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

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1931 ——— BUFFALO ——— 1931

Both old and young, from far and near,
The call of kindred ties now hear.
Pack up your bag, and then we'll go
And join the Manx at Buffalo.

Bring with you all the family,
For there are friends for each to see.
August thirteen is when we meet;
The fun you'll have just can't be beat.

For here we all will meet again;
You come by car, by boat or train.
Don't miss this opportunity
To pay respect to ancestry.

Good fellowship's enjoyed by all,
So surely answer to the call.
Come join your kin, neglect them not,
"Lest auld acquaintance be forgot."

—HARRY J. HOLLINS. 761 Dundas St., London, Canada.

We Are Planning a Real Vacation For You!

Something You Will Never Forget. Interesting Meetings and Fine Entertainment.

That which makes for a successful convention we have arranged in Buffalo this year.

In securing the Statler Hotel as headquarters, we have chosen a place for our meetings and to visit with each other, second to none.

—Now Read This Fine Program!

Thursday morning, our mayor will welcome you to our city and Mr. A. B. Crookall, of Douglas, Isle of Man, our honorary president, will reply, also bringing to us messages from our own people in the Island.

Luncheon will be served at one o'clock. Then we are arranging to be entertained by the cream of our Manx talent—and that's saying something. In the evening we are to have a dinner-dance commencing at seven o'clock. The ballroom of the Statler is a revelation and we know you will enjoy this to the full.

FRIDAY is to be our big day. Our business meeting in the morning, then luncheon at the Statler. Following luncheon, at 2:30, we will meet outside the Statler and line up our cars for the BIG DRIVE. For those who do not have their cars, busses will be provided. Leaving the Statler at 2:30, we will drive around the city, then on to Niagara Falls. What magic there is in the words Niagara Falls! Perhaps the most widely advertised, and rightly so, place in the world. The wonder sight of this continent, the mecca of the honeymooners. Here we visit all the points of interest on the American side, then over to the Canadian side, where we inspect the Falls from that side and visit all the

historic and scenic places. We stay on the Canadian side for dinner, and between courses are to be entertained again by our own Manx talent. Can you visualize all this? Just think—a three-day convention with a dinner in America and a dinner in Canada under the Union Jack and just a day apart. Can any other city beat this?

I am sure those who were fortunate to be on the drive around Cleveland, certainly enjoyed it to the full, but this drive is one that millions of people on this Continent have always dreamed of doing and millions more look back on with happy memories. What if you have seen this all before. One never tires of this wonderful, awe-inspiring sight, and never has anyone been in more congenial company. We stay on the Canadian side to see the wonderful illumination and we know that is something you will never regret.

SATURDAY: Business in the forenoon, the convention closing at 1:00.

For all of the above we are making a registration charge of \$8.00 and \$4.00 for children. Think of it—where can you get so much for so little.

And that's not all—

SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT 2:30, Buffalo Manx Society are having their picnic at Crystal Beach, and we invite you all to attend. We are furnishing the prizes for the races and we are going to have real good races too. You can get to Crystal Beach by boat for 35 cents, children 15 cents, and can procure your

dinner there for a nominal sum.

Now you have read what we have planned for you—decide now to join the party. We are leaving no stone unturned to make you happy and you will look back on the 1931 Convention as the best time you have ever had.

Miss Betty Cain, 354 Minnesota Avenue, our Secretary, is awaiting your reservation. Send it to her today. We will do the rest. Be in Buffalo on the 13-14-15 of August and persuade your Manx friends to join you. The more the merrier. The right hand of welcome awaits you.

—BUFFALO MANX SOCIETY

DELEGATES

Up to time of going to press, the following delegates have been appointed to represent their societies.

Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland, T. A. Cretney; Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, Cleveland, W. H. Kelly; Ladies' Auxiliary, Cleveland, Mrs. A. U. Bartholomew; Cleveland Junior Society, Mona Cretney; North Eastern Ohio Manx Society, A. Killey; Alternate, W. H. Gorry; Akron Manx Society, Jack Bridson; Montreal Manx Society, W. D. Moore; Toronto Manx Society, A. Callow; Detroit Manx Society, John Stephen.

Tom Crinnin will lead his party of 35 loyal Manx from London, Ontario, down the trail to Buffalo.

We would be pleased to have a complete list of delegates for our July issue.

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OFFICERS 1931

Hon. President.....Hon. A. B. Crookall, M. H. K.	Douglas, Isle of Man
Hon. Vice-Pres.....Hon. Richard Cain, M. H. K.	Douglas, Isle of Man
President.....Dan Teare	Los Angeles, Calif.
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Treasurer.....Fred Boyde	5044 W. Superior Street, Chicago, Ill.

**COOPERATION AND
RESERVATIONS!**

May we sincerely say "Thank You" to all our societies and members who contributed to our Souvenir Booklet.

The response to the appeal of the Buffalo Manx Society for funds to help carry on their reunion was wonderful and the kindly cooperation they are getting from the same societies leads us to believe that this will be the most enjoyable meeting we have had. How hard that small bunch of friends are working in Buffalo to insure you that good time! We know you will appreciate what they are trying to do when you return home again after the reunion.

We Manx people dearly love to get together. You want to meet those dear old friends of the old days whom you haven't met for years. They will be there and how disappointed they are going to be if you don't show up.

It will be a good time to forget all about depressions. You get that little bit of sunshine out of life, meeting the best friends you ever had.

It's only six weeks away, so write us to make that reservation for you. The Buffalo Society is all enthused. They say enthusiasm is contagious. Let's get the spirit! The success of the reunion **DEPENDS ON YOU!**

When you get back home after the reunion you will say the same as the other 500 who will be there, "What a wonderful time I had."

May we again say that if your dues for 1931 have not been paid, please send in your dollar.

A. B. KELLY, Secy.
2711 Dover Avenue, Cleveland.

DO NOT MISS THIS GREAT REUNION!

Let's Make Buffalo Convention Best Yet. We Expect YOU!

My native land! I turn to you
With blessing and with prayer
Where man is brave and woman true
And free as mountain air.

Another Manx gathering! What a thrill it brings to me as I think of the many good friends from far and near who will be at this big reunion. Cleveland, Toronto, our native Isle—all glorious memories—but now for our biggest triumph, our Buffalo Convention. Let the weaklings forego their yearly gatherings, let the timid stay home and bewail the hard times and the pessimists moan how the bottom has dropped out of everything, let the banks fail and Wall Street slump—BUT, Manx people will meet in Buffalo and after their visit together is over, go back to their daily tasks inspired and filled with the determination that come what may, their visit

with "their own folk" has prepared them to face it and win out.

Daily we are receiving encouraging letters and pledges of support from both our Societies and our Manx people. Through the "Isle of Man Times" and "Examiner" and the Manx press generally, we are getting much valuable publicity. For this support we are grateful, but we again appeal to those of you who are still undecided, to make up your minds NOW. Remember the N. A. M. A. is your association and the executive officers know you will back them with both your moral and financial support.

Send a letter to our Secretary today and say, "Sure, I'll be in Buffalo." In case you have neglected it before, enclose your dues. Let's all say with dollars, "No matter where you throw me, I'll land on my feet."

JOHN R. CAIN,
Vice President N.A.M.A.

Fine Support Pledged By Ohio Societies

The Ohio Manx Societies have responded to our appeal for support. We have received the letters reprinted herewith, which are practical proof that they are whole-heartedly with us in this movement. Each Society, even the Juniors, have also shown their practical support to the Buffalo Society, by subscribing to the Souvenir Booklet in a generous manner. For all of this—speaking for the Buffalo Manx Society and the N. A. M. A.—We are very grateful. We know this is going far to make our get-together very successful.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

After the close of the February meeting of the Mona's Relief Society, Mr. J. R. Cain spoke on the proposed N.A.M.A. Convention in Buffalo, N. Y. He asked for an expression from the people assembled as to whether they would support the convention by their presence. A majority of the meeting went on record as being for it. The meeting was very representative as we had about one hundred and thirty people present.

I think I can appreciate the difficulties of putting on an affair of this kind in a city where none of the officers of the N.A.M.A. reside; but I hope you will see your way clear to carry it through.

The N.A.M.A. has safely passed its inception and birth stages (the hardest part of any new organization) and should be out now where the sailing is smoother. Evidently a lot of people are looking forward, NOW, with a good deal of pleasure to getting together this summer, so please don't disappoint them. I will be glad to tender all the support I or my officers can give you.

THOS. A. CRETNEY, President.

**THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE MONA'S
RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND**

Have had inquiries from many of our ladies in regard to the Convention to be held in Buffalo this year. I trust that the plans for the Convention are under way and have no doubt of its success. You can be assured of the support of the Ladies Auxiliary of Cleveland.

