  
And loathe the explosive style,  
I would not be a native of  
Hall Caine's romantic Isle;  
I'm glad that I was reared among  
The crude and cranky Yanks;  
For though it be a charming tongue,  
You cannot swear in Manx!

How can a Manxman play at golf  
Or bridge, or Kelly pool?  
How can he work his feelings off  
In dealing with a fool?  
How can the bards and novelists  
Enroll in modern ranks,  
If (as this clergyman insists)  
You cannot swear in Manx?

I'm not profane—but life's a mess  
Of wormwood and of gall  
Where it were madness to possess  
No safety-valve at all.  
Has Man mosquitoes? Do there dwell  
Therein no bores or cranks?  
O hopeless state! O death! O \* \* \*!  
(You cannot swear in Manx!)

TED ROBINSON.

Cleveland Plain Dealer, August 16th.

## Co-operation

We hope in our next issue of the Bulletin to give a full financial report of the Convention, also the amendments to the constitution passed at the 1930 Convention. May we ask at this time for suggestions from our readers to make our Bulletin a better paper. We will also be pleased to receive reports from the secretaries of any Manx Societies for publication.

ART B. KELLY, Secretary.

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