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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

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WHY A CONVENTION?

To The Officers and Members of the North American Manx Association:

Replying to the questionnaire issued in the December Bulletin, permit me to say that our International Convention, the one primary source of morale and inspiration for our leadership organization, must never be given up. We, as members cannot realize its promising future unless Manxmen from all sections of our International field gather, to counsel together as to the best methods to pursue that we may the better serve each other and in turn be of greater service in the cause we represent. I do not say there may not be some modifications of such conventions, but I do express it as my sincere conviction that only by such International gatherings can the unity and dynamic force of Manx Societies be maintained. The International conventions are far more than a means to elect officers and pass legislation.

The only reason in the world for the existence of the N. A. M. A., is for the good of the individual organization and member. We need a strong central organization, not as an end in itself but that our International organization may give back to the individual society or member any needed help and assistance. Of course we must have unity of policy, so that when we speak we will speak with one voice and will speak with power. It does mean a great deal when we have our Manx societies working throughout the United States and Canada at the same time toward common objectives.

It is a significant fact that it was the individual society that felt the need for some form of an international organization. It was some eight or ten Manx societies that organized the N. A. M. A. at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1928, and have banded themselves together and adopted a Constitution and By-Laws, which was prepared by our very highly esteemed member,

Judge Clucas Collister, who in the past week has been called to the Great Beyond, but the record of his work will stand forever in our Order a monument to his zeal, courage and love.

In the Constitution and By-Laws under which we now operate is set forth five specific purposes, namely:

1—The purposes of this Association are for the mutual benefit and social welfare of the Manx people and their descendants.

2—To bring into closer union the various Manx Societies of the Northern Continent of America.

3—To extend the formation of such societies, by bringing together Manx people and their descendants, wherever they may be found.

4—To stimulate and revive the love for the Homeland.

5—To maintain the standards and traditions of the English-speaking people throughout the world.

To enlist the personal and active service of every member is one or more of our five objectives. Here is the acid test of the year before us, here is the outlook on the new horizon. Leadership may stand in high places, a great cause may be clear in the heavens, but unless we have every man fit and anxious for his part to play and in harness, we are wasteful of our opportunities. Our policies must ever continue to be based on experience in the light of the need of our organization and we must see to it that we have the idea shot through the length and breadth of our Manx societies, that we want to make our policies and our organization the composite product of the best thought of every man and woman in our ranks. Thus will we not only *preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage*, but we will strengthen and perpetuate a democracy that can have its fulfillment only in a group that has no fear of failure, but is destined to make an increasingly valuable con-

tribution to the needs of society and the community life of the North American Continent. We will then truly develop new horizons through personal participation of every Manxman.

In order to maintain our International objectives, adequate finances must be provided. No organization ever went forward on a policy of retrenchment penuriousness. Neither can the N. A. M. A. For three years those leaders closest to our finances have seen the need for enlarged financial resources if our organization is to move forward. Much credit is due Mr. Sheldon Kerruish of Cleveland, also our present President, Mr. Dan Teare of Los Angeles, for the financial support they have given, but we want everyone to have a share in this worthy cause. We need increased income to restore adequate service, to permit committees to do their creative work to insure the spread of our organization. Without adequate financial resources the N. A. M. A. cannot develop its work as it should. If every Manxman or woman who receives this Bulletin would send one dollar to Secretary A. B. Kelly he will receive a membership and would greatly help to further the cause in which we are engaged.

We confront a period which requires exceptional wisdom and judgment and, above all, unusual and even self-sacrificing devotion. I cannot believe that the members and leaders of today will be found wanting. It is time for us to plan aggressively for a still larger future. To do this we must put aside our microscopes and cease busying ourselves in seeking petty flaws. We must, instead, take up our telescopes and catch a fresh vision of the larger possibilities of our organization and consecrate ourselves fully to their realization.

Sincerely and fraternally,

JOHN E. CHRISTIAN.

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Buffalo, 1931

At the 1930 Convention in the Isle of Man the above city was chosen for our Convention of 1931.

In order to have a successful convention it is, of course, necessary to have the support of the Manx people everywhere. This means your presence. Getting away to a fine start at our Cleveland Convention in 1928, we journeyed in 1929 to Toronto, where we had a very successful gathering, one that we will all happily remember. At Toronto it was decided to hold our 1930 Convention in the Isle of Man. Those who were fortunate enough to make the trip will never forget the good times and happy association that great event brought about.

