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

March, 1940

PLAN YOUR VACATION NOW!

Make It . . . MONTREAL - AUGUST 13 to 16

Invitation From The Convention General Chairman

We are faced with the organizing of a Convention when our country is at war, and in so doing we know that our efforts will be appreciated by every Manx patriot, for who of us on this continent does not believe in Liberty and Democracy? A number of Manx Canadian lads are already overseas, and close to three thousand of our Manx lads have left our native shores (Ellan Vannin) to fight in His Majesty's Forces.

The above remarks should be enough to make every Manx American and Manx Canadian attend the Convention of our parent body, the North American Manx Association, which is being held in Montreal August 13th to 16th.

I assure everyone who attends a real Manx welcome, with plenty of "Oomph."

To our Manx Americans, Canada offers a special bonus, for your dollar is worth a dollar and ten cents. This is quite attractive and should also be taken into account when planning your vacation.

There is absolutely no difficulty in getting into Canada or getting back to the United States, for there are no war restrictions and you are at liberty to enter and leave Canada at will, and no questions asked.

The committees on whose shoulders the success and responsibility rest to make this the best Convention ever held are working in complete harmony and promise that one and all, old and young, will be more than satisfied with the arrangements they are making for your comfort and enjoyment. For our headquarters we have been most fortunate in making arrangements with the Windsor Hotel, the hotel at which Their Majesties were guests last May. Special rates have been granted us, and I urge everyone to take advantage of them. Look out for the next issue of the Bulletin, for we hope to have completed all arrangements by the time it is published. In the meantime, however, plan your vacation so that you will be in Montreal on August 13th, to be at the starting post by 8:00 p. m., when the Montreal Manx Society will be your hosts; and help us put into action the words we often hear and read, "To preserve what'er is left to us of ancient heritage." Let us have the pleasure of seeing you and greeting you, and let nothing deter you from coming to this Manx gathering.

T. A. MOORE, Chairman.



MONTREAL MONUMENT - ERECTED IN HONOR OF
HEROIC DOLLARD DES ORMEAUX WHO IN 1660,
WITH SIXTEEN COMPANIONS, WITHSTOOD
GREAT INDIAN SEIGE

NOTICE

To facilitate prompt attention the Montreal Manx Society requests that all inquiries regarding Convention information be addressed to

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THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

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The President's Message

My Fellow Manxpeople:

The time has again come to greet you through medium of the March Bulletin, and I hope that as Spring approaches that you are beginning to think of the N.A.M.A. and its convention plans.

Let me assure you that those plans are going on to insure us a real time at Montreal. But before we get too busy with the convention, let us make sure that our dues to the Association are paid so that we can carry on without any embarrassment to the officers that you elected to carry on for you.

Your membership makes it possible to send a Bulletin to homes where we cannot attend in person. Our Bulletin goes into many parts of this vast Continent. Many who are off the beaten path as far as visitors are concerned look for this little journal of things Manx and are thrilled and delighted to know that the Manx People do carry on and do care to share their joys with others.

With the whole world boiling, and many greedy for power we should be thankful for an organization which is trying to share its happiness with those who are carrying heavy loads—some who have never gotten over their homesickness for the Island—it helps them a bit to read about things Manx.

So if you have a dollar and have been asking "where can I spend it where it would do the most good for others and do the most good for myself," send it in for a membership in the N.A.M.A.

To the societies scattered over this vast continent let me ask you to meet regularly, and stimulate new interest by having meetings that are worth while, programs that appeal to young and old alike, and enjoy the fellowship of Manx people, that fel-

lowship that is denied many who happen to be the only Manx family in a community.

Will you help us carry the load and help us bring a little cheer into many lonely hearts?

I know you will because you are Manx.

JOSEPH PARTRIDGE,
President.

Have You Paid Your Dues For 1939-40?

The N.A.M.A. values your membership; counts upon your support; is inspired by your friendship. If you have not sent in the dollar, please do so TODAY—it is evidence of YOUR hand outstretched in greeting to Manx people throughout this continent—your friends and fellow-members!

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Sec'y-Treasurer,
1492 Robinwood Avenue,
Lakewood, Ohio

N.A.M.A. Executive Meeting

On Saturday, January 27th, the N.A.M.A. Executive met in Cleveland to discuss the forthcoming Convention to be held in Montreal. The Chairman of the Convention Committee, Mr. T. A. Moore, (President of the Montreal Manx Society) had been invited to attend and many of the Convention details were discussed.

It was unanimously decided to hold the Convention August 13th to 16th inclusive, and since then the Hotel Windsor has been selected as Headquarters.

