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

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ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROCHESTER BE ON HAND TO REGISTER - HOTEL SENECA - AUGUST 10th

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY

The table is all set, the birthday cake is ordered and the ten candles ready to be lighted for the Tenth Birthday party of the N.A.M.A. The only "presence" that you are requested to bring is your individual self and all others you can possibly collect. It will take three days at least to celebrate the event, August 11, 12, and 13th, so come prepared for a good time and to stay until the party is over.

We have endeavored to get invitations to everyone, but if you did not receive yours, please feel that you are no less welcome. We want you to celebrate this grand occasion with us, and start the N.A.M.A. off on its next year with the feeling that each one is back of it 100%. It is your child and needs your support as it passes from childhood days to become better known in the world and to broaden its desires and ambitions. Give it a helping hand and never let it fall.

We have everything in readiness to welcome you to Rochester and to keep you interested and entertained every minute you are here. If you do not enjoy yourself more at this convention than you ever have in the past, our committees will feel that they have not accomplished what they have set out to do, namely to give you the best convention you have ever attended.

ALICE GARRETT,
Chairman Convention Committee.

Ways and Means Committee

By the time this goes to print, the Convention in Rochester will be very close. We have worked hard to make this the best convention yet, and greatly appreciate the fine co-operation we have received from the various societies and friends.

Will those who have the raffle tickets and have not returned the stubs, kindly do so as soon as possible? This is our LAST appeal before the convention.

We know you are going to enjoy this convention and we are going to enjoy having you with us.

MRS. DAN CHRISTIAN, Chrm.
31 Nellis Park.

Hotel Reservation Committee

Hotel reservations are coming in fast. If you have not made your reservations, do it now and be assured of a place to sleep and hang your hat. Remember, first come—first served!

We want all the Manx people under the same roof—ready to join in the good fellowship which is always in vogue at N.A.M.A. Conventions.

Remember the date—August 11-12-13, and be sure to make your reservations now!

Mrs. William Garrett, Chairman
359 Hayward Ave.

Souvenir Book Committee

It was announced in the May Bulletin that the final date for receiving names for the Patrons' List would be June 30. However, in view of the fact that a large number of our members have been disappointingly tardy in sending in their names, we have decided to extend the final period.

The Souvenir Booklet is absolutely dependent on the Patrons' List and greetings from our local societies in order to defray expenses. We are hoping to receive many more names and these should be sent without delay. We have promised the printer final copy for July 31st.

We are working hard to make the Booklet an outstanding publication this year, one that will be carefully treasured. There will be full page portraits, with biographies, of five outstanding Manx scholars, under the general title "Guardians of the Manx Heritage". The subjects will be T. E. Brown (poet), A. W. Moore (historian), P. M. C. Kernode (noted authority on Manx Crosses), W. Cubbon (bibliographer), and J. J. Kneen (outstanding authority on the Manx and Norse languages).

It is evident, therefore, that names on our Patrons' List will find themselves in very distinguished company. And so we publish this final appeal before the convention. If you have not already done so, please send in your name and your dollar at once. Tomorrow may be too late!

MRS. J. HENRY QUINE, Chrm.
312 Susquehanna Road.

Entertainment Committee

Our Tenth Convention is now only a few weeks away and we here in Rochester are hoping that it will be the most successful and enjoyable ever held. Furthermore, we are leaving no stone unturned in order to achieve that consummation. The Manx people in America are fortunate in that they possess a great deal of musical talent, and it is rarely necessary to go outside our own ranks. A welcome newcomer this year will be Miss Margaret Killey of Cleveland (formerly of Douglas). In addition, we expect to hear some of our perennial favorites, without whom our conventions would hardly be a success.

Mr. Raymond H. Arnot, a distinguished member of the Rochester Bar, has very generously offered to cut short his annual vacation and address the delegates on Banquet Night, on what promises to be an exceedingly interesting subject, "Democracy and the Little Manx Nation". Mr. Arnot has made a deep study of the problems of the British Empire, and at one time he corresponded with the late Sir James Gell, one of our greatest Deemsters. We are sure that all our members will look forward to this address with keen anticipation.

This committee hopes to see the largest number of people ever present at our Tenth Annual Convention, and by their enthusiastic co-operation, making it an outstanding success, one which will be talked about for years to come.

J. Henry Quine, Chairman.

Transportation Committee

Never let it be said that a Manxman was lost on his way to Rochester.

The Transportation Committee will gladly take care of sending routing information to Rochester to anyone wishing it. Your name and address on a postal will bring this information to you.

We will also endeavor to have someone meet any who are not motoring to Rochester, if they will notify us when they expect to arrive and on what line.

CARLTON GARRETT, Chrm.
359 Hayward Ave.

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THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Having just returned from the Old Country, and having had an opportunity of visiting our own dear Ellan Vannin, and of participating with the Homecomers in the wonderful reception and entertainments given them in the Island, one's memories are naturally sweet and tender.

What a glorious time they had in their Native Land, mingling with their own kinsfolk and visiting practically every beautiful spot on the Island!

We are hoping that many of the Homecoming party will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the Rochester Convention on August 11th, 12th and 13th.

I do not think I am exaggerating when I say that I am confident that the Rochester Convention is going to be wonderful, and I am looking forward to seeing a large gathering of my North American Manx folk there. While I have been on the other side for over four months on a business trip, I have, nevertheless, been following closely the activities of that splendid Rochester Committee, and they certainly have left nothing undone in their efforts to make our coming Convention a huge success.

Every convention we have had in the past has been a most successful one, and we have all met as a happy family and have experienced a real happy Manx time in a Manx atmosphere, and I know that when we all get together again in Rochester on the 11th, 12th and 13th of August, we are going to have a repetition of those happy Manx times.

Looking forward, therefore, to meeting many hundreds of my Manx North American friends at the Rochester convention.

Sincerely yours,

W.D. MOORE,
President.

ATTENTION, HOMECOMERS!

The Corresponding Secretary has the negative of the photograph of the Homecomers taken aboard the ATHE-NIA. Copies can be supplied for the nominal fee of 40 cents. Order yours now! You are sure to want one.