MONA A. BERTSCH, President.

**MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY
CLEVELAND**

At the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society meeting held in February our members were asked if they were in favor of a Convention this year—and if so, would they support it? Seventy-five members were present, only four did not rise in support.

A fire once lit is easily kept going, but once left to die out is hard to relight. This to my mind would also apply to our Manx Convention. The Manx people are looking forward to a Convention each year, now they have been started. If the officers of the N.A.M.A. sit back this year, and tell themselves times are bad, it may be very hard to arouse the fine spirit which is manifest by our people now.

I hope the officers of the N.A.M.A. will return the confidence which has been placed in them by the Manx people who elected them as officers of this splendid society, by holding a Convention this year. If so, I will do all I possibly can to help to make it as successful as our previous Conventions.

W. H. KELLY, President.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO MANX SOCIETY

As President of the North Eastern Ohio Manx Society, I am pleased to tell you that we are very much in favor of having a Convention at Buffalo this year, and will do all in our power to support it, and try to make it a big success.

WM. H. GORRY, President.

AKRON, OHIO

The Akron Manx Society are 100% behind the officers of the N.A.M.A. in their efforts to have a great Convention in Buffalo this year. Personally I can hardly wait until August. Success to you in the great work you are doing, also success to the Buffalo Society. Here's backing you to the limit.

JACK BRIDSON, President.

CLEVELAND JUNIOR MANX SOCIETY

Many of our Juniors are looking forward to the N.A.M.A. Convention in Buffalo, where they know they will all have a good time. Our Society came into existence following the Toronto Convention and has been going along fine. I feel honored to have been elected to represent them at Buffalo. Wishing the N.A.M.A. much success,

MONA CRETNEY, President.

FROM MONTREAL

Very glad indeed to get your Vol. 3, No. 7 Bulletin for May, and both Mrs. Moore and I have perused it over with very much interest, and we certainly think that it is a wonderful little publication and should be encouraged by every Manx person possible, both in this country and the States.

I have been appointed as an official delegate of the Montreal Manx Society to attend the Convention, but I have not been well of late, and I am not positive if I will be able to get up to Buffalo or not, but if I can, you can rest assured that Mrs. Moore and I will be there. I want to go, as I am desirous, on behalf of the Montreal Manx Society, of giving every possible support to the officers of our North American Manx Association. They deserve it.

It is only those who have been fortunate enough to have attended past Conventions who can appreciate the true pleasure derived by attending same. I shall never forget the memories which were brought vividly back to me at Toronto by my meeting old school chums whom I had not seen for twenty years. Pleasures such as these can only be secured at our Conventions.

We go there in the first place for the love we have in our hearts for the land of our birth, dear little Ellan Vannin, and then we come across friend after friend whom we have not seen for many, many years, and surely if such experiences are not sufficient inducement for all Manx people who can possibly attend the Buffalo Convention to do so, then I do not know what to suggest.

We manx people spread throughout the Northern continent of America, should, deep down in our hearts, appreciate the work being carried on

by the North American Manx Association and their officers, and it behooves every one of us by our support, financial and otherwise, to see that this Association should flourish and that its arteries of usefulness may extend throughout the length and breadth of our continent.

If we are proud of being Manx women or Manx men, as I am sure we Manx folk are, and if we love that dear little island with its green hills by the sea, and so full of rich memories, sweet and tender, then we should send in our subscription and become a member of the North American Manx Association. I am desirous of impressing upon my fellow country-folk the privileges and pleasures they can derive by becoming members of the Association and by receiving monthly this wonderful little Bulletin and keeping in touch with Manx Societies and Manx individuals throughout our wonderful countries.

In conclusion, I certainly congratulate our sister society, the Buffalo Society, on their undertaking the Conference this year, and I sincerely hope that all Manx folk, whether in Canada or the United States, who can possibly, under present conditions, make the trip to Buffalo, will do so, and I am confident that many unexpected pleasures we will have while at the Convention will more than offset any expense or little inconvenience we may be put to.

Let us at all times recognize the indisputable fact when we talk about our North American Manx Association, there is no such thing as an American or a Canadian, but simply we are all one happy family gathered together in this wonderful North American Continent, as Manx men or Manx women.

W. D. MOORE.

FROM HERE AND THERE!

Mrs. E. Huff, 4491 West 28th St., Cleveland—"Enclosed find my subscription for Bulletin. As I am not able to attend the Manx meetings any more, I enjoy reading about Manx doings."

John Edward Cain, Box 1989, Bisbee, Ariz.—"Please send the Bulletin. Enclosed find subscription. It is very enjoyable to read about what we Manx are doing in U. S. and Canada."

Mrs. Z. T. Sneyd, 1879 E. 70th St., Cleveland—"Being interested in Manx affairs, and not being able to attend the Cleveland Manx meetings anymore, I enjoy reading your Bulletins very much."

J. A. Duke, Lockdale, B. C., Canada—"Enclosed please find my subscription to the Bulletin, which has been kindly sent me for some time. Wishing you all success in your undertaking."

W. C. Christian, Park St., Brampton, Ont., Canada—"Enclosed please find my subscription to the Bulletin, which I receive regularly and enjoy very much. Best wishes for the success of the N. A. M. A. and the Buffalo Convention."

Mr. and Mrs. J. Moughtin, 1019 Woodview Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio—"Enclosed find check for our 1931 dues. We find your Bulletin a good medium for keeping track of Manx friends this side of home. Success to the Buffalo Convention."

Leo Kay, Cut-Knife, Saskatchewan, Canada—"I came out from Douglas six months ago with my twin brother and am working on a farm here. He left me some time ago to go to Cleveland. He is only 18 years old and if you or anybody has seen him, please tell him I want him to come back here. Manx greetings."

Leece Clucas, 1583 Fifth St., Muskegon, Mich.—"Please find my dues enclosed for Bulletin. Hoping we will all meet again at Buffalo. More power to you."

Mrs. J. D. Proctor, 121 Ashia Blvd., Sandwich, Ontario—"Enclosed please find my dues. We hope to be present at Buffalo. Send me all information. Wishing the N. A. M. A. success."

Mrs. M. Jones, Tulip Avenue, Dorval, Quebec—"Enclosed find membership fees for Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson and myself for 1931. If at all possible we shall be at Buffalo for the Convention as we had a most enjoyable time at the Toronto Convention. Hope this one will be such a success. It certainly is great to get amongst one's own people once in a while and meet old school friends of long ago and to hear the same old accent."

Robert I. Clague, 1644 Alexander Avenue, Winnipeg, Canada—"Enclosed is my dues for 1931. Thanks for Bulletin, which is just right for news. I usually pass it along to another "Manxie" when through with it. How about me claiming prize for last member to pay dues for current year."

Wm. F. Quine, Conquest, Saskatchewan, Canada—"Herewith remittance of \$1.00 covering subscription or dues for the current year. Receiving the Bulletin monthly is a pleasure and you are to be congratulated on keeping it running in the face of discouragement in the matter of remission on the part of subscribers in remitting dues. I hope the convention in Buffalo will be a great success."

J. M. Johnson, Eighth St., Riverside, Calif.—"Enclosed please find our check for the Bulletin. We enjoy same very much."

DETROIT, MICH.

I thought perhaps you might be interested in hearing from us. I am glad to report that we are getting along fine. We have had meetings regularly each month since we organized last November and have added new members at every meeting. We have grown from thirteen at our first meeting to about seventy-five and are having between forty and fifty at some of our meetings. We went across the river to Windsor, Canada, for our meetings in April and May and had two of the most successful meetings of them all.

We have been meeting in different member's homes but during the summer months we decided to have open-air picnics and instead of meeting once a month we are going to have two a month. Our first is to be at Belle Isle on June 13th, when we expect to have a big crowd and a good old Manx picnic with some good old Manx games.

I am hoping that the Buffalo Convention will be a great success. I cannot say just now how many of our Detroit and Windsor folks will be there, but I think that we shall be well represented. I spent about ten days in Northern Michigan last month and while visiting up there I met quite a number of Manx folk and spoke to them about organizing societies up there. They could easily have two strong societies. I am hoping that they will get busy.

With best wishes for the success of the Buffalo Convention, I remain yours sincerely, JOHN STEPHEN. 11731 Chelsea Ave., Detroit, Mich.

FROM THE ISLAND

I have received the invitation of the North American Manx Association to the members of the House of Keys to your 1931 Convention.

This invitation I read to the House, and on their behalf I thank you most warmly for it.

I should much like to be able, personally, to take advantage of this opportunity of meeting so many countrymen and, at the same time, paying my first visit to the States, but, alas, it is not possible this year. I do not know whether the members of the House will be able to come—they will, doubtless, reply for themselves.

Wishing the Convention all success, I am yours very truly,

G. FRED CLUCAS,

Speaker of the House of Keys.

In Memoriam

We regret to report the death of William E. Moore, eldest son of Mrs. E. Moore, of 632 Gerrard Street, Toronto. He passed away after a lingering illness, patiently borne, May 26th. We can remember Willie at the Toronto Convention. How he enjoyed all the meetings sitting in his wheel-chair. How happy he was to be among his ain-folk. A large delegation of the Toronto Manx Society attended the funeral. Also Mr. and Mrs. Will Kennish of Cleveland. To his mother, family, sisters and brother we extend our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

LET'S ALL HELP IN THIS!

The North Eastern Ohio Manx Society are making an appeal. They want to send their Junior Orchestra to the Buffalo Convention.

We admire this fine spirit. Being a young Society they are not able financially to undertake this proposition themselves, so they are appealing for the support of our loyal Manx people.

These young men are the descendants of our pioneers—not one of them having been born in the Isle of Man or as yet visited it. They are however, 100% Manx and their very good orchestra has always been ready to take part in all of our Ohio Manx affairs. Their playing has been enjoyed by all.

What a delight it will be to have our own orchestra at Buffalo.

Already a friend has donated \$10.00 toward this fund and they will be glad to receive any donations, however small. Please send them to Mrs. G. W. Smith, 535 Mentor Ave., Painesville, Ohio.

In order to do their own part toward this goal—this orchestra is coming to Cleveland to entertain our people on TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 21st, when they are holding an entertainment in the NEWS AUDITORIUM, East 18th and Superior street. This is to be Ohio Manx night, and all of our Ohio Societies will be represented.

PROGRAMME

Orchestra-----Manx Selections
Prologue, Buffalo 1931-----Irene Kelly
Solo-----Jos. Clucas
Tap Dance-----Edgar Hathaway
Solo-----Evelyn Christian
Trumpet solo-----Master Jack Thayer
Reading-----Helen McGeorge
Trumpet-Trombone Duet-----
Walter Smith and Edgar Hathaway

Intermission

Orchestra-----Selections
Solo-----Robert Quayle
Pianoforte Trio-----
Mrs. Ruhling, Miss Ruhling
and Miss Forman.

Solo-----Mrs. Hefelfinger
Pianologue-----Margaret Shearer
Solo-----Walter Quilliam
Orchestra-----Selections
Musical Director-----B. J. Ruhling
Painesville, O.

Chairman-----J. R. Cain
Vice President N. A. M. A.
8 P. M. sharp.

This is one of the finest programs ever given in Cleveland. You are all invited, come and bring your friends. Let's help these boys!

NO ADMISSION CHARGE JUST A COLLECTION

The Northeastern Ohio Manx Society invite all Cleveland Manx to their July monthly meeting held at the Chardon Methodist Church, Friday, July 17th. A wonderful programme is being arranged and the collection taken is to be turned over to help the boys to get to Buffalo.

FROM TORONTO

We have received fine promise of support from Toronto. Quoting from a letter from Mr. Arthur Callow, their president:

"We are doing all we can to make the Buffalo Convention a success. At our last meeting we voted \$25.00 for a page in the Buffalo Souvenir Book. We are also disposing of quite a number of the draw book tickets."

Toronto Convention, being such an outstanding success they are in a position to give much valuable information and help to Buffalo Society and we certainly appreciate their fine offer.

The members of the Toronto Society are looking forward to the Buffalo Convention for the purpose of renewing many friendships formed at the Toronto Convention.

SPEAKING ABOUT PICNICS

The members of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, their wives and families and many other Manx people, held a very enjoyable picnic at Mr. T. A. Cretney's summer home on Sunday, June 21st. About 150 were present and the weather was ideal. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Cretney for their kindness. This is the second Manx picnic held there this year, the Junior Society also having had a great time there recently.



The Toronto Manx Society will hold their picnic at High Park on Saturday, July 4th. All Manx friends are invited.



The Montreal Manx Society will hold their picnic on July 24th and welcome all Manx visitors to their city to join them.



The combined Cleveland Societies hold their picnic at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 1st, and are preparing for a great time. Keep this date open. All are invited and welcome.

INFORMATION, PLEASE

Are any of our readers able to furnish information regarding Edward Coole, formerly of Douglas, last heard of in Detroit, twelve years ago?

Not having been heard from since that time, his death is presumed, but before a widow's pension can be granted, proof of death is necessary. Any information sent to our secretary, Mr. A. B. Kelly, will be forwarded to the proper authorities.

TRANSPORTATION

From any part of the United States or Canada. Full particulars of the cheapest rates of transportation to Buffalo will be forwarded to you.

Write H. G. Pentland, Canadian National Railways, 948 Union Trust Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

FROM ROCHESTER, N. Y.

I read the Bulletin with great interest, and it has occurred to me that the work of the various Manx Societies on the North American Continent could be deepened and broadened to an incalculable extent by combining cultural interests with social activities. To this end it is indispensable that libraries should be established in the more populous centers such as Cleveland, Chicago and Los Angeles, and the needful books donated by the well-to-do Manx people in these cities. We of the Manx race have a stirring history behind us, but comparatively few among us are thoroughly familiar with that history. In the 9th, 10th and 11th centuries, the Isle of Man was at least one hundred times more important than it is today. Last summer the Icelanders celebrated the 1000th anniversary of their Parliament, claiming it to be the oldest in the world. As a matter of fact recent researches have shown that Tynwald is at least 50 to 70 years older than the Icelandic Parliament, and furthermore it (Tynwald) has functioned continuously through the ages, while that of Iceland was in abeyance for centuries. The peculiar and admirable qualities of the Manx people are due to a perfect fusion of two great races, the Celtic and the Norse. Above all things, the Celt has intuition, and a certain mystical quality. The three foremost living statesmen, Ramsay MacDonald, David Lloyd George and Aristide Briand, are all of Celtic stock. And what shall we say of the Norsemen, undoubtedly the most virile race this world has ever seen? Sailing forth from their rock-bound bays or "viks," from whence the word "viking" is derived, in the 8th, 9th, and 10th centuries, these people descended on the coasts of England, Scotland and Ireland and particularly on the outlying Islands, the Orkneys, Shetlands, Hebrides and Man.

First they came as pirates, and then as colonists or settlers, and enriched with their hardy and adventurous blood the ancient British people. It was the Norsemen who laid the foundation of British maritime supremacy, because the Angles and Saxons were not sea-going people in the strict sense of the word. Five hundred years before Columbus the Norsemen discovered America. This is not merely a fascinating legend, as so many people believe, but a sober historical fact.

I am going to enunciate a rather startling theory here, but one which I believe to be well within the bounds of probability. It is quite possible that Manxmen shared with Norsemen the glory of the discovery of America! Iceland was settled in 874 A. D. by Ingolf Arrarson and Leif Hrodmarrson, and in their company were several Irish (and probably Manx) people. Moreover, when they arrived in Iceland they found a few Irish there, who had preceded them by 30 or 40 years. Greenland was colonized 985-6 from Iceland. Bjor ni Herjolfsen of Iceland found America in 986 when he sought Greenland. Leif Ericson of Greenland discovered "Wineland the Good," the fair and pleasant country of Maryland and Virginia, in 1002-3. Thorvald Ericson, Leif's brother, was killed in Wineland by the Indians. Thorfinn Karlsefni, an Icelandic merchant, spent three years in America 1020-1024, and his son Snorri was born there. As I stated above, it is well within the bounds of probability that there were Manxmen on one or perhaps all of these epoch-making voyages. It opens up a wide field of historical research. Hence it is of vital importance that Manxmen and Manx Americans should study the stirring and romantic history of their race.

With regard to the books that should serve as a nucleus to the libraries of the Manx Societies, I would recommend Moore's "History of the Isle of Man," Moore's "Manx Surnames," and "The Place-Names of the Isle of Man, with their origin and history" by J. J. Kneen. I had the great pleasure of meeting Mr. Kneen two years ago, and while I was on the Island the University of Liverpool conferred on him the honorary degree of M. A. Mr. Kneen has not had the advantages of a college education, but he ranks as an authority on Medieval Scandinavian and Medieval Celtic. Mr. W. Cubbon, the efficient and courteous Secretary of the Manx Museum in Douglas, will, I am sure, gladly place all the information at his disposal in the hands of those who wish to found Manx historical libraries. It may be news to most Manxmen that some of the rarest Manx books and manuscripts are now in the Huntington Library in California.

J. HENRY QUINE,

940 Mount Hope Avenue, Rochester, N. Y.