Now for 1931.

With the December issue of the Bulletin we mailed a questionnaire with a request that it be filled in and returned. To date quite a number have signified their intention of attending the Buffalo Convention by mailing the questionnaire promptly, but many are living up to the Manx slogan: "Traa Dy Liooar."

It is absolutely necessary that the executive of your association get this information at an early date, as arrangements have to be made for a suitable meeting place, hotel reservations and many other details.

Won't you please look up that questionnaire, fill it in and mail it today—before you forget it? If you cannot find it, write us a letter telling us you plan to be "among those present" and how many you expect to have in your party.

Come on—let's go!

ART B. KELLY, Secretary.
 2711 Dover Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Our February Issue

The Chicago Manx Society will edit our February Bulletin. They hope to make it the best yet.

With YOUR Help We Will Go Forward!

By Vice President John R. Cain

1931—a new year—a year full of promise is here and with a new year comes the issuing of new members cards and for the brief time already passed we have had a gain in membership over the same period of 1930. However, we have set a high goal for this year. That goal is 1000 members by December 31st.

Many will say that sounds like a big goal—but is it? We think not. Our individual mailing list at the present moment is over 2000. In addition to this we send hundreds more to the Societies direct. Comparing these numbers with the number, which is legion, of Manx people and the descendants of Manx people, on this great American Continent, we have only scratched the surface of the possibilities of growth for this organization.

To carry on this great work entails the expenditure of a large sum of money. You cannot run an automobile without gas, oil and water. Likewise you cannot successfully go forward without funds in a society of the nature of the N. A. M. A.

Just stop and think for a moment. Do you realize that to print and mail the Bulletin costs five cents a copy or fifty cents a year which is one-half of the membership fee we ask. We know even those of our people who are in constant touch with Manx Societies think the Bulletin is doing a great work by linking us all closer together, but to the lonely Manxman in the isolated places not so blessed, is as meat to a hungry man. The many fine letters of appreciation on our files are a certain proof of this, and these letters have been accompanied by the dues for membership. A number of these letters appear under "Here and There" on this page.

We are making a strong appeal now for your financial support. Won't you show us you are wholeheartedly behind this movement by sending us that \$1.00 today? It is only two cents a week, small, is it not? There is little the individual can buy today with the dollar, but an organized dollar—your dollar and that of 999 patriotic Manxmen and Manxwomen is \$1000 and that's the goal we are shooting at.

We want to continue to send our bulletin to our entire list and thus keep our organization before them, but failing to get support we will have to confine it to our members.

Just show us you believe in us and what we stand for—the welding together of all Manx people in a friendly brotherhood, and "Say it with a dollar," or better still take out a life membership card for \$10.00.

We have aroused much interest in the things that are Manx and with your support we will go forward to new goals. This interest has helped our individual Manx Societies and

many of these Societies have joined the N. A. M. A. by the payment of \$1.00. To those Societies who have not joined us we make the plea for you to start the year right by joining now. With all Manx Societies affiliated and mutually working together, both the individual society and the N. A. M. A. are assured of success.

We are counting on YOU!

From Here and There!

M. F. Cowley, Sheriff's Office, Salt Lake City.—"Enclosed find my membership for 1931. Sorry will not be able to join you at Buffalo Convention. Too far away, but best of luck for a successful meeting. Enclosed find four names to whom please send Bulletin."

George H. Monck, 80 East Avenue, South Hamilton, Ontario.—"Enclosed find my membership. Hope to be in Buffalo and meet all my good Manx friends there."

Mrs. Fannie Orford, 336 East 50th St., New York.—"Hope to bring a bunch of New Yorkers to Buffalo. Enclosed find two memberships and am working to get new members for your fine association."

Chas. Quilliam, "Swift Current," Saskatchewan, Canada.—"I am very interested in my own old country folk who are abroad. Will you send us your Bulletin regular? I like to know of the movements of the Manx Societies. The nearest one to us is Winnipeg."