MEMORIES

"Should Auld Acquaintances Be Forgot"

The title of this story indicates its real purpose and perhaps it may help some person locate the remains of a loved one. If so, the writer and associates will be well repaid for any effort made in locating an old church, called the Laxey Primitive Methodist Church, located on a sloping hillside in the lead mining and farming district near Dodgeville, Wisconsin. This church was built over four score years ago—all stone, with rough stone shingles. It stood in the center of an acre of ground and around the church was the burial ground which showed that 30 people had been laid to rest there. Some graves had head stone markers. Most of them had nothing to identify them.

The writer and his two cousins, Leslie T. Fargher and Henry Mierkorf of Freeport, Illinois, for many years had heard of this church and cemetery, but as it had been abandoned for many years it took some time to locate it. Many inquiries had to be made. This was because all of the older people had passed on and the younger ones had moved away. The lead mines had been abandoned many years and the nearest house to the church was three quarters of a mile away. It was a beautiful day when we located this Holy place. The sun shone beautifully on the hillsides and fields, and you Laxey people would be reminded of Azenfell. This church stood out like that building. There were only three houses in sight for miles. This was a beautiful spot. We three men crept on our hands and knees through the high grass and weeds, wet with dew, to get to and read the names on the grave markers. We found the following names:

John Cowley—Born 1829; died 1915.

Jane Cowley—Born 1832; died 1912.

Sarah Kewley—34 yrs. of age. Date of birth or death not readable. A native of Castletown.

John Kewley—46 yrs. 6 mos. and 23 days; died 1869. Also 5 infants. He was a native of Douglas.

Thomas Kermode—16 yrs. of age; died February 16, 1873. Born at Laxey.

Catherine Quirk—born May 20, 1825; died Nov. 15, 1858. Native of Laxey.

James Skillicorn—aged 53 yrs.; died Jan. 20, 1873. Born at Laxey.

Ellen Skillicorn—wife of James Skillicorn, aged 51 yrs.; died April 4, 1874. Born at Laxey.

The names on the other head-stones were worn off with age and weather. I am sure the reader of this story will feel the same as the three men who located this church and grave yard. We stood with bare and bowed heads looking at the graves of the forgotten people from our dear beloved spot, the Isle of Man, and especially Laxey. Perhaps many relatives wonder where their people lie—. So, dear countryman or woman, if you know any of these few names, you can find the place. It is located on "Trunk C",

Town of Friendship, near Dodgeville, Iowa County, Wisconsin. This is the only Manx built church in America. The stone was quarried, carted and the church built by men from Laxey. Each man or woman preached or sang until a local preacher came. This church played a very important role in the religious and social life of the people of the community. This Laxey church was supported in the main by Manx people who had come from our beloved island.

The writer and his two friends made many inquiries regarding the names of the builders and leaders of these people. We found that when the Manx settlers chose the name of Laxey for their church, they were thinking of their old home. Among the Manx names occurring on the early record we find—Callow, Cowley, Quine, Hudgen, Kelly, Kermode, Kewley, Quirk, Quine, Kaye, and Skillicorn. This does not mean that others were not included on the rolls, for there are numerous persons with English, Scotch and Welsh names who occupied positions of trust and responsibility, both in the church and Sunday School.

The deed for the plot of land on which the church was built was drawn up and signed on June 23, 1853. This was 84 years ago. The deed was written out in long hand by James Hutchison, Clerk of the Iowa County Court. This deed is a very interesting document, but where it emanated from no person seems to know. It reads as follows:

"This Primitive Methodist Society to entitle itself to the benefits of the place must adhere to the doctrines of the Primitive Methodist Church as set forth in the discipline, such as the innocence of man in his first estate, the fall of man and consequent depravity of human nature. The general and full redemption by Jesus Christ, repentance and justification by faith. The witness of the

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General Knowledge Questions

1. Who was the Manx "Robinson Crusoe"?
2. What "best-seller" of a previous generation (other than Hall Caine's) had the Isle of Man as its setting?
3. What and where is the White Strand?
4. Where is the Crossag Bridge?
5. What world-famous painter is buried in Kirk Braddan?
6. What well-known work of his has given its name to the view from Lower Foxdale?
7. In what two lines does Shakespeare make mention of the Isle of Man?
8. What is the title of the King of England with reference to the Isle of Man?
9. What is the meaning of "Port y Shee"?
10. Where is Molly Quirk's Glen?

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

GREATER NEW YORK

On June 19th, the Manx of Greater New York were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Karran in Smithtown, Long Island, to do honors to a clam-bake, and they did themselves more than proud. I hear that one member did not find it necessary or convenient to have a substantial meal for a whole week after.

Appetites were wetted, or rather whetted—probably by the salt air—when the earth was at last removed from the chicken, clams, hot-dogs, yams and potatoes, and there, in the open air, twenty-six of us sat down to a splendid meal.

We were sorry that some of our best known members could not be present, but those present gave our President and his good wife a hearty vote of thanks.

Old and young joined in games, and of course, there was the singing of "Ellan Vannin".

In closing, may I say "Hello" to Steve and Nellie Cannell; and also to Blanche Cowley Young, with whose old associates at N.Y.U., I have also been an associate for several months past.

Contributed by James C. Tyson.

CHICAGO

On Saturday evening, June 26th, The Chicago Manx Society held its regular meeting at the Hotel Cass. After disposing of the routine business, the President, Mr. W. J. Stevenson, introduced the guests of the evening, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Dunn, who are leaving for an extended trip to England and the Isle of Man. For several years, Mrs. Dunn has owned and operated a very successful private school in Chicago, and has now retired, with the ultimate intention of taking up permanent residence in the Island. Their presence will be greatly missed in the Chicago Manx Society.

The Misses Ruth and Ellen Carlson, owners of the "Glen Orry Manx Cattery", 341 Hawthorne St., Glen Ellyn, Illinois, the only registered Manx Cattery in America, presented one of their famous prize-winning Manx Cats, and told of the history and origin of their venture into the "Manx Cat Kingdom". These ladies will gladly furnish information to anyone in search of Manx cats.

Miss Elinor Cain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain of Cleveland, was also their guest for the evening.

Thru the courtesy of Mr. George Anderson, a Manxman who is Manager of the Hotel Cass, refreshments were served, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

The Annual Picnic of the Chicago Manx Society will be held on Saturday afternoon, July 24th, at Pilgrim's Farm, Hinsdale, Illinois.

It is reported that their Secretary, Mr. Fred Boyde, is improving in health, but still confined to his home.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

On Friday evening, June 18th, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Harrison of Chardon, Ohio, entertained the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society at the Methodist Church there. About fifty were present. An interesting program was presented, the highlight of which was a talk by Miss Eleanor Karran of Geneva on her recent trip to the Isle of Man.

The most important business item was the discussion of their 100th meeting, which will take place in August. They plan to make this a big event.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Quine of Leroy Township will be hosts for the July meeting of the Society.

BUFFALO

The Annual Banquet and Election of Officers of the Buffalo Manx Society was held on June 14th, about thirty-five being in attendance. Miss Alice Garrett, Chairman of the Rochester Convention Committee, and her mother, traveled to Buffalo, and showed some movies which she had taken. The program opened with the singing of "America", and "O' Land of Our Birth", followed by an Invocation in Manx by Mr. Jack Comish, and community singing. Short talks were given by Mr. Sidney W. Corkish, the outgoing President, and by Mrs. Edith Bury, the new President. Miss Ruth Morrison recited, and vocal solos were rendered by Mr. Frank Kluge. The meeting closed with the singing of "Ellan Vannin", the accompanist for the evening being Mrs. Frank Kluge. The party in charge of arrangements for the dinner was Mrs. T. H. Sulkie.

In addition to the new President, Mrs. Edith Bury, officers were elected as follows:

Vice President—Mr. Jack Comish
Secretary—Miss Betty Caine
Treasurer—Mr. R. Coole.

The Buffalo Manx Society was also holding a business meeting and picnic on Monday evening, July 12th, at the Rose Garden in Delaware Park.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society met at Palmer Park, Detroit, for a business meeting and picnic on June 27th. They were also motoring to Sea Cliff Park, Leamington, Ontario, Sunday, July 11th. A sports program, to include swimming, boating and a ball game, had been arranged for this meeting, with a picnic supper to follow.

The Secretary of this group writes: "I enjoy the Bulletins very much. The articles that have appeared in them in the last year are so vital to every Manxman. The Manx history in them alone is worth far more than the membership fee of One Dollar. I hope that in the near future, I shall have more memberships to send in to make Detroit-Windsor 100% N. A. M. A."

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

On June 3rd the Mona's Relief Society held its final meeting before adjourning until September. According to custom on this last meeting, a Memorial Service was held following a short business session. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dickens-Lewis, who is greatly interested in the Isle of Man and its people. The service opened with the hymn "Crossing the Bar", sung by the Cleveland Manx Quartette (Misses Evelyn Christian and Claire Mylecraine, Messrs. R. G. Anderson and Alec Cannell). Names of members who have passed away during the last twelve months were read by Miss Amy Quayle, and for each name a white carnation was placed in a vase by Mr. Robert Gorry. Rev. Dickens-Lewis gave an interesting and sympathetic address, and the service closed with the hymn "At Even When the Sun Was Set" by the quartette, followed by "Abide With Me" at the request of the President, Mr. W. Harry Kelly. Mr. Douglas Cannell was accompanist.

Officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society have no intention of allowing interest to lapse during the summer months when regular meetings are suspended, but have made arrangements for a series of picnics, the first of which was held on Sunday, June 27th, in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kissack, 23500 Fairmount Blvd. A large number packed a basket supper and went out to avail themselves of this opportunity for a pleasant gathering and to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Kissack. A pleasant diversion was created by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Quayle of Winnipeg, who attended the picnic with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kewley of Cleveland.

The annual picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held at Euclid Beach Park, Cleveland, on Saturday afternoon, August 21st. A good program of sports has been arranged. COME EARLY AND STAY LATE!

TORONTO

Mr. R. Fick, President of the Toronto Manx Society, is home again, after spending a pleasant holiday with the Homecomers in the Isle of Man.

A social evening was arranged for July 6th, being the last meeting until September. The Toronto Manx are all looking forward to a jolly time on July 24th, when the annual picnic at Port Dalhousie will be held. They hope to see some of the Hamilton Manx, and any Manx friends who will join them.

Quite a number from the Toronto Manx Society are planning to attend the forthcoming Convention in Rochester.

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MEMORIES

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spirit, sanctification by the Holy Spirit producing inward and outward holiness, the doctrine of a triune God, the real and proper Godhead of Jesus Christ. The resurrection of the dead, the general judgment and eternal rewards and punishments. Amen."

This deed was made out to the trustees for the Primitive Methodist Society for divine worship at Laxey. (Not to a conference.)

Let me tell you about the inside of the Laxey Church. There were seven windows, all broken; a platform, underneath which the writer found the altar hidden. The whole surroundings, the church outside and inside, also the cemetery, gave us a feeling that every person connected in the past had been forgotten and lost to the living world. We perhaps were the first Laxey people in this Holy place for years. We three men called on several people before returning home, namely—A. C. Callan, nicknamed "Sandi of Laxey"; William M. Skillicorn, formerly of Laxey; Alfred Cowley, William F. Cowley, sons of John and Jane Cowley of Laxey; and Mrs. Olive Hudgeon, formerly Olive Kermodé, of Laxey. These people live at Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Mrs. Olive Hudgeon was a dear friend of the writer's mother, Katherine Killey, wife of Harry Killey, the saddler at Laxey, and believe me, Olive has a good memory and we had a great cooish together. We found that Thomas Kelly, James Callow, James Skillicorn, John Kewley and their wives were the charter members of the Laxey church. This church was supplied by the Mineral Point Circuit—later it was transferred by the Primitive Methodist to the Congregationalist Circuit at Dodgeville, Wisconsin. The services were discontinued in 1920.