Mr. Moore expressed a great deal of enthusiasm and assured the Executive that this, the Thirteenth Annual Convention, will be one of the most outstanding and successful we have had.

At the suggestion of Past President Corkill, Miss Cannell and Miss Mylecraine were selected to serve on the Manx Servicemen's Cigarette Fund Committee along with members who were appointed from the Manx Societies of Cleveland. A notice in this connection appears elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Another Cleveland Party

To be given by the Ladies' Auxiliary to the North American Manx Association on Monday, April 8th, at 8:30 p. m., in the Club Room of the Standard Theatre Building, 811 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland. Cards and other games.

Door Prizes — Table Prizes —
Refreshments
Tickets—25 cents

A large attendance is desired.

COME, AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS.

A Treasure of Folk Lore

The Isle of Man, small though it is, has played no small part in literature. Imagine, therefore, a volume which contains reference to all published works relating to the Isle of Man and its people.

Such a work is the "Bibliography of Manx Literature" compiled by Mr. William Cubbon, Director and Librarian of the Manx Museum.

This volume has sections devoted to Prose Fiction, Poetry and Drama, Magazine literature, Music and a wide range of other subjects. Not only are the works of Manx writers listed, but reference is made to all authors who have made mention of the Isle of Man. The literature of the "Manx Abroad" is featured, including allusions to articles which have appeared in the N.A.M.A. Bulletin. The Bibliography is enriched with copious notes, providing a wealth of information as well as fascinating reading for anyone Manx or whose interests are Manx.

Six years of preparation have gone into this magnificent work. It bears witness to painstaking research on the part of Mr. Cubbon and over and above that, to his profound knowledge which embraces a wide literary field. The book is illustrated and contains nearly eight hundred pages; it is published by the Oxford University Press; the price is only 10/6 plus about 6d postage (approximately \$2.75), and can be ordered from the Secretary of the Manx Museum in Douglas. It is suggested that those placing an order send their money in the form of bank draft.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—What country besides the Isle of Man has a Snaefell Mountain?
- 2—What is the old name for Derby Haven?
- 3—In what connection has it been revived?
- *4—What is the meaning and derivation of "Greeba"?
- 5—When was T. E. Brown born?
- 6—What is the date of his death?
- 7—What is "hibbin"?
- 8—How is it sometimes used in the Isle of Man?
- 9—Where is the Chickens Rock Lighthouse?
- 10—What is another name for Onchan Head?

*This question asked by Thomas Faragher, R.D. No. 2, Newton, N. J., formerly of Greeba. Send in YOUR General Knowledge Question.

AN OMISSION

In listing the newly-elected officers of the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland in the December Bulletin, the name of the Treasurer was omitted. We are pleased to announce that Miss Chrissie J. Quayle was re-elected to this office, but regret the omission made in our last issue.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

VANCOUVER

The Annual Reunion Banquet, Concert and Dance of the Vancouver Manx Society was held on January 1st and attended by nearly 200 persons, including several out-of-town visitors, among them being Mr. W. Faragher and his daughters, Mabel and Edna, who motored up from Tacoma, Washington. After a splendid dinner, a program and dancing occupied the balance of the evening. Motion pictures were presented by Mr. A. E. Pearsall; vocal solos were sung by Miss Marjorie Halsall, Mrs. J. Hornall and Messrs. W. Mudie and Fred Killip; a recitation was given by Miss Mona Killey; Mr. F. G. Robinson gave some impersonations; instrumental solos and vocal duets were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Corkish and Mr. Frank Kewley; a sketch, "The Beggar's Magic" by Mr. J. E. Costain was enacted by Mona Killey, Mona Gell and Charlie Christian—directed by Mrs. Killey; a male quartette consisting of Messrs. J. W. Clucas, Ted Costain, J. E. Costain and Fred Killip brought the entertainment to a close. Everyone had a really splendid evening. The retiring President, Mr. S. Cain, was the speaker of the evening. Mrs. R. McWaters, President of the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Auxiliary, spoke briefly of their work and aims. Their donation of \$50.00 to the benevolent fund is one of the results and is greatly appreciated by the members of the Vancouver Manx Society.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES' AUXILIARY

The February meeting of the Vancouver Manx Ladies' Auxiliary was held on the 28th at the home of the President, Mrs. R. McWaters. This being the third year of the Auxiliary, this meeting took the form of a Birthday Party, with birthday cake and candles. A novel idea helped to swell the funds—that of "bring an article—buy an article".