Dan W. Christian, 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N. Y.—"Enclosed find my membership. Will have a big delegation from Rochester for the Buffalo Convention. Nearly everyone I have talked to will be there. I am going to get busy and see every Manxman and woman in Rochester and get them interested."

H. Wade, Box 84, "Cutknife," Saskatchewan, Canada.—"I came from Laxey and outside the four names I am enclosing for you to send Bulletins to, I have not met any Manx people in 25 years. Always pleased to receive the Bulletins."

Richard S. Cain, 133 So. Angeline St., Ishpeming, Michigan.—"I see new Manx Societies are being formed in Denver and Detroit. Why cannot one be formed up in the Northern Peninsular? There are many Manx people up in this district. I have lived in Ishpeming for 25 years and have only been at one Manx picnic."

(We would be pleased to help you in any way, Mr. Cain, to get a Manx Society formed up there.)

Mr. W. D. Moore, 324 Monmouth Avenue, Mount Royal, Province of Quebec, Canada.—"Enclosed please find our memberships and if the Buffalo Convention is possible, Mrs. Moore and I hope to be there."

Mrs. M. Frick, 2225 Tuxedo Avenue, Parma, Ohio.—"Enjoy your Bulletin very much and after reading them I forward same to my brother in Sydney, Australia, who appreciates reading Manx-American news."

Tom Moore, 111 O'Connor St., Ottawa, Canada.—"Had a letter from a man named Cubbon living in Ottawa, saying he and his wife wished to join the N. A. M. A. He is of Manx descent. I have written him all particulars and hope to meet him soon. I sincerely hope it may be the means of finding enough Manx people to start a society here. Through your notice in the Bulletin, I have got to hear about quite a number of Manx folk living outside our city, some living quite a distance away, but I hope to get them interested in the N. A. M. A. I am interested in the Buffalo Convention and if all is well hope to be there. Give my kind regards and best wishes for a prosperous 1931 to all my Manx friends in Cleveland."

Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland

The following officers have been elected for 1931: President, Thos. A. Cretney; Vice President, Thos. Keig; Secretary, Miss Amy C. Quayle; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. I. Griffith; Trustees: Richard Collister, John R. Cain, Mrs. A. S. Minor. Relief Committee: Robert Gorry, Miss Chrissie Quayle, John F. Lewin. Chairman Entertainment Committee, Walter J. Quilliam.

We congratulate Past President John R. Cain, on the wonderful results he attained during his term of office—in increased membership, in good fellowship, and interesting meetings. They were the largest attended meetings in the history of the society. We hope this good spirit will continue and extend our warmest greetings to the newly-elected officers and hope 1931 will be a very successful one.

Thursday, February 5th, the Past Presidents are hosts and a cordial invitation is extended to everybody to attend, by President Thos. Cretney. The Manx Choral Society will entertain and the speaker will be Dr. C. L. DeBow of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Pythian Temple, 919 Huron Road, eight o'clock sharp.

Cleveland Manx Societies Annual Festival

About 300 Manx people and their friends attended the Annual Festival of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies December 5th. This celebrated the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Mona's Relief Society.

An appetizing dinner was served at seven o'clock. Following which, Mr. J. R. Cain, President of the Mona's Relief Society gave an address of welcome and introduced the chairman for the evening, Mr. Fred Caley, Secretary of the Cleveland Automobile Club. Mr. Caley dwelt on the early days of the Manx people in this vicinity and paid high tribute to their sterling worth. Mr. J. H. Collister, representing the Mona's Relief gave an interesting outline of the Society's growth. Mrs. Thos. R. Teare conveyed the greetings of the Ladies Auxiliary in her usual splendid manner. Mr. W. Harry Kelly, President of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society in his remarks dwelt on the fine work their society was doing and how it had bound them together in the ties of kindred brotherhood. Mr. R. A. Cannell, gave an interesting talk on the Choral Society and referred to the world-renowned fame of the singing ability of the Manx people. Miss Mona Cretney received a great ovation for her fine talk on the recently formed Junior Society. She reported fine progress and made a plea for the support of the parents.

Solos were rendered by Miss Evelyn Christian, Mr. Walter J. Quilliam and Mr. George Stran and readings by Miss Helen McGeorge. The artists were at their best and were well received, all responding to encores. Everyone joined heartily in the singing of the American and Manx National Anthems.

Dancing followed the entertainment and at midnight the party closed, everyone having had a great time. Mr. T. A. Cretney was general chairman of the committee.

A WONDERFUL VACATION

Our sincere wish is that Miss Mona and Mr. Sheldon Q. Kerruish, our well known Manx Clevelanders who left New York, January 10th on the "Franconia World Cruise," are having a wonderful and enjoyable vacation, and hope that when they return to Cleveland, June first, Mr. Kerruish will entertain us at one of our meetings with his wonderful experiences.

NEW MANX SONG

The Home-Goers' Song "Fair Isle of Mona." Words by Janie Bickerstaff, Castletown, Isle of Man. Music by Frank F. Cleator, Cleveland, Ohio.

This new beautiful melody was sung at Villa Marina and was very much appreciated. A copy should be in every Manx home and it will be mailed to you by writing, Frank F. Cleator, 4138 East 110th street, Cleveland, O. Price sixty cents.

Presentation To Mr. A. D. Kenna From the N. A. M. A.

The pleasure derived from doing a big job well is great. But the real satisfaction is to know that it is appreciated by others.

Every member of our Home-going party were loud in their praises of the work of Mr. A. D. Kenna, Secretary of the W. M. A., who had charge of the entertainment of the party while on the Island. His wonderful service will be long remembered.

At the Executive meeting of the N. A. M. A. held in Chicago in November last, Dr. J. J. Moore and Fred Boyde were delegated to extend to Mr. Kenna the thanks of this association and forward a token of our appreciation. This gift was an onyx stone stand fitted with two silver fountain pens inscribed, "To A. D. Kenna from the North American Manx Association." This was forwarded to Mr. A. B. Crookall, Hon. President, requesting him to make the presentation, which was done very nicely and informally at his home, "Woodlands" on Thursday afternoon, January 8th, at an afternoon tea, which many distinguished friends attended.

In presenting the gift Mr. Crookall spoke on the objects of the N. A. M. A. and thanked Mr. Kenna for the splendid service rendered the visitors.

Mr. Kenna, replying, said the gift was a great source of joy to him coming from the American Continent, and would revive pleasant memories. He hoped the happy relations between the W. M. A. and the N. A. M. A. would continue.

In Memorium

We regret to record the deaths this last month of the following members of our Association:

JUDGE CLUCAS W. COLLISTER, Cleveland

Judge Collister was born in Cleveland in 1858 of Manx parentage, his father being from Douglas and his mother from Union Mills.

He was admitted to the Bar in 1881. In 1885 he was made chief assistant county prosecutor which position he filled for six years. He then returned to his practice of law and built up a large clientele. In 1909 he was elected to the Common Pleas bench, serving there for six years, when he again returned to his profession. For the succeeding 13 years he was general counsel for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen. Illness forced him to give up his active practice of law in 1929 and on January 21st, he passed on, through a heart attack.

Judge Collister was beloved by all who knew him. He was noted for his fair dealings and his sincerity and honesty were beyond question. He was a credit to the Manx people—one of those outstanding figures that have made our race admired and respected. He is survived by his widow, also three sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Denzler, Mrs. Elizabeth Gehring, Miss Laura K. Collister. He was also a brother of the late John J. Collister.

Judge Collister was very much interested in our Cleveland Convention and was chairman of the committee which formulated the constitution of the N. A. M. A.

CEASAR CRELLIN, 411 So. Fifth St., Marshalltown, Iowa.

Mr. Crellin was born in the Isle of Man and came to America in 1868 and had been a respected resident of Marshalltown for sixty years. He passed away November 20th, 1930. He always loved his Isle of Man and enjoyed our Bulletins and was sorry he was unable to cross over with the Home-goers last June.

W. H. RADCLIFFE, Chardon, Ohio.

Mr. Radcliffe was Trustee of the North Eastern Ohio Manx Society, and a very active member of this society since its inception. We in Cleveland will miss his genial greeting, as will all the members of his society. He was always willing to do more than his share, with a smile.

To their relatives and friends we extend our deepest sympathy.

APPRECIATION

I am taking this means of expressing my appreciation to the Manx people of Cuyahoga County for their most loyal support of my candidacy for Common Pleas Judge. I know of no better means of assuring them of my personal gratification than through the columns of the Bulletin. Without their support I would not have been successful.

It should be a great satisfaction to the Manx people to know that Larry Collister not only was re-elected County Treasurer but received the most flattering vote of any candidate for a county office. The fact that Allen Corlett led the entire legislative ticket is something to rejoice over also.

The fact that the Manx people have such confidence in me places on me the obligation to discharge my duties in as faithful, honest and intelligent a manner as possible.

Sincerely yours,

ALVA R. CORLETT.

A beautiful basket of chrysanthemums with the congratulations of the Manx people of Cleveland was on the desk of the court room at City Hall when Judge Alva R. Corlett was sworn in as Judge of Common Pleas Court by the Hon. W. S. Fitzgerald, late Mayor of Cleveland. An unusual feature of interest to the Manx people was that the Judge was sworn in on a Manx Bible brought to this country many years ago by the late Mr. Wm. Nightingale of this city. Officers and members from all our Manx Societies were among the many well-wishers who attended this ceremony.

We have also been asked to express the thanks of County Treasurer L. G. Collister. He greatly appreciated the fine support of the Manx People.

FROM COLORADO

Aspen, Colorado.

Am in receipt of several of your news-letters or bulletins and have enjoyed reading same and have passed the same on to several other Manx folks who live here. These people have come from the Island and are possibly more acquainted with some of the home-folk more than I am.

I was born at Laxey and came to this country with my folks at the very young age of 3 years; but still having uncles, aunts and cousins living in the Island still hear from the place of my birth.

Note by the Bulletin where a Manx-man holds a public office here and there throughout this county. I can proudly write and state that at the recent election I was re-elected for the sixth time as County Treasurer of Pitkin county, Colorado.

With best wishes for an increase in membership in the N. A. M. A. during 1931, I am,

Very truly yours,

ROBERT S. KILLEY,

County Treasurer, Aspen, Colorado.

T. E. BROWN CENTENARY

On behalf of the Brown Centenary Committee may I express appreciation of the efforts of the Manx people of Cleveland for their splendid work in support of the Brown Memorial.

The contributions sent to us will enable us to place a Cleveland Memorial Window in the Brown Shrine at the Manx Museum and a plate recording the fact that the funds were raised largely through the efforts of my old friend Joe Kelly—than whom no better Manxman ever lived.

We are only beginning to realize what a treasure we have in the works of T. E. Brown. He has bound the Manx people—past, present and future, at home and abroad—into a bond of nationhood and the cement was undefiled love.

The scheme provides for three or four windows, and if any other Manx Societies care to follow the example of Cleveland they will contribute to the world wide character of our Memorial.

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RAMSEY B. MOORE.

Attorney-General, Isle of Man

GLEANINGS FROM THE VARIOUS MANX SOCIETIES

CHICAGO

The officers for 1931 are as follows: Dr. J. J. Moore, President; P. M. Watterson, 1st Vice President; Mrs. T. Cannell, 2nd Vice President; T. P. Quayle, Treasurer; Fred Boyde, Secretary, 5044 West Superior street.

The Chicago Manx Society held its 57th Annual Reunion and Banquet Saturday, December 6th at the Stevens Building Restaurant. The attendance was a little below the average, but we had a wonderful time.

The speaker of the evening was Rev. W. Craine of Kankakee, Illinois. He gave a very interesting address. Mr. J. Shimmmin of Monmouth spoke on the Home-Going. Mr. P. M. Watterson presented the claims of the Tom Brown Memorial. Fred Boyde spoke for the N. A. M. A. urging all present to help make the association a power for Manx folk, and the practical way was for each one to join and make the year 1931 a banner one. The following artists helped to make the evening pass too quickly; Miss Edith Corrin, Mrs. R. C. Kelly, Mrs. W. J. Stevenson, Mrs. P. Ristow, W. J. Stevenson, George Anderson.

WINNIPEG

This Society does not hold election of officers until April 30th. James Y. Mann, Corresponding Secretary of this Society writes.

"Everyone should appreciate the Christmas Bulletin. It was well gotten up. I will be in Buffalo for the next Convention and will have a party going with me. Will also try hard to get a good representation from Winnipeg."