During these years of service to God and humanity, 21 ministers preached to the people of this community, consisting of lead miners and farmers. The last minister to preach in this church was O. H. Schoenfeldt and the last charter member living was William F. Cowley, who passed away on March 28, 1915 at the age of 86 years. Alfred Kelly, James Hudgeon, James Callow, Thomas Kelly, James Skillicorn and John Cowley are the men who signed the deed. Mr. Robert Radcliffe, a mason contractor, laid out the plans for building. A large list of Manx worshipped in the Laxey church—Skillicorns, Kewleys, Mondays, Irish, Caines, Mylroy, Fargher, Cowins, Quines, Qualleash, and Neal. The only person living at this writing, who was attending this Laxey church when it was built, is a Mrs. James Callow. She is 94 years of age and lives with her daughter in Iowa. She was 12 years old when her parents left their beloved island. The writer finds that as the automobile became popular, this little Laxey church, like all other churches, became neglected and ceased, but God knows that while

"MANX HOUSE"

An Offer from the Director of the Manx Museum

The Manx Museum,
Library and Art Gallery
Douglas, Isle of Man

23, June, 1937.

Dear Friend—

I have been thinking a good deal over your proposal to create a Manx House in Cleveland, and I have decided to make a conditional offer in respect to it.

If you succeed in securing a suitable property which you can call your own at the date mentioned in your Bulletin article (the year 1942) and have a suitable room with glazed and lockable cases in which to house books of value, I will agree to Will to the governing authority a well-equipped Manx Library of about two hundred and fifty volumes. They are (with some exceptions, which are to go to the Manx Museum Library) the books relating to the Isle of Man which I have been collecting for about fifty years.

I will give, in addition, 100 copies (unbound) of the earliest extant Manorial Roll of the Isle of Man, 1511-1515. This was translated from the Latin by the Rev. Theophilus Talbot in 1885, edited by myself and published by the Oxford University Press in 1924, at a cost of £220 for 250 copies. The book gives the names and estates of those who held the land and other properties in Man in the early part of the sixteenth century.

A number of prints of Manx subjects (engraved and lithographed) will be added.

Very faithfully yours,

(Signed) Wm. Cubbon.

J. H. Quine, Esq.,
312 Susquehanna Rd.,
Rochester, N. Y., U. S. A.

N. B. In an accompanying letter, more personal in its tone, Mr Cubbon writes as follows:

"I don't think I exaggerate when I state that my library is the most complete, and perhaps the most valuable, purely Manx library existing anywhere outside the Manx Museum and Douglas Public Library."

it lived it prospered, and kept up the reputation of that sturdy God fearing people, the Manx, which has aided in making this beloved country, the U. S. A., a better place to live in.

So again, I am asking anyone, who knows any relatives of those buried in this little out-of-the-way church yard, to communicate with them, so they may know where their relatives rest in peace. So, dear friends, through measures of this kind we may help each other in the memories of "Should Old Acquaintance Be Forgotten and Never Brought to Mind".

By a Manxman (formerly of Laxey)

JAMES H. KILLEY,
2836 So. Wentworth Ave.
Milwaukee, Wis., U.S.A.

DO YOU KNOW

That a pictorial impression of that greatest catastrophe in Manx waters, the Wreck of the Herring Fleet at Douglas on September 21, 1787, by a French artist, B. Louel, was picked up in an old print shop in Paris by a Manx clergyman, Rev. G. S. Parsons, Government Chaplain at Castletown, about 1865? This old engraving gives a realistic impression of the scene, where during a violent gale, a large number of fishing boats were dashed to pieces while seeking shelter in Douglas Harbour, with loss of many lives. Though commemorated in history and lamented in Manx verse and song, this Frenchman's work is the only artist's conception of the disaster.

That a brother of our Manx poet, T. E. Brown, attained considerable fame as an evangelistic preacher in England? This was the Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, who for 38 years was pastor of the Myrtle Street Baptist Church in Liverpool. In recognition of his great service to the community, a statue in his memory was erected in front of the Church by the City of Liverpool. Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown visited the United States in 1878.

That the name of CHRISTIAN is prominent in the annals of the State of Virginia, the founders of this particular family being two brothers who went there in 1655 from the parish of Maughold, Isle of Man? They married two sisters named Cottier, from Lezayre, who emigrated with their families at the same time. Descendants of these Christians to this day are prominent citizens of Richmond, Va.

That a conversation between the great Manx divine, Bishop Thomas Wilson, and General James Edward Oglethorpe, founder of the State of Georgia, led to the first known Manx activity in the field of Missions? This was Bishop Wilson's book "Instructions for the Indians", published in 1740, and inspired by General Oglethorpe's description of the conditions of the native redskins of Georgia. This simple course of Christian instruction has been translated into several languages and reprinted in no less than twenty-four editions.

That one of the earliest maps of the Isle of Man was made in 1610 by John Speed? In accordance with medieval custom, villages, abbeys, woods and hills are indicated by sketches, and ships in full sail are shown riding the waves of the Irish Sea. Figures mounted on dolphins carry banners with the coats of arms of the sister Kingdoms to indicate their geographic positions. A copy of this ancient map has been presented to the N.A.M.A. Historical Committee, along with other interesting books and prints, through the courtesy of Mr. Wm. Cubbon, Curator of the Manx Museum at Douglas, in co-operation with Mr. Harold Brooke of Viking, Alberta, the original possessor.

MORE ROCHESTER NEWS

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

The Reception Committee for the Tenth Annual Convention this year in Rochester is ready to open the door of Rochester to you and bid you welcome.

We want you to feel at home while in Rochester and hope your stay with us will be so pleasant that you will regret to leave us after the convention is over.

Come and meet all the members of this happy family, hear the reports from the visitors home from the Island. Come and enjoy a perfect holiday in Rochester.

If you are planning to travel to Rochester by bus or train, and will let us know when you expect to arrive, we will be glad to turn your name over to the Transportation Chairman who will endeavor to have someone meet you.

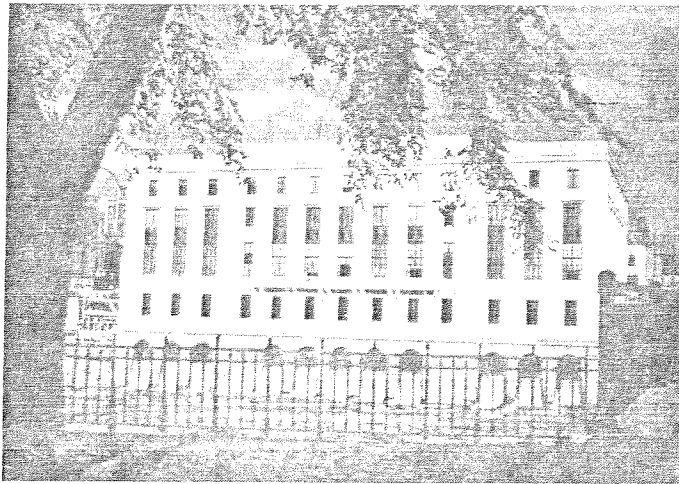
MRS. CAESAR CHRISTIAN, Chrm.

ROCHESTER, A CITY OF BEGINNINGS

Aside from starting the N.A.M.A. on the beginning of its eleventh year, Rochester has other beginnings which have gone down in history. In fact, Rochester has been called a city of beginnings. In the following article are listed in rather a hap-hazard way other interesting beginnings.

"Here was founded the American Bible Society in 1821; here the first Female Charitable Society; the first non-denominational Sunday School; here the total abstinence movement found its beginning, and the first mayor, Jonathan Child, resigned rather than sign liquor licenses. Rochester led in the anti-slavery movement, the Monroe County anti-slavery convention of 1839 being the first on record. Rochester was the northern terminus of the underground railroad. Here William H. Seward delivered the memorable irrepressible conflict speech which became a national shibboleth. John Brown came here to discuss the Harper Ferry raid with Frederick Douglass, the ex-slave. Here was first suggested the building of the Erie Canal. Here was founded the first daily newspaper between the Hudson River and the Pacific Ocean. Here was organized the Western Union Telegraph Company. Here lived Dr. Carner, the father of the Pacific Railroad. Here curious books were offered for publication. Joseph F. Smith brought to Thurlow Weed extracts "hidden in his hat" from the golden tablets alleged to have been dug up on Mormon Hill. This was the Mormon Bible, later published at Palmyra.

"Here tomatoes were first introduced to the world as food. Here were established great nurseries which stocked every state in the Union, sending California her first fruit trees, Mr. Vick being the first dealer in the world to sell fruit and vegetable seeds by mail, organizing in this respect the mail order business. Rochester saw the first development of spiritualism, becoming the home of the Fox sisters.



"Rundel" from across the River—Rochester

And our city was the Mecca of the Woman's Suffrage movement through the lifelong labor of Susan B. Anthony. The first great shoe factory in the world was established here by Jesse Hatch & Son, in which women were first employed as factory workers. The Central Church of Rochester was the first in the world to use individual communion cups. Here was the first community chorus, and here the civic center movement started. The elevators in the Powers buildings were the first in the world outside of New York City.

"Here lived many remarkable men. Lewis Henry Morgan, the father of American anthropology; Henry A. Ward, who revolutionized the natural science museums of the world; Seth Green, who taught men how to propagate fish artificially; Max Landsberg, who translated and introduced in the Jewish Temple, English prayers, the first time in Israel's long history; E. Perhine Smith, who was the tutor in international law to Japan when the hermit kingdom was rousing from her age-long sleep, were Rochester men.

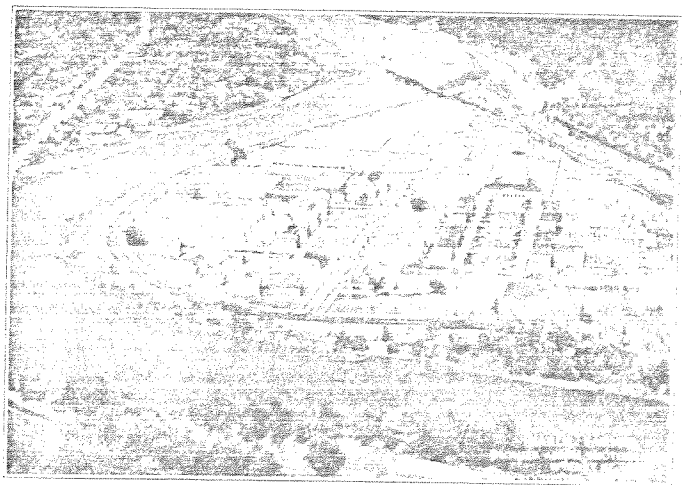
"A prominent patent lawyer has expressed the opinion that Rochester has furnished a larger number of valuable inventions in proportion to the population than any other city in the world. Several have revolutionized methods and industries. The most of them have gone into use, or are the basis of other successful inventions.

"It is enough to remind you of the Selden patents on the pioneer automobiles, of gas engines, of George Eastman's discovery of the various photographic processes and films used in the Kodak and motion pictures, of the Hussey & Johnston mower and reaper, the self-binder which revolutionized harvesting and did away with the slow methods

of cradling, hand raking and hand binding; the Cutler mail chute, the modern laundry machinery, the revolving snow plow, printing telegraph called the ticker, locomotive headlight, first paper box machinery, first typesetting machine, glass lined steel tanks, dental chairs, Sargent time lock for bank safes, automatic burglar alarm, multi-color lithographing, street car transfer, automatic telephone exchange, voting machine, first cigarette machinery, to say nothing of the cuss word provoking but highly useful lawn mower.

"In Rochester was invented the baseball curve. When it was introduced, the rival team of the pitcher who used it protested, but John W. Stebbins, the umpire, had the courage to sustain the curve as fair baseball, whereupon the mob chased him—the first umpire to be mobbed—into the protecting arms of the police."

Stickers for your automobile are ready and can be had by sending your name and address to the Secretary, Mr. Dan Christian, 31 Nellis Park.