On March 5th, a successful Canadian Foods Luncheon was held at the Hudson Bay Store. Sixty-four members and their friends attended.

Members of the Auxiliary would welcome any Manx ladies in or around Vancouver, who would like to become members. Meetings are held in the members' homes the 4th Wednesday of each month, the location being announced in the local papers.

BUFFALO

The members of the Buffalo Manx Society held a Valentine Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Edmonds in Dupont Street, Buffalo, on February 12th. After the business session, games were enjoyed and were followed by a very appetizing lunch and the distribution of the valentines. A sum of money was collected to be sent to the Manx boys in the service.

CLEVELAND

The 89th Annual Banquet of the Combined Cleveland Manx Societies was held at the Hotel Carter in Cleveland on Friday, January 26th. Nearly three hundred Manx people and their friends enjoyed the excellent dinner and the entertainment and dancing which followed.

This was considered one of the best and one of the most successful of these Annual Banquets. The vocal soloists were Mrs. Orton Reed (Margaret Killey) and Mr. R. George Anderson, Jr. A humorous reading was given by Miss Lois Quiggin. Speakers were Rev. W. F. Dickens Lewis and Rev. Joseph Partridge, President of the N.A.M.A. Mr. John Callow, President of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, was Chairman. Several out-of-town guests were present, among them being Mr. T. A. Moore, President of the Montreal Manx Society and Chairman of the Montreal Convention Committee; Miss Alice Garrett, President of the Rochester Manx Society and Vice-President of the N.A.M.A.; Mrs. Edith Bury, President of the Buffalo Manx Society, Mr. R. H. Corkill, Past President of the N.A.M.A.; Mr. S. W. Corkish, Breakfast Club representative of the N.A.M.A. Executive; Mr. Murray Morse, President of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killey of Painesville, Ohio.

The February meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was held on the 6th and was attended by a large crowd. After the business was conducted, the President, Mr. W. H. Gorry, turned the meeting over to Mr. Walter Quilliam. The Scotch order of Clan Grant were present, and several of them expressed to the meeting their pleasure in being there. Phil Barker entertained with Scotch songs and patter, Mr. Archie Stevenson of Clan Grant recited, and a friend of Mr. Quilliam's gave a magician's act, all of which was greatly enjoyed. Refreshments and a "coolish" brought the evening to a close.

At the March meeting a card party was held, and a nice crowd attended. Everyone had a good time and there were plenty of good things to eat. The proceeds of the card party are to further the work of the Society.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

At the January meeting of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society, the following officers were elected to serve them in 1940:

Pres., Murray Morse
Vice-Pres., Lizzie Harrison
Secy.-Treas., Mrs. Blanche Killey,
59 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville, O.

This Society has kindly consented to provide the entertainment at the April meeting of the Mona's Relief Society in Cleveland.

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

On March 1st a card party was held in Cleveland, Ohio at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Anderson, for the benefit of the N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary. While the attendance was somewhat reduced because of the inclement weather, those who did venture out had a very enjoyable evening and a sum of \$4.00 was added to the treasury.

Cleveland is planning several other home parties. They seem to be popular with Clevelanders. How about trying some in your locality? You will have a good time and Miss Hampton, the Ladies' Auxiliary Treasurer, will be delighted to receive the proceeds. Her address is 3277 Cedarbrook Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society met in February at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Kelly, with about thirty in attendance. Arrangements were made to hold their annual dinner the latter part of April or early in May. Mr. Walter J. Stevenson was appointed Entertainment Chairman for this dinner party. Their next meeting will be held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society held their annual meeting on January 10th, at which time the following were elected to office for the year of 1940:

Pres., Mr. Harold E. Mercer, Windsor

Vice-Pres., Miss Phyllis Campbell, Detroit

Secy., Miss Jean Munro, Windsor

Treas., Mr. Arthur Stephens, Detroit

At the conclusion of the election, the retiring President, Mrs. C. Richey, was given a hearty vote of thanks for the splendid work she had carried on during the two years she served the Society. A very enjoyable entertainment and lunch brought the evening to a close.

The Detroit-Windsor Society wishes to go on record again that it will lend its full support to the N.A.M.A. program and will endeavor with all its power to help keep the Manx of Canada and the United States united for the building of a greater friendship among all Manx people in these countries.

The February meeting was well attended, and the Society was asked by Mr. R. H. Corkill to support the "Cigarette Fund" for Manx boys serving in the British Army. He received a 100% response and a fund was taken up for this worthy cause. This Society sends heartiest greetings to all who are serving their country.