That's the spirit, Jim, you have a long way to come but we all hope to meet you there.

VANCOUVER

We are already well launched in the New Year, and we hope it will be a prosperous one for the Manx societies on this continent.

The Vancouver Manx Society started off on New Year's Day with a very successful evening, every minute being occupied from six o'clock until midnight. At six o'clock a bountiful supper was served, followed at seven o'clock by a Christmas Tree with toys and candies for the children, the funds being provided by two of our members who kindly arranged whist parties at the homes.

At 8 o'clock there was a concert at which our President, Mr. S. Cain, took the chair. Several items were rendered by the Vancouver Manx Choir, under the leadership of Miss Agnes A. Greggor and several Manx friends rendered solos.

From ten o'clock to midnight, a competent orchestra was in attendance, and the rest of the evening was spent in dancing. This part of the programme seems to be gaining in popularity.

The officers for 1931 are as follows: President, Mr. S. Cain; Past President, Mr. A. C. Bridson; Vice President, Mr. J. W. Clucas; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Killip; Treasurer, Miss Mona Greggor. Committee, Mrs. F. Richards, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. W. J. Cain, Mr. F. Richards, Mr. A. Halsall, Mr. T. Killip.

One of our oldest lady members worked a verse by T. E. Brown in cross-stitch on canvas, and it was sold on New Year's Day, and the proceeds turned over to the Benevolent Fund.

With every good wish, I remain, yours sincerely,

MRS. ALICE M. M. KILLIP, Secy.
1020 Harwood St. Vancouver, B. C., Canada

CLEVELAND MANX JUNIORS

The following officers were elected for 1931: President, Mona Cretney; Vice President, William Cannell; Secretary, Elinor Cain, 488 East 126th street; Treasurer, Thomas Keig.

This Society is going ahead fine and they are planning a fine play for April 24th. We wish them much success.

LONDON, ONTARIO

At a meeting of the above Society held December 19th, the following officers were elected for 1931:

President, Tom Crinnen; Vice President, Tom Brown; Secretary and Treasurer, Robert J. Quayle, 859 Hamilton Road. Committee: Mrs. Thos. Brown, Mrs. Tom Callister, Mrs. J. Sandford.

Many times these questions has arisen, Why do we hold our conventions annually? and what practical good do they accomplish.

The answer to both questions is the same. As we all know, for years upon years past, numbers have left the island to try and better themselves if possible in some place in North America, and now there are thousands scattered all over this continent. And until the first convention at Cleveland three years ago, no effort had been made to get into touch with those voluntary exiles; with the exception of a few Manx Societies often very far apart and thus it was almost impossible to get in touch with those scattered all over the land. The Cleveland Convention was the first step taken in that direction. We did not have the privilege of attending it, but from what we have heard, it was an unqualified success, as it was the means of bringing a great many of our people together.

We had the privilege and pleasure of being present at the Toronto convention, and we were well repaid; inasmuch as it was three days of unalloyed pleasure. We had two objects in view. First, that it was more than likely that we would meet some one there that we knew in the days of long ago. Second. To meet and get to know as many there as possible. And we were not disappointed in either objective. We did meet many there who played or trudged along those roads to school with us. And although time has perhaps changed our countenances or silvered our hair, yet we knew each other; and was it not glorious to grasp their hand again and to hear that well remembered voice. And we also had the pleasure of meeting for the first time those we had only known through medium of letters. How many new friends we made it is impossible to say, but we hope to meet them all again at Buffalo and to have again another good time with them.

We would urge with all the earnestness possible to come to Buffalo if you want a real treat and real enjoyment, and be sure and get as many of your friends to come with you as possible. We assure you that you will not regret it. On the contrary, you will agree with us. It was good for us to be there.

PHILIP KISSACK, 3rd Vice Pres.
970 Dame St., London, Ontario.

MONTREAL

The following officers were elected for 1931: Honorary President, Mr. Joseph Gawne; Honorary Vice President, Mrs. Brayden; President, Mr. Percy Costain; Vice President, Mr. William Duggan; Secretary, Mr. Leonard Dawson, 468 McGill Street; Treasurer, Mr. George Lace.

It is the earnest desire of the above committee to make 1931 the most eventful year the society has enjoyed. They have already had two meetings which were well attended and very enjoyable. We congratulate the new officers on their good start and wish them a very successful year.