Airview—Rochester

(NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES—CONTINUED)

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Association held its Annual Picnic and Meeting on June 27th in Antelope Park, Lincoln, Nebraska, with about sixty attending, only six of whom were born in the Isle of Man. A picnic lunch was greatly enjoyed at noon and followed with a program of singing and talks. One of those present was Mr. J. E. Kelly, who is over ninety years of age and was born at the Lhergy Dhoo, Peel, and a number of new members were welcomed.

The new officers elected at this meeting are:

President—Mr. T. D. Clarke, Exeter, Neb.

Vice President—Mrs. G. B. Griffiths, Grand Island, Neb.

Sec.-Treas.—Mrs. J. W. Morris, Lincoln, Neb.

Guests for the day were the family of Rev. Tudor, a Welshman.

CLEVELAND

Among recent Manx visitors to the States are Mr. Geo. Moore and Mr. Philip Moore, "Natives of Peel", who have both found well-earned success during many years spent in South Africa. These gentlemen, with their wives, have welcomed every opportunity of meeting Manx people during their tour from coast to coast. They arrived in Cleveland on June 11th, and through the efforts of Mr. John R. Cain, a picnic was quickly arranged, where in Lakewood Park, a representative number of Manx people were able to meet the visitors. Another gathering was arranged for Tuesday evening, June 15th, when a good crowd met at the Hotel Cleveland for dinner, followed by an evening of entertainment. All were charmed by the genial humor and eloquence of the two brothers, who both contributed to the success of the evening by their splendid talks. A short musical program included solos by Misses Evelyn Christian and Margaret Killey, and Messrs. John Clucas and Jos. Clucas. Accompanists were Miss Eleanor Crebbin and Mr. Walter Quilliam. Mr. John R. Cain was Chairman, and officers of the local societies extended greetings to the visitors. Miss Claire Mylecraine, Secretary of the N.A.M.A., gave a reminder of the fast approaching Convention, and urged all to be there.

After the conclusion of the program, many remained for another "Cooish" with the visitors, who are well known to many of the Cleveland Manx.

LOS ANGELES

The May meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society was held in the delightful patios of the Cormack home near El Monte, Calif. A picnic dinner was enjoyed in the "barbecue patio", and the crowd then adjourned to another patio, where gardens, electric lights, colored garden swings and awnings lent a festive air to the occasion.

The guests of honor were Mrs. Essie

Quayle, Secretary of the San Francisco Manx Society; Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Peel, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Moore of Johannesburg, South Africa. After the business meeting, at which was discussed the endeavor to hold the 1939 N.A.M.A. convention on the Pacific Coast, vocal solos by Miss Maude Spensely and Mr. Gallagher were enjoyed. Brief speeches were made by Mrs. Essie Quayle, Mr. George Moore and Mr. Wm. Cannell; and Mr. Philip Moore recounted their experiences on the trip from South Africa, the comparison of the pioneering in South Africa, the U. S., and in Canada, and the responsible positions held by Manxmen.

The out-of-town guests were further entertained by Mr. Robt. Gregg, President of the Los Angeles Manx Society, in introducing them to the sights of Los Angeles, and by a tea given on Sunday at the lovely foothill home of Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Storey.

The annual picnic of the Society was held at Brookside Park, Pasadena, on June 27, 1937. After a picnic dinner, sports were participated in, much to the enjoyment of young and old alike.

It was announced that President Gregg was to be married on July 1st to Miss Spencer. After a short honeymoon in Ensenada, Mexico, they will enjoy an extended tour to Vancouver, B. C., on which trip they will visit the Manx Societies enroute. This happy news came during a formal reception following the picnic and in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cormack. Sharing honors with her father was Mrs. Emil Peschke (Genevieve Gregg) who was celebrating with her husband the occasion of her first wedding anniversary. The embowered patio, colored lights, orchestra, colored garden swings and secluded nooks all formed a delightful romantic setting for the occasion. Refreshments were enjoyed in an adjoining patio, where the two hundred guests sat about the tables, playing cards, chatting, dancing and enjoying the lovely surroundings.

PEORIA

On June 11th, a group of Manx friends gathered at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shimmin, 403 E. Maywood, Peoria, for a "Housewarming" party. Everyone enjoyed a bountiful supper, after which a social hour was the chief diversion. Rev. J. C. Craine, of Princeville, President of the Peoria Manx Society and a true Manxman, presented Mr. and Mrs. Shimmin with a beautiful bed spread for their new home. Both responded very graciously with the announcement that their home would be Manx headquarters in Peoria.

The annual picnic will be held on August 29th at Bradley Park, Peoria, Ill. A cordial invitation is extended to any Manx folks in their district to be with them on that date.

VANCOUVER

It is with great pleasure that we announce the formation a few months ago of a Ladies Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Ada Stevenson

Vice President—Mrs. McWaters

Secy.—Mrs. A. Halsall

Treas.—Mrs. T. Killip.

Meetings are held once a month in the homes of the members. The May meeting took the form of a musicale, and was held at "Summer Hill", the home of Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Corlett. It was well attended and a sum of over \$20.00 was realized. CONGRATULATIONS, LADIES!

THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE N.A.M.A.

Card Party and Drawing

The Cleveland group will hold their final card party on Saturday afternoon, August 7th, from 2:30 to 4:30 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kissack, 23500 Fairmount Blvd. The tables will be set up in the garden. Refreshments will be served. Prizes for each table. Tickets are 25 cents. Come and bring your friends.

At this party the drawing for prizes, books of tickets for which have been mailed to many of our friends, will take place. If you have not already done so—will you please mail your money, together with the stubs, to our treasurer, Miss Mary Hampton, 3277 Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, not later than August 3rd. We will appreciate this support and so will our good friends in Rochester.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$10.00 from Mr. George H. Moore, The Raggett, Peel, and also \$5.00 from Mrs. William Karran, Long Island. We also thank our good friends in Winnipeg for \$5.00—the proceeds of their party.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A.

The President's Message

As the year draws to a close and our Convention is near at hand, I wish first to issue a very warm invitation to all Manx people and their friends to attend this great reunion.

Rochester is a lovely city and worthy of a visit. The Manx people there have worked very hard to arrange a round of pleasure you will never forget.

We will have a meeting of our Ladies there to which you are all invited.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members who have given me such splendid support, and to the many friends who attended our parties and purchased tickets for the drawing. Your whole-hearted support has been greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

MARGARET J. CAIN, President.

OBITUARIES

Moore—Mrs. Emma, widow of the late Henry Moore (the Carter) passed away at her home in Toronto on July 2nd, 1937. Mrs. Moore came from Douglas and was always actively interested in Manx affairs, so much so that she was often spoken of as the "Mother of the Toronto Manx Society".

To her relatives and many friends, we extend sincere sympathy.

SYMPATHY

Members of the North American Manx Association will deeply regret to learn of the death, on July 11th, of Mr. William J. Mylecraine, father of Miss Claire Mylecraine, our Corresponding Secretary.

Mr. Mylecraine was a son of Thomas Mylecraine, who came to this country from Peel. He was born in 1874, in Knoxville, Tenn., and in his boyhood came to Cleveland where he has resided ever since. He was a member of the Mona's Relief Society; for many years was Superintendent of Bridges in the City of Cleveland, and was well known and universally popular in civic life. The old Manx name of Mylecraine through his became another of those which are a part of Cleveland's municipal history and bear witness to the part taken by Manxmen in the city's development.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; his daughters Irene and Claire; and his sister, Mrs. Catherine Miller.

To Miss Claire Mylecraine and her family we extend deepest sympathy, and we know that the hearts of all members of the North American Manx Association will be with them at this time.

SINCERE THANKS

Another year has rolled around, and it won't be long until we meet for our Tenth Annual Convention in Rochester. We have exerted untold effort to build an organization which will bring into closer bonds the Manx and their Descendants now living in the North American Continent. However, we feel confident that we have only scratched the surface of our possibilities.

The greatest aid in this work is the N.A.M.A. Bulletin, which is published quarterly and reaches out to all of our members. It is the only Manx publication in the North American Continent. The Bulletin Committee was appointed by President Moore early in 1936, and has been functioning continuously since that time. Both voluntary and solicited material has been kindly submitted from all parts of the United States and Canada, and to those who have made such contributions, together with the Secretaries of Manx Societies scattered over the North American Continent, the Bulletin Committee expresses sincere thanks, with the request and hope that this splendid cooperation be continued thru the years to come.

BULLETIN COMMITTEE.

N.A.M.A. Garden Party

Local Cleveland officers of the N.A.M.A. "got behind" the Rochester Convention Committee by arranging a Garden Party which was held on June 19th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Murray B. Hudgeon, Kinsman Road, Cleveland. Although a wet week made the prospects unpromising, the Committee was favored with a fine day and over one hundred persons came out to share in the festivities. The presence of Miss Alice Garrett who came up from Rochester gave zest to the party, and her cordial invitation to the Cleveland Manx to attend the big Tenth Annual Convention was enthusiastically received. Plenty of fun was provided—fortune-telling, games of Bingo, and an informal concert arranged by Mr. R. G. Anderson. Of course there were plenty of "hot dogs", ice cream, cake, coffee, candy and all the rest. The N.A.M.A. officers wish to thank the capable and energetic Committee who so splendidly carried out the arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgeon for so generously giving the use of their house and lawn, and Mr. Paul T. Long who provided chairs and tables for the occasion.

Transportation to Rochester

Elsewhere in this issue is an item from the Transportation Committee for the Rochester Convention. May we suggest further, after you have decided the means by which you will travel to Rochester, that you communicate with your local New York Central Railroad Office, in the event you decide to travel via train; with the local Greyhound Bus office if you are going via bus; or get to route No. 20 if you are driving your own car, and turn off at East Avon, going north on route No. 2 right into Rochester. These instructions, while brief, may assist nearly everyone who will be going, but if not, do not hesitate to communicate with the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, who will be happy to furnish you with the detailed information you require.

To The Homecomers

Many of our Manx friends have been fortunate enough to have enjoyed a few delightful weeks in the Isle of Man. If you have returned with pictures you took in some favorite spot on the Island, why not share this joy with the rest of us, who were not so fortunate?

We are planning to have an exhibition of pictures taken here and there around the Island. If you will either loan us the negative, or better still, send us a print, we will be very glad to include your pictures with the others to be exhibited.

Accompany the negative or print with your name and address and where the picture was taken.

Alice Garrett.

STOP! THINK!

Have you made your hotel reservations at the Hotel Seneca for August 11-12-13?

Do you know the correct route to Rochester?

Have you packed all your troubles and worries away to be left at home?

Have you sent your name for Patrons' List? Remember, it brings your name into many Manx homes to greet them.

Have you placed the stickers on your car to give this convention the necessary publicity in your city?

Have you returned your raffle ticket money and stubs?

Are you prepared for a good time?

If you can answer "YES" to all these questions, then you are ready to come to Rochester! Rochester is ready for you!

JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The Tenth Annual Convention is just around the corner.

We want every N.A.M.A. member to attend, and we want everyone who attends to be an N.A.M.A. member.

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 1936-7, please enclose a dollar bill in an envelope, with application blank attached, and mail TODAY to the Financial Secretary.

Don't put it off—the Convention is just around the corner!

Gertrude Cannell,
Financial Secretary,
1492 Robinwood Ave.,
Lakewood, Ohio.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

1. Thomas Bushell, who from 1628 to 1630 lived in complete solitude on the Calf of Man, as an experiment to "assure a long and healthy life".
2. "Eric", or "Little by Little" by Dean Farrar, a tale of life at King William's College. Its circulation has been compared with phenomenal successes like "Gone with the Wind".
3. A beautiful beach just north of Peel.
4. At Ballasalla—usually called the Monks' Bridge from its connection with Rushen Abbey.
5. John Martin—1789-1854.
6. "The Plains of Heaven."
7. In King Henry VI's sentence upon the Duchess of Gloucester—
"Live in your country here
in banishment
With Sir John Stanley in
the Isle of Man."
She was imprisoned for many years in Peel Castle.
8. Lord of Man.
9. Harbour of Peace.
10. Between Onchan and Grouddle—famous for primroses.

ELLAN VANNIN - - The Isle of Faery

Being an account of the Isle of Man, Its Romantic History, Its Antiquities, and Its Singular Charm

By JOHN HENRY QUINE (Author of "Songs of Mona")

(Continued from March issue)

CHAPTER 7—(cont'd)

Oisín in Tirnanoge

At last we saw at a great distance, rising over the waves on the very verge of the sea, a palace more splendid than all the others; and, as we drew near, its front glittered like the morning sun. I asked the lady what royal house this was, and who was the prince that ruled over it.

"This country is the Land of Virtues," she replied. "Its king is the giant, Fomor of the Blows, and its queen the daughter of the king of the Land of Life. This Fomor brought the lady away by force from her own country, and keeps her in his palace; but she has put him under gesa that he cannot break through, never to ask her to marry him till she can find a champion to fight him in single combat. But she still remains in bondage; for no hero has yet come hither who has the courage to meet the giant."

"A blessing on you, golden-haired Niam," I replied; "I have never heard muse sweeter than your voice; and although I feel pity for this princess, yet your story is pleasant to me to hear; for of a certainty I will go to the palace, and try whether I cannot kill this Fomor, and free the lady."

So we came to land; and as we drew nigh to the palace, the lovely young queen met us and bade us welcome. She led us in and placed us on chairs of gold; after which choice food was placed before us, and drinking-horns filled with mead, and golden goblets of sweet wine.

When we had eaten and drunk, the mild young princess told us her story, while tears streamed from her soft, blue eyes; and she ended by saying—

"I shall never return to my own country and to my father's house, so long as this great and cruel giant is alive!"

When I heard her sad words, and saw her tears falling, I was moved with pity; and telling her to cease from her grief, I gave her my hand as a pledge that I would meet the giant, and either slay him or fall myself in her defence.

While we were yet speaking, we saw the giant coming towards the palace, large of body, and ugly and hateful in appearance, carrying a load of deerskin on his back, and holding a great iron club in his hand. He threw down his load when he saw us, turned a surly look on the princess, and, without greeting us or showing the least mark of courtesy, he forthwith challenged me to battle in a loud, rough voice.

It was not my wont to be dismayed by a call to battle, or to be terrified at the sight of an enemy; and I went forth at once without the least fear

in my heart. But though I had fought many battles in Erin against wild bears and enchanters and foreign invaders, never before did I find it so hard to preserve my life. We fought for three days and three nights without food or drink or sleep; for the giant did not give me a moment for rest; and neither did I give him. At length, when I looked at the two princesses weeping in great fear, and when I called to mind my father's deeds in battle, the fury of my valour arose; and with a sudden onset I felled the giant to the earth; and instantly, before he could recover himself, I cut off his head.

When the maidens saw the monster lying on the ground dead, they uttered three cries of joy; and they came to me, and led me into the palace. For I was indeed bruised all over, and covered with gory wounds; and a sudden dizziness of brain and feebleness of body seized me. But the daughter of the king of the Land of Life applied precious balsam and healing herbs to my wounds; and in a short time I was healed, and my cheerfulness of mind returned.

Then I buried the giant in a deep and wide grave; and I raised a great cairn over him, and placed on it a stone with his name graved in Ogam.

We rested that night, and at the dawn of next morning Niam said to me that it was time for us to resume our journey to Tirnanoge. So we took leave of the daughter of the king of the Land of Life; and though her heart was joyful after her release, she wept at our departure, and we were not less sorry at parting from her. When we had mounted the white steed, he galloped towards the strand; and as soon as his hoofs touched the wave, he shook himself and neighed three times. We plunged forward over the clear, green sea with the speed of a March wind on a hill-side; and soon we saw nothing but billows tumbling before us and billows tumbling behind us. We saw again the fawn chased by the white hound with red ears; and the maiden with the golden apple swiftly passed by, followed by the young warrior in yellow silk on his white steed. And again we passed many strange islands and cities and white palaces.

The sky now darkened, so that the sun was hidden from our view. A storm arose, and the sea was lighted up with constant flashes. But though the wind blew from every point of the heavens, and the waves rose up and roared around us, the white steed kept his course straight on, moving as calmly and swiftly as before, through the foam and blinding spray, without being delayed or disturbed in the least, and without turning either to the

right or to the left.

At length the storm abated, and after a time the sun again shone brightly; and when I looked up, I saw a country near at hand, all green and full of flowers, with beautiful smooth plains, blue hills, and bright lakes and waterfalls. Not far from the shore stood a palace of surpassing beauty and splendour. It was covered all over with gold and with gems of every colour—blue, green, crimson and yellow; and on each side were green-ans shining with precious stones, built by artists the most skilful that could be found. I asked Niam the name of that delightful country, and she replied—

"This is my native country, Tirnanoge; and there is nothing I have promised you that you will not find in it."

As soon as we reached the shore, we dismounted; and now we saw advancing from the palace a troop of noble-looking warriors, all clad in bright garments, who came forward to meet and welcome us. Following these we saw a stately glittering host, with the king at their head wearing a robe of bright yellow satin covered with gems, and a crown that sparkled with gold and diamonds. The queen came after, attended by a hundred lovely young maidens; and as they advanced towards us, it seemed to me that this king and queen exceeded all the kings and queens of the world in beauty and gracefulness and majesty.

After they had kissed their daughter, the king took my hand, and said aloud in the hearing of the host—

"This is Oisín, the son of Finn, for whom my daughter, Niam, travelled over the sea to Erin. This is Oisín, who is to be the husband of Niam of the Golden Hair. We give you a hundred thousand welcomes, brave Oisín. You will be for ever young in this land. All kinds of delights and innocent pleasures are awaiting you, and my daughter, the gentle, golden-haired Niam, shall be your wife; for I am the king of Tirnanoge."

I gave thanks to the king, and I bowed to the queen; after which we went into the palace, where we found a banquet prepared. The feasting and rejoicing lasted for ten days, and on the last day, I was wedded to the gentle Niam of the Golden Hair.

(To be continued in next issue.)

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From 1697-1755

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