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About Things Manx

PEEL - THE WESTERN CITY

I'm a Native of Peel, and I think, for a meal

There is nothin' like priddhas an' herrin'—

What could be more Manx than Peel, and Peel folks? Reared in the atmosphere of the Past, they live very much in the Present; seafaring people, they possess intense love of home and fireside; with some of Britain's loveliest and best-loved coast scenery at their doors, they go pioneering to the ends of the earth.

Manxland's one and only PEEL CITY owes its unique position to the Cathedral of St. German, eight hundred years old.

Straight from the pages of a story-book comes Peel Castle, a castle of romance if ever there was one, particularly for those had the good fortune to see it, some years ago, through the eyes of that grand old custodian, William Cashen. So timeworn is this Castle that History itself seems to have left it behind, and its famous State prisoners of old time seem today less real than the Moddhey Dhoo and the frolicsome stone-throwing giant! Peel Castle has prominent place in Sir Walter Scott's pages, it has inspired one of Wordsworth's finest poems—and its famous silhouette against sunset skies is one of the landmarks which every Manxman carries in his heart.

The sons of Peel never forget her. Philip Christian, who lived three hundred years ago and is briefly described as "clothworker and citizen of London," endowed a school in his native Peel, known to this day as the "Clothworker's School".

Under the shadow of St. Patrick's Isle and its Castle, the men and women of "Purt ny Hinshey" have lived with the sea and the fishing for centuries. Hardy fishermen and expert navigators, the Manx were also skilled boat-builders. In the golden days of the sailing vessel, ships of world-known speed and beauty were built in Peel Harbour. What a theme for salt-water narrators such as Conrad, Masefield or William McFee would be the adventures of the VIXEN, Peel-built schooner, manned by thirty-four Peel men who sailed her on that unbelievable voyage to Australia in 1853, brought her back to Peel after a number of years—to find her grave eventually in Peel waters.

Old streets and new streets, old houses and new houses mingle in Peel. The picturesque street names disappear. "Big Street" has become Castle Street; "Paddy Lace's Road" is Derby Road; "Jeebin" (Fishing Net) Street is West View; "The Top of the Town" is now Atholl Place — but Michael Street will always be Michael Street.

But Peel people remember the old names and the old places; the old stories and sayings; the good times

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Among visitors to the Isle of Man last summer were Mr. William Teare Kelly of 606 Weeks Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin, and his daughters, Mona and Margaret. "The 'Lil' Isle' certainly came up to expectations"—writes Miss Mona Kelly. "We visited almost every nook and corner and now have a treasure store of beautiful memories." * * *

"I know quite a number of the people I read about in the Bulletin"—writes Mrs. C. A. Kneen, Box 200, Edson, Alberta. She wonders if Donald Bain of Los Angeles remembers her. "When he was a small boy we lived next door to them in Mayfield House, Bowring Road, Ramsey"—she writes. Mrs. Kneen's husband was connected with Alfred Fleming, meat merchant of Douglas. * * *

Congratulations to William Cannell and Ruth Richards of Cleveland, who were married on February 8th at Wade Park Manor. They escaped Cleveland's February weather by leaving on a honeymoon trip to Bermuda. * * *

More congratulations! Warren Calow, Secretary of the San Francisco Manx Society, and Marjorie Sherman were married recently in Hollywood. The wedding was a colorful one, and the happy couple left afterwards for the Grand Canyon and Salt Lake. They will make their home in San Francisco. * * *

Still more congratulations! Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Stark of Coloma, Michigan, announce the marriage of their daughter, Dorothy Frances Stark, to Robert Q. Cannell of Detroit, on Saturday, March 30th, at 3:30 p. m. * * *

An enthusiastic Bulletin reader is Mrs. Ella Cooper Clague, Dayton, Columbia County, Washington, who was born in Castletown but has lived in the States for nearly forty-four years. * * *

"At the Pasadena Music Festival this Spring, one of the test pieces is 'Manx Overture' by Haydn Wood"—is an interesting bit of news sent in by Donald Bain of Los Angeles. * * *

Mr. Arnold Corrin, Secretary of the Bisbee Manx Society, reports the death in Los Angeles of one of their former members, Mr. Tom Potts. * * *

A Christmas Bazaar was held last December in Seattle by the British American War Relief Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Cecil G. Hope Gill, wife of the British Consul, who is a Manxman and a member of the N.A.M.A. Twenty-five British organizations were represented, and in addition there were stalls furnished by Polish, Chinese, French, Czech and Finnish Societies. No wonder this Bazaar was a most colorful affair, exhibiting a profusion of most attractive and unusual gifts.

At the Farewell Dