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Christmas



Greetings

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Christmas Message From Our President

Manx Friends Everywhere:

It gives me great pleasure, at this holy time, to greet you most kindly in the name of our Blessed Lord, whose lowly birth we are again privileged to celebrate over all the earth. The Christmastide is a joyful season, because at this time the Prince of Peace came to bring peace upon earth, so that we now have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

On that holy night the glory of the Lord shone around about those lowly men on the hills of Bethlehem, and they were sore afraid. But the angel comforted their hearts with these precious words, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord." He announced to them that the Messiah had come.

A few pious and lowly shepherds out on the hills attending their flocks. Perhaps that very night, around the evening camp fire, they had discussed the coming of the Messiah and expressed the hope that they might yet see him with their own eyes. And, lo, when sweet slumber had scarcely sealed their eyelids, the holy angel came upon them with the almost incredible message, "He has come!"

Not in resplendent temple, stately palace or lordly mansion, but out among God's own children, under the open sky of the templed hills. Out in the fields where men, who toiled, waited, and watched for his coming. Out where faithful Abraham built his altar, and bowed himself and worshipped God; or where weary Jacob



REV. JOSEPH PARTRIDGE
President N. A. M. A.

pillowed his head on a stone and found "the house of God."

Out on the hills of Bethlehem of Judea, in the presence of the humble shepherds who kept watch over their flocks by night, the first Christmas service was rendered by the angels of God.

When the wonder of that Eastern Manger is repeated in the secrecy of

a human soul, all that is selfish and unclean is shamed out of existence by the mystic presence and power of the Holy Babe. Without saying a word, the little child makes the Roaring Camps of this world into places of sweetness, nobleness, harmony and fragrance.

"Though Christ a thousand times
In Bethlehem be born,
If he's not born in thee,
Thy soul is all forlorn."

For many, doubtless this will be a rather trying and lonely Christmas. There is a grave out in God's acre and a wound in your heart that was not there a year ago. Some will feel the pinch of poverty and will grieve that they have so little to give. Some will be forgotten and will be desperately lonely. But whatever may be your circumstances, there is One who will remember you. However humble your home, there is one guest that will, if permitted, take up His abode with you. We may all have Christ, and it is his presence that makes Christmas. Receive him as your guest and nothing can prevent you from having a Happy Christmas.

Best wishes for the Holy Christmastide to every member of the N.A.M.A. and every Manx man and woman residing on this North American continent, and those on the little Island that we love so well. May this be a joyous Christmas and may the New Year bring to you every wish.

Very sincerely,
JOSEPH PARTRIDGE

Christmas Greetings From Our Secretaries

Christmas—the season in which we forget our petty selfishness and open wide our hearts to our fellowmen. Let us fill each other's Christmas stocking with enough Love to last through the coming year, and above all, place "service to others" above "self." If we will only resolve to do these things, we will all have a truly beautiful New Year.

And, remembering the True Spirit of Christmas — a Smile, a Cheery Greeting, Christian Charity and Good

Will among men—I wish you all the Merriest Christmas ever, not forgetting to add "And a Prosperous and Glad New Year."

CLAIRE M. MYLECRAINE,
Corresponding and Recording Sec'y



Christmas comes when days are darkest and nights are cold, bringing

with it such light and life and warmth of the spirit that December becomes the jolliest month of the year, and hearts are happiest. And this season of gladness and good will which crowns the old year, leads joyfully into the promise of the year which is opening. May this Christmas be the happiest you have ever known, and may the New Year bring to you and yours the joy of hopes fulfilled.

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Sec'y-Treasurer.

N. A. M. A. Executives Past and Present Extend Season's Greetings

December — the Christmas month, looked forward to by old and young through the Christian world. It is symbolic of that timeless law of nature, that out of death comes Life, for, though it marks the dying of the year, yet, from it at Christmastide, for millions of people, hope and faith and the spirit of human kindness spring anew.

All around the earth, families gather in warm and generous fellowship, one or more members of some coming from afar. Then, too, old friends, joined by invisible bonds, woven by long and congenial association — or by some trial or hardship borne together — or by the loss of someone dear — find in Christmas a fit occasion to meet anew, to recount the joys and sorrows of the past, and in considering the future with its potential joys and ills, take from their renewed contact new faith, hope and courage.

Everywhere at this season, in town and country, are the sights, sounds and pleasing odors of Christmas. Candles burn in millions of windows, wreaths of holly and evergreen adorn the home and store. Music is heard in places where its harmonies resound at no other time of the year. Young and old join to sing hymns and carols that have come down from century to century since the first Christian year. In kitchens all over the world rise the pleasing odors of good things that come only with Christmas — spices, plum pudding, warm mince pies, roasting goose and turkey.

Yes, this is the season when one wishes the other a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May all the troubled nations recognize Him, whose birthday we celebrate, not only as the Savior of mankind, but also as the Prince of Peace, and then all their troubles would cease.

I extend to all Manx people my best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and may the New Year be one for World Peace.

RICHARD H. CORKILL,
Immediate Past President.



Another year has flown past so quickly, and now another Christmas Bulletin gives us an opportunity to greet our friends and read their messages — though miles may lie between us. I feel that even that is but one of the many nice things about these bulletins. Getting a bulletin and reading all the messages from here and there is like attending a convention and meeting all our many friends again. It is my sincere wish that one and all may enjoy a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

ALICE GARRETT,
Vice President.

"Ollick Gennal as Blein Vie Noa."

My heartiest greetings to the members of the North American Manx Association and Manx people everywhere — and those they love; and sincerest wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

JOHN W. COMISH,
Vice President.



I am pleased to think that my Christmas greeting will go in a thousand or more Manx homes, and probably be read by five thousand Manx people — and warmly reciprocated. That's the same thing in effect as receiving five thousand Christmas cards from Manxmen throughout the North American Continent.

Here's hoping every member of the N.A.M.A. enjoys a real old-fashioned "Happy Christmas" — and a prosperous New Year for the individual and the organization. Here's hoping too, that the Nebraska Convention will be five times as big and successful as the last one in Hamilton.

Greetings to Breakfast Clubbers everywhere!

ED. KEWLEY,
Vice President.



The N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary send greetings and best wishes to our Manx friends everywhere, and we solicit the same splendid cooperation for the New Year as has been given in the past. With the early efforts of our most able and enthusiastic new President, Mrs. Robt. G. Anderson, we are off to a flying start with three large parties already to our credit, and we know it is only the beginning.

We hope that wherever there is a Manx Society there will also be a Ladies' Auxiliary, and if you cannot help in a financial way, may we have your moral support? Let us hear from you often.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

FRANCES C. KNEEN,
Representative N.A.M.A.
Ladies' Auxiliary



Did you ever stop to think how somber the holiday time would be without the gaiety of the decorations in our shops and homes, our churches, and our streets? Surely each small green branch, each sprig of berried holly, and every modest, homemade wreath has its place at this time of joy and gladness. Everyone starts a full week before the Great Day,

bringing in the greens which are to decorate the house.

The air is so full of Christmas plans and preparations that there is no chance to get away from the Yuletide atmosphere even if we wished. So we should anxiously allow it to permeate everything we do during this joyful holiday season. Our thoughts should be glad thoughts, happy that we can enjoy this great day in our free and peaceful manner. May we sincerely have a deep feeling for loved ones across the sea and wish each one a season of gladness and peace.

To all of you I wish a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ROBERT Q. CANNELL,
Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club.



Christmas — the happiest season of the year, comes again, rekindling the warmth of friendship and reawakening the appreciation of pleasant associations and gatherings we have enjoyed.

The friendships we have made through membership in our Manx Societies are highly valued — and it is a privilege to express through the Bulletin to all Manx people, and those they love, my sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas Season and for Good Health and Good Fortune in the New Year.

JOHN R. CAIN,
Past President.



Once again, it is my good fortune to be able to greet all our Manx folks through our columns, and it is a great pleasure to me to do so. Time, the great healer, can in many cases eradicate sad memories and even dim the anniversaries of some of the World's most important events, but there is something about Christmas and what it stands for that will endure as long as life shall last.

Empires may rise and fall, Dictators come and go, but the Spirit of Christ stands ever before us, urging us to better things and kindly thoughts and deeds to our fellowmen. What a great world this would be if we could have the Christmas spirit of love in our hearts all the year round, instead of a few days, as is the custom.

And now, in conclusion, a few words of praise and thanks to the Bulletin Committee for a job well done, and again wishing all our readers a Very Happy Christmas and a more Prosperous New Year.

JAMES Y. MANN,
Past President.

NEBRASKA COMMITTEE IN HARNESS

The Nebraska Manx Association is working for the furtherance of the ideals of the N.A.M.A. and the comfort of the delegates. Our aim is to see that you all have a feeling of being at home when here in Nebraska.

We are all getting into harness and are confident that the Convention of 1939 will be a creditable addition to the history of the N.A.M.A.

We invite you one and all to come to the 1939 Convention. You will not regret it. We expect, through letters already received, that we will have a number of delegates from our Western States, as well as from the South.

Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska, named in honor of Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, is situated on Salt Creek, and is 66 miles from Omaha. It

is the home of General John J. Pershing and of the late William Jennings Bryan. At Morrill Hall may be found the world's largest collection of skeletons of pre-historic mammoths. The Nebraska State Capitol was built at a cost of \$10,000,000. Principal railroad depots are the Burlington, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific.

Lincoln is a most friendly city to visit, and all are assured a warm welcome.

We will do our part. WILL YOU?

Yours in the service of the Manx people and for the common good of all concerned.

NELL JOUGHIN MORRIS,
Nebraska Convention Secretary.



LINCOLN . . An Interesting Convention City

Lincoln, Nebraska, "the Culture City of the Middlewest," is located in the Southeastern part of the State in the midst of gently rolling farm land. It has a population of 79,000, ranking as the second city in the State. It is a city of schools and churches, wide business streets, and hundreds of well kept homes.

Dominating the town is the four hundred foot tower of the famous Nebraska State Capitol, visible for miles across the country. The building with its sculpture and painting, its inspiring carvings, and its lofty shaft is an epitome of the accomplishments and ambitions of a prairie culture. Judged by critics of architecture one of the ten most beautiful buildings in the world, it receives visitors from every state and country and has become, like the old world cathedrals, the goal of pilgrims the world over.

As the Capital of the State, Lincoln is also the home of the University of Nebraska, the Penitentiary, the State Hospital, and the Reformatory for Men. The home of the famous "Cornhuskers," the University has grown from a struggling little school of the early seventies to one of the strongest of state supported schools. There are in Lincoln, two campuses — the City Campus, where are housed the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Dentistry, Engineering, Law, Pharmacy, Teachers and Graduates; and the Agricultural College campus, where courses in Agriculture and Home Economics are taught. The City Campus lies within a few blocks of Lincoln's business district and contains the greater number of the university buildings, while the campus of the College of Agriculture lies on the Northeastern edge of the city, where its flowery quadrangles and shaded lanes are regarded almost as a park.

In addition to the State University, there are two fine denominational colleges in Lincoln. Nebraska Wesleyan University, a Methodist institution, is situated in University Place, once a suburb, but now a part of Lincoln proper; and Union College, a school supported by the Seventh Day Adventists, draws students from all over the United States.

Besides these institutions of higher learning, Lincoln has a large and well organized school system with several new Junior High Schools, Grade Schools, and two Senior High Schools.

Its large number of churches has earned Lincoln the title of the "Holy City," and visitors are impressed by the

many spires. Within recent years, several new churches have been added, among them the Plymouth Congregational, replacing one of the oldest churches in the city, and of especial interest because of its fine set of carillons, whose melodies can be heard for blocks around.

Lincoln's park system is comparatively large and has recently been widely developed. There are many small parks and playgrounds in different parts of the city and several well kept large parks. Among these, Antelope Park, within the city limits, is a favorite spot because of its zoo and its charming sunken gardens with pools, fountains, and lavish plantings of roses and flowering annuals. Pioneer Park, a few miles out of the city, the gift of early Nebraska settlers, preserves the natural beauty of the rolling prairie country with a few great trees, small ponds and little hills from which can be seen miles of fertile farm lands. In this park are suitably located statues of earlier prairie dwellers, the huge buffalo, near the entrance of the park, and the Indian, sending out his smoke signal from one of the hills.

Downtown Lincoln offers very attractive and complete stores to interested shoppers. There are three large department stores, which in stock and display compare with stores in much larger cities. And in addition to these there are numerous smaller shops specializing in various goods and furnishings. Comfort for shoppers is assured by almost universal air-conditioning in the stores, for Lincoln has more air-conditioning than any city of its size in the United States. Within the business district, and conveniently located as regards both stores and depots, are the hotels, which are modern and attractive.

Visitors to Lincoln who may wish to explore surrounding towns will doubtless wish to visit Nebraska City, less than sixty miles from Lincoln, for here is located the beautiful state park, Arbor Lodge, once the home of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day. The old mansion in its spacious park is reached by a beautiful drive through Nebraska orchard country and along the bluffs of the Missouri River—a trip which repays anyone for the half day's travel. Another point of interest, not fifty miles from Lincoln on the highway to Omaha, is the famous Boys Town, Father Flannagan's home for boys, recently so widely publicized in the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production. This successful and unique experiment in social service welcomes visitors and attracts interested people from all over the country.



Christmas Greetings

SAN FRANCISCO

MERRY CHRISTMAS — The very sound warms the heart and brings distant friends to mind. Yes—in an instant they are here with us — one has only to close one's eyes. What magic! We Manx people "see things." We are back in our old Island home, "puttin' a sight on one another." carolling with the choir, or maybe, as children, at the Christmas concert, dressed in our Sunday best, hearts fluttering with excitement in case we forget the poem we have to recite, or fearful lest we forget the step and the measure we have to tread.

What pleasure the Christmas holidays held for us! What joy and adventure was in the air!—as we gaily joined in the Christmas rhymes "Three Little Ships" or "Christmas is Coming."

How wonderful that we can bridge time to relive those days. Surely it is good that we can meet with our Manx friends through the medium of our various Societies although so far from the Homeland, and be thankful that in this America, our new home, we can truly say—"Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Merry Christmas.

Essie Quayle, President
Amy Saterlee, Secretary



BISBEE

Heartiest Christmas Greetings to all Manx Societies everywhere, with the wish that 1939 will be a happier and better year for all; and may it be possible that some of the Bisbee members will meet many of you in Lincoln.

Mrs. Alfred H. Kelly, President.
Arnold Corrin, Secretary.



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

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. extend to all their good friends a Very Merry Christmas and a Glad New Year.

We have completed a very successful year and may we suggest a fitting resolution for each woman who has not as yet become a member of our group "Resolved—to send my quarter to Miss Hampton for dues to Ladies' Auxiliary" and then send it so that we may have another good year to our credit.

Mrs. Robert G. Anderson, President.
Alice Garrett, Secretary.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society takes this occasion to extend its best wishes and seasons' greetings to all members of the N.A.M.A. and their families throughout the United States and Canada. May you all have a Happier Christmas and a more Prosperous New Year.

Charles T. Corrin, President.
Ethel M. Shimmin, Secretary.