AKRON, OHIO

The following officers were elected for 1931: President, Jack Bridson; Vice President, George Tweed; Treasurer, Bess Quine; Secretary, Anne Crellin, 296 Black street. Trustees: J. Van Buskirk, Dr. W. E. Kneale, Mrs. E. Housel.

This Society is doing a good work in Akron, and they have very fine social times at their monthly meetings. At their last meeting they supported the N. A. M. A. efforts in promoting their 1931 Buffalo Convention and hope to send a good delegation from the Rubber City. Their next meeting is at the home of Mr. Van Buskirk at Stowe's Corners, on February 14th, and will be a Valentine Party.

Mona's Mutual Benefit, Cleveland

The following officers were elected for 1931: President, W. Harry Kelly; Vice President, John Halsall; Financial Secretary, W. H. Stephen; Recording Secretary, Joe Mann; Treasurer, J. H. Collister; Chaplain, Robert Gorry; Conductor, Richard Karran. Trustees, Thos. Keig, John Watterson, James Clague, Stephen Cannell, Warden, Robert Cooil. Entertainment Chairman, Walter J. Quilliam.

We congratulate President Harry Kelly on the wonderful year of interest that he has aroused in this Society. The interesting monthly meetings and the entertainment has been responsible for the big attendance although this Society lost money owing to the unusual number of deaths and sick benefits paid out. The total resources of the above Society are \$7549.90. This Society has a better insurance for money paid in than any in the country and it behooves us to work for new membership. An invitation is extended to all eligible Manxmen to join, and enjoy the good times we have at these meetings besides the benefits which goes with the membership.

NORTH EASTERN OHIO

The following officers were elected for 1931 at a meeting at Painesville, December 10th: President, Wm. H. Gorry. Vice President, Albert Killey; Treasurer, Lynn Quine; Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Smith, 535 Mentor Ave., Painesville, Ohio. Trustees: Wm. Radcliffe, Margaret Murray, Allen Kermode.

Our congratulations to Past President Allen Kermode and his officers for the wonderful times enjoyed at their monthly meetings and our sincere hope is that the new officers will attain the high mark of membership aimed at—200 members for 1931. This society heartily endorses our Buffalo convention.

LOS ANGELES

The officers for 1931 are as follows: Daniel Teare, President; W. R. Callister, Vice President; T. Donald Bain, Secretary, 5019 Halldale Avenue; J. Edward Storey, Treasurer.

December 30th, 1930, will stand out as a red letter day in the annals of the Los Angeles Manx Society. Each year around the festive season we hold a Christmas reunion. These reunions are always well attended, members coming from far and near. Of all the happy times the Los Angeles Manx have had, none was more successful than our latest gathering December 30th, 1930.

Our beloved president, Mr. Teare and his good wife were on hand to receive the congratulations of their many friends. It was certainly good to have our president with us again. He was his own genial self, and had a cheery word of greeting for everyone.

We were fortunate in having a splendid orchestra. Dancing was indulged in till nearly midnight. Between dances numerous games, raffles, and grab-bag, were much enjoyed. In fact there was not an idle moment the whole evening.

As head of the committee, Mr. Edward Storey did yeoman service. John Bain as floor director also did splendid work. All the other members of the committee are entitled to our best thanks for making the night one of complete happiness, and a night we shall not soon forget.

It was pleasing to meet many new friends, and some friends that have not been with us for many months. Our visitors included Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mullen late of Cleveland, and who also were among the Home-goers. Other recent arrivals in our midst who joined with us were Mr. and Mrs. Waldram and Mrs. Carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Waldram were told of our Society while passing through the Panama Canal three months ago. They were fellow travellers of our members Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Barber who were returning from the Home-going trip.

We were also pleased to welcome another Manx lady, Miss Kennaugh, late of Douglas. Miss Kennaugh resides with her two brothers at Los Angeles Harbor. Travelling over seventy miles to be with us were Mrs. and Miss Urie, also Home-goers.

We are proud of the interest of our out-of-town members. While not able to attend many of our meetings, they keep in touch by letter, and are also always ready to be of service to their fellow countrymen.

T. DONALD BAIN, Secretary.