DETROIT-WINDSOR

The officers and members of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society, wish to convey to the people of the Isle of Man and the Manx people wherever they may be, a Merry Christmas and Health, Wealth and Happiness throughout the year 1939.

Florence Richey, President.
Robert Cannell, Vice President.
Richard Cook, Secretary.
Mildred Mawson, Treasurer.



HAMILTON

On behalf of the Hamilton Manx Society, may I thank all those who helped to make our Convention a success. Now—let's all get on the band wagon and support Nebraska. May each and every one of you enjoy a typical Manx Christmas and a New Year in which at least some of your hopes will be realized.

Mrs. A. Houslander, President.



SEATTLE

The Seattle Manx Society extends the best of good wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas and a most pleasant and prosperous New Year to all Manx people throughout Canada and the United States.

Edith A. Cubbon, Secretary.



NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Christmas comes softly, silently and sweetly and wraps its loveliness about the world. And once again the most beautiful wish on earth is repeated: "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Dr. George Smith, President.
(Mrs.) Blanche Loomis Killey, Sec'y.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND, OHIO

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society wish to extend to all Manx Societies and to Manx people everywhere, their heartiest Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the New Year.

We are always glad to welcome Manx friends to any of our meetings and during the year now closing we have been happy to have quite a number of visitors.

We hope the good work of the N.A.M.A. will continue and meet with even greater success this year.

W. H. Kelly, President.
Lucille Fricke, Recording Sec'y.
Amy C. Quayle, Financial Sec'y.



LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND, O.

Once again we are approaching the festive season and the officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, wish to extend to our Manx friends everywhere, the old old wish:

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Florence Gorry, President.
Amy C. Quayle, Secretary.



LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society extends Christmas Greetings to all N.A.M.A. members and friends.

John O. Christian, President
Richard Pilkington, Secretary.



WINNIPEG

"Ollick ghennal erriu as blein feer vie
Seihl as slaynt da'n slane lught
thie".

"A Merry Christmas to you and a very good year,
Long life and health to the whole household."

These words convey the heartiest of Christmas Greetings from the members of the Winnipeg Manx Society, to all kindred societies and all Manx people, wherever they may be, and may the New Year bring happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. T. Quirk, President.
(Mrs.) E. C. Corkan, Sec'y-Treas.



from Manx Societies



NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Association sends to Manx people everywhere sincere wishes for health and happiness at Christmas. May the Lord, our Savior, whose birthday we celebrate, be our Guard and Guide through the New Year and on through life. We feel particularly tender towards our fellow Manxmen at this time, looking forward as we are to our reunion in August, 1939, when we hope to have you with us here in our home state, and be your Convention hosts.

Thomas D. Clarke, President.
(Mrs.) Nell Joughin Morris, Sec'y



EDMONTON

To Manx people everywhere:

The Edmonton Manx Society extends greetings of the Christmas season, and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Christmas is over in just a few hours. It lingers a day and is through. But the happiness that never ends is the kind we are wishing you.

W. S. Cleator, President.
Arthur Teare, Secretary.



N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

The officers and members of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club wish to express all the joys and happiness that come from fellowship and friendship and extend sincere wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Gordon Killip, President.
Jo Sharp, Secretary.



BUFFALO

The Season's Greetings to Manx friends everywhere, from the Buffalo Manx Society.

(Mrs.) Edith Bury, President.
Mary Skillicorn, Secretary.



GALVA

The Galva Manx Society extends Season's Greetings to all Manx people everywhere, and it is our earnest wish that 1939 will truly bring us Peace on Earth, and Good Will toward Men.

John C. Brew, President.
(Mrs.) Hilda Johnson, Sec'y.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx Society is most grateful for the N.A.M.A. Bulletin. It is a perfect way to reach our many friends scattered here and there and to wish them the Merriest Christmas and a New Year filled with Gladness and Prosperity.

Alice Garrett, President.
Dan Christian, Secretary



VANCOUVER LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society extends heartiest Christmas Greetings to the members of the N.A.M.A. and all Manx people everywhere. We hope that the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for you wherever you may be.

Mrs. A. M. Stevenson, President
Mrs. A. Halsall, Secretary



TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society wishes all Manx folk everywhere a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. R. Allen, President.
Mrs. W. Colquitt, Secretary



MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND, O.

As the holiday season again approaches, the officers and members join in the wish that your's may be a Merry Christmas and that the New Year will bring health, happiness and prosperity.

Fred T. Gorry, President.



AN OLD MANX GREETING

A Merry Christmas to you, and a good year;
Luck and health to the whole house;
Life, joy and sprightliness to everyone.
Peace and love between men and women;
Goods and riches, stock and store,
Lots of potatoes, herring enough;
Bread and cheese, and butter and beef.

About Things Manx

Mistletoe and holly; starlight and new-fallen snow; bells, candlelight and carols; Christmas trees, feasting and warm firesides—through centuries of association these have become an expression of the great thought "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men." We think of these things always when we think of Christmas.

To Manx people the finest expression of the Christmas spirit is—Music. Who is there, brought up in the Isle of Man, who has not sung in a choir or loved choral music, and looked forward to Christmas with its opportunities for joyful singing?

Anyone associated with the Manx choirs several years ago, or interested in the Island's musical life, knew that truly great Manxwoman, Miss M. L. Wood. She was the very soul and inspiration of Manx musical activity. For considerably more than half a century she trained men and women, boys and girls, choirs and soloists; arranged and harmonized Manx traditional airs and was herself a composer of merit. She traveled the Island roads in all weathers, going from town to town as teacher and organist, giving her whole life to the cause of music, particularly Manx choral music. She was active in this work right to the end of a long life, as she was preparing for church when the call came, and she died on January 5, 1925, at the age of eighty-six.

Those who attended the Guild Musical Festivals a number of years ago, know that Miss Wood's appearance on the platform was always greeted by a tremendous burst of applause—an ovation accepted by the grand old lady with smiles and bows—blowing kisses to the audience—shaking hands with her competitors—a veteran who lived for and loved music and performed great service for Manx music.

"TO THE MANX CHOIRS"—this is the dedication on a Christmas carol composed by Miss Wood. One cannot hear it without thinking of the choirs assembling in the darkness of December midnight to sing from street to street, waking sleepers to greet a happy Christmas morning. Space will not let us give you Miss Wood's musical setting but here is the first verse of her carol — "Cold Blows the Wind":

Cold blows the wind on Bethlehem's hill,

Where the Shepherds their night-watch keep,

The wintry stars shine bright and chill,

And the shadows are dark and deep. Awake, awake, ye sleepers, wake!

For Heaven draws near, and its Day doth break!



THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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Thanks To Our Members

Year after year, friends of the North American Manx Association are renewing their membership. The satisfaction this gives us is increased by the fact that many are proving their pleasure in the Association by taking steps to have others share it—by bringing in new members.

At this season of "good will toward men" we express hearty thanks and deep appreciation to all of you. You have helped by your own membership and that of others, and by the inspiration created by your friendly interest. To this we add the hope that the fine spirit of the members of the North American Manx Association will continue and increase in the years to come.

Gertrude Cannell,
Financial Sec'y-Treas.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

DETROIT-WINDSOR

Mr. R. Mercer, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee for the Eighth Annual Banquet of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society, tells us that this party took place on November 10th at All Saints Church in Windsor. About one hundred of their members and friends enjoyed the lovely dinner which was provided by the ladies of the church, and the hall was decorated so beautifully that it reminded everyone of a Manx Harvest Festival. An excellent entertainment was provided by local talent of Windsor, starring the Lyric Singers, who were the "spice of the evening"; cornet solos by Prof. Sabia, a solo by Grace Bridson of the Detroit-Windsor Society and readings by Mrs. Robinson of Windsor.

The speaker was the Hon. Paul Martin, M.P., whom many will remember for his excellent address at the banquet during the Hamilton convention.

Everyone went home singing praises for a very successful night, and a beautiful banquet was presented to their President, Mrs. Richey, by the men of the Society in honor

of their first woman President.

Their Christmas Party was being held in their club rooms on December 10th, when they were hoping for a large crowd. Their slogan is "A new face at every meeting."

BUFFALO

The Secretary of the Buffalo Manx Society, Miss Mary Skillicorn, reports that they have been having meetings regularly with a good attendance. Their Christmas Party had been planned for December 12th, when they were all going to have a turkey dinner at Lyons Tea Room in Buffalo, yes—with a Christmas Tree and presents—to say nothing of the entertainment. They were looking forward to a good "family party" on that night.

CHICAGO

The annual election of Officers for the Chicago Manx Society was held on November 26th, when the following were selected to serve them for 1939:

President—Charles T. Corrin.
1st Vice Pres.—Archie Kerruish.
2nd Vice Pres.—Anne B. Manson.
Treasurer—John T. Shimmmin.
Secretary—Ethel M. Shimmmin.

Miss Meehan, who had just returned from the Isle of Man, entertained the meeting with a very interesting talk on her trip.

BISBEE

The October meeting of the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Kelly and was well attended. Everyone enjoyed every minute of it, as it was the first time they had met since June. Their President, Mrs. Alfred Kelly, had just returned from a visit to her home in England, and called the meeting to order with the singing of "Ellan Vannin" and "Ramsey Town." After the business meeting and the usual "eats," they had a real sing-song, with Mr. Wm. Kelly accompanying on the accordion.

Their November meeting was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Pearson, because their host, Mr. Pearson, had been unable to attend meetings for several months due to illness. This was their "Tom Brown Meeting" and the Fifth Anniversary of the Bisbee Society. They had a very good turn-out. The business meeting, during which a survey of the five years of activity of the Bisbee Manx Society was made, was followed by games and entertainment provided by Mrs. Pearson.

GREATER NEW YORK

The Entertainment Committee of the Manx Association of Greater New York arranged a delightful evening for them on November 17th at St. Ann's Episcopal Community Room. Over fifty members and friends enjoyed the game of Military Bridge, and through Mr. William Karan, they had as their guest a Dr. David Maeth of New York City, who had visited the Isle of Man eight times during the last ten years. He very kindly brought and showed them the movie film "A Trip to the Isle of Man," which everyone thought was very entertaining.

TOM BROWN NIGHT IN CLEVELAND

This celebration held November 14, and sponsored by the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, was one of the most successful held in recent years. Mr. W. Harry Kelly was chairman of the evening. A varied program which included traditional Manx folk songs and Manx recitations was enjoyed by over 200 people. The speaker of the evening was Rev. W. F. Dickens-Lewis. His discourse entitled "Tom Brown, the Manx Poet," was very interesting and inspiring and in keeping with the occasion.

Refreshments were served at the close of the program and there was an abundance of good things to eat.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The November meeting of the above society presided over by the president, W. H. Kelly, was attended by nearly 100 people. After the business meeting a card party was held and refreshments brought to a close another monthly meeting.

The December meeting was the Annual election of officers and the following were selected:

President, W. H. Kelly; Vice President, W. H. Gorry; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alan Fricke; Financial Secretary, Amy C. Quayle; Treasurer, Chrissie Quayle; Relief Committee, Mrs. C. Sutton, Miss Mary Hampton, Mr. Robert Gorry; Trustees, W. C. Kissack, Thomas Keig, Jack Gill; Historian, W. H. Collister.

Following the business meeting, Christmas carols were sung by all and a quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. Forrester and Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Gorry, rendered several numbers, accompanied by Mrs. R. Gell.

CLEVELAND'S ANNUAL MANX BANQUET

Last year's banquet was so highly successful that the combined Manx Societies of Cleveland are following the same plan for their Annual on January 20th, to be held at the Hotel Carter.

Dinner will be served at 6:45, followed by entertainment and dancing. Tickets, including state tax, are \$1.90. Tell all your friends and invite them to join you.

Through the "Bulletin" we issue a cordial invitation to all Manx people to set this date apart now—and assure you that a warm reception awaits you in the "Manx City" on Friday, January 20th.

MONAS MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

At the regular monthly meeting held December 12th, the following officers were elected for 1939:

President, John F. Lewin; Vice-President, John Callow; Financial Secretary, Roland Corlett; Recording Secretary, Raby Kermode; Treasurer, Norman Cowin; Chaplain, Robert Gorry; Conductor, Tom Quirk; Trustees, John Watterson, John H. Gell, W. H. Collister, Alan Frick; Warden, Robert Cooil.

SEATTLE

Although it is not quite the season to report picnics, still, at this late date, we wish to mention the one held by the Seattle Manx Society in August, as it was not previously reported in this column. About sixty of their members and friends gathered for the affair. Their regular meetings for the winter season opened on October 22nd with one held at the Montlake Field House, Seattle, when about thirty of them enjoyed the social evening consisting of cards, games, music, etc. Their December meeting was to be held on December 10th at the same place with Miss Marian Stewart in charge of the program.

LOS ANGELES

A meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society was held on Saturday, November 26th, with about seventy-five members present. Songs and duets were rendered by Miss J. Cretney and Mr. W. T. Cannell, and selections on all types of string instruments were played by Mr. Andrew La-Das and his troupe of ten. Refreshments and dancing completed a most pleasant and happy evening.

TORONTO

The Annual Hollantide Supper and Concert of the Toronto Manx Society was held on November 1st, when about one hundred sat down to the very fine supper which had been provided. A concert completed the evening, which was termed a great success — thanks to the Committee in charge.

This Society recently held its election of officers for the year of 1939, with the following results:

President—Mr. F. Williamson.
Vice Pres.—Mr. T. Moore.
Treasurer—Mrs. F. Williamson.
Secretary—Mrs. G. Downward, 60 Marchmount road, Toronto.
Financial Secretary—Mrs. W. Colquitt, 256 Westmoreland avenue, Toronto.

N.A.M.A. Regional Directors — Mr. and Mrs. J. Daugherty, 183 Monarch Park avenue, Toronto.

December 22nd has been selected as the occasion for their Annual Christmas Party, when they will have a tree 'n everything'.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Annual Dinner of the San Francisco Manx Society was a huge success. In fact, they say it was the "best ever." It took place on October 22nd and sixty-four of them sat down to the Swedish Dinner, which was provided at the Swedish Applied Arts Sveagard in the Old Crocker Mansion. Their annual election of officers took place at this party and the following were elected to serve until October, 1939:

Hon. Pres.—Mr. W. D. Callow.
President—Mrs. Wilfred Quayle.
Vice-Pres.—Mr. Chas. Kermod.
Secretary—Mrs. Ernest Satterlee, 89 Westwood Drive, San Francisco.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ivor Stokes.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society held its regular "Tom Brown Night" on November 11th in Cambrian Hall. There was a good attendance and a very pleasant evening was spent by all. The program was contributed by Miss Killey, Miss Halsall, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Costain and the Ladies' Choir conducted by Mrs. Thos. Killip. A "Tom Brown" Service was also held by them at the Grace United Church, when the Rev. Geo. Hamilton, pastor, eulogized Thomas Edward Brown in a very excellent address. Here again Mrs. Killip and her choir provided the music for the service.

Their Annual New Year's Banquet will be held at the I.O.O.F. Hall, 6th and Main streets, on Monday, January 2, 1939, when they hope to have a good attendance.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx Association held a very enjoyable meeting on Sunday, December 4th, when they went over their plans for the forthcoming Convention to be held in Lincoln. Fifty-two members were in attendance and prior to starting their business meeting, they attended services at the Sheridan Baptist Church in Lincoln, where the Rev. David R. Beecher is pastor. His wife is Manx and a daughter of Mrs. Johnson, a member of the Chicago Manx Society. Luncheon was served in the church and was followed by their business meeting, after which entertainment was provided by several members of the Society, including Mrs. Cottier Coleman, who played the violin; vocal numbers by their President, Mr. T. D. Clarke, and his niece; and numbers by the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Humphrey and by Don Clarke, the President's son.

Their next regular meeting is to be in the home of Mrs. C. H. Cowley, 1937 F Street, Lincoln, on the third Sunday in March.

A MUSHROOM STORY — Weight two pounds—diameter twelve inches—a mushroom picked near Port St. Mary, Isle of Man, is believed to be the biggest ever found in the Island. How about some steak with your mushroom?

OBITUARIES

Abel—George, of Seattle, Washington, passed away on November 26. Mr. Abel was the husband of Dorothy Kinvig Abel and the son-in-law of R. M. Kinvig of Seattle.

Clague—Maude, of 7001 Hough Ave., Cleveland, sister of Ruth, John and Fred, passed away suddenly, October 29th. Maude was a member of the Mona's Relief Society and of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Crosby—John Arthur, passed away in Seattle, Washington, on November 16th, at the age of 29. He was the husband of Elizabeth, son of Elizabeth and grandson of Mrs. Jane Cubbon Crosby of Liverpool, England.

Cubbon—Margaret, of Toronto, beloved wife of William Cubbon, October 29th, in her 78th year. Mrs. Cubbon was a native of Kirk Patrick.

Gelling—Miss E. I., of Los Angeles, late of Castletown, Isle of Man, passed away November 21st. She was a member of the Los Angeles Manx Society, and the Rev. Geo. H. Quayle of Wintersburg officiated at the funeral services.

Keig—John J., of Lockport, Ill., died October 19th at the age of 81, after a years' illness. He was born in Ballaugh, Isle of Man, and came to the United States in 1883. He is survived by three sons, John Robert Lee, of Beaumont, Texas; Marshall, of Hinsdale, Ill., and Joseph of Chicago; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Keig Dyer of Cleveland; and Mrs. Ruth Keig Rich of Chicago; three brothers, T. E., Richard and J. B. all of the Isle of Man; also fourteen grandchildren. He was keenly interested in Manx affairs and attended several N.A.M.A. conventions.

Kerruish—Sheldon, died at his home, 12349 Cedar Road, Cleveland, December 12th, after an illness that confined him to his home since September 20th. He was one of Cleveland's prominent lawyers, having been admitted to the Bar in 1885. Born of Manx parents, Mr. Kerruish was always interested in things Manx. Surviving him are three sisters, Miss Mona Kerruish with whom he lived, Mrs. Edward S. Whitney of Montclair, N. J., and Mrs. Morris S. Towson of Cleveland.

Pharoah—Mrs. Jane Collister, aged 60, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Keith Davey, in Warren, Ariz., on November 14th. Members of the Bisbee Manx Society, of which she was a member, acted as pall bearers. She was born at St. Bee's, Cumberland, of Manx parents, and came to the United States about 30 years ago.

Quayle—W. C., died suddenly on October 15th in Portland, Oregon. He was a marine engineer and at the time of death was in port during the loading of his ship, SS. Jane Christenson. He was born in the Isle of Man, and resided for the last number of years in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Corkill Quayle, and two children, Billy and Bobby.

Stalker—George, of Rochester, N. Y., passed away on November 4th after a long illness. He was 90 years of age, and was interested in Manx affairs up to the last.

To the relatives and friends of the above, we extend our deepest sympathy.

The Children's Corner

How about a real old Manx ghost story for Christmas?

On a rocky islet looking down upon Peel Harbour stands Peel Castle. It is an ancient ruin now, but our story goes back many centuries, when the battlements were alive with men-at-arms, when armored feet rang on the steep stone stairs, and flags fluttered from the tower of the Keep.

On summer mornings the guardsmen on the walls could look out upon one of the most beautiful coast lines in the world, curving northward with cliffs of purple and green, the sandy shore below running like a golden ribbon at the edge of the blue, blue sea. But in the winter that "fairy shore" was veiled in gray cloud and driving spray, and rain and wind beat in the men's faces so it was all they could do to keep gazing seaward for enemy ships. However, when night fell they gathered in the Castle Guard Room, which was—and is—to the right of grim, iron-studded doorway. Here around a blazing fire they whiled away the night watch, and through those long hours they had the company of a strange visitor, a black dog, who came with the dark and left with the dawn—no one knew whence or where. The soldiers called him the Moddey Dhoo, which is Manx for "black dog," and because they believed him to be a spectre-hound, no soldier would consent to be left alone with him.

There came a wild winter night, the waves rolling up the shore and breaking with a roar like cannon, and dashing furiously against the rocks below Peel Castle. In the chambers high up in the tower the tapestries flapped against the stone walls and the wind shrieked in the narrow slits which served for windows—and pretty draughty windows they were because they had no glass. Down below in the little city of Peel, sheltered under the protecting frown of the Castle, everyone was warm in bed with blankets pulled over heads to shut out sound of the storm, and hoping that the fishing boats had found safe anchorage somewhere. Overhead the flying clouds gave a glimpse of the moon now and then, which shone calmly enough above the tumult, and silvered the roofs of the Peel houses, and the crests of the waves, and made ghastly gleams of light and shadow on the grim old Castle walls.

In the Guard Room the soldiers had made a roaring fire, wine cups passed from hand to hand, and with song and laughter they tried to drown the storm, and make the night hours pass merrily. But in their midst, stretched before the fire, lay as usual the unwelcome, mysterious visitor, the Moddey Dhoo.

It was time to lock the Castle doors. No one liked this task, as the Moddey Dhoo might follow along the dark, draughty passage. So two men always went together—until this night, when one fellow, with singing and laughing and drinking was in such high spirits that he wanted to take the keys and go—ALONE.

Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson, who knows everyone Manx in and around Washington, D. C., (and in many other places, too), has been meeting some interesting people. One of them is Dr. Fred J. Kelly, a son of the late John Kelly of Lincoln, Nebr. Dr. Kelly is Chief of the Higher Education Division of the United States Office of Education, and has recently been elected a member of the Board of Trustees of American University.

Another successful Washington Manxman, writes Mr. Jenkinson, is Dr. Ewan Clague, who is Director of Research and Statistics for Social Security.

Ernie Kenyon of Falconbridge, Ont., is another Ramsey enthusiast. His father was chief coastguard there, and his son is named Ramsey in honor of the town so well described as "shining by the sea." Mr. Kenyon has not only attended three conventions himself but has brought six others along, and is proud of his N.A. M.A. membership. "Have always received far more than value for my money," he says.

An item appearing in a recent Bulletin made possible a meeting between Mrs. Agnes Knight of Retsil, Wash., and Captain Richard Kelly and family of Kirkland, Wash., and formerly of Peel. "It was surely delightful to me after so many years to meet a rare and real Manx person like Captain Kelly. It seemed as if I was in the Isle of Man again," writes Mrs. Knight.

Among the many already intending to go to Lincoln next August are Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Costain, of East Helena, Mont. Last summer they had almost a Convention of their own, when the following Manx people met and visited in Montana: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maddrell of Minneapolis; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Joyce of Topeka, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore of Boulder, Mont.; Mr. Ed Gill of Butte, Mr. W. Moore and Miss Jane Moore of Anaconda, Mont. "Did they talk

The others argued with him but without effect, and as he departed the Moddey Dhoo rose up from the fire and followed down the passage.

The soldiers stood, pale and expectant—and suddenly from far down the passage came a cry and a clamor which made their hearts stop and their hair stand on end. Presently the adventurous comrade returned, dumb and terror-stricken. He never spoke again, but lay shaking for three days, and then died. No one ever learned a word of what happened. But the Moddey Dhoo was never seen again.

Now, if you can tell what happened to the soldier, and where the Moddey Dhoo went, you will know more than anyone else.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Isle of Man!" writes Mr. Costain. "It was good to stand back and watch the emotions on the faces of those men who hadn't seen each other for fifty years!" No wonder the Costains are full of next years' Convention spirit.

Mrs. Edith Moore Turner of Richmond, Ill., enjoys the Bulletin because it keeps her reminded of people and events described to her by her parents who were born in the Isle of Man. She is the possessor of a Manx Bible printed in 1819, which belonged originally to her great-aunt, Ann Gawne Tear of Ballaugh.

The Aspen, (Colo.) Times of November 10th announced that Robert S. Killey was re-elected Treasurer of Pitkin county. He has served in this office for eighteen years.

Up in Melita, Manitoba, Mrs. T. Quane finds plenty of snow and cold at Christmas, but misses the red holly berries of home! Mrs. Quane loves Manx customs, people and things—and therefore is looking forward to Lincoln next August, and a chance at Mrs. Robison's oat cakes—also hopes there will be some Manx "nobs."

The Secretary of the Seattle Manx Society, Miss Edith A. Cubbon, has just moved to Bremerton, Washington, where she and her brother, Nelson, have taken up residence at 1327 Park avenue. Good luck to both of you in your new home!

The new President and Treasurer of the Toronto Manx Society, Mr. and Mrs. F. Williamson, are sailing on December 29th for a two month stay in England. Bon voyage and happy landings!

About the most interesting bit of news we have had for this column for a long time is that of the marriage of our President, the Rev. Joseph Partridge of Kansas, Illinois, to Mrs. Ethel Lewis of Forrest, Illinois on Sunday, November 6th. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. J. Kinrade, pastor of the Onarga Methodist Episcopal Church in Piper City, Illinois. Mrs. Partridge is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kloethe of Piper City. Congratulations and best of wishes to the Newly-weds!

Mr. and Mrs. John Beck, 2326 Bellefontaine avenue, Kansas City, Mo., are making plans to go to the Convention at Lincoln. They have been married 55 years this month. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Beck!

"Always your Bulletin is read from front to back as soon as I receive it. Truly distance lends a charm to the doings of old friends and Manxmen in far off lands," writes Dr. Robert Marshall of Douglas, who is one of our valued members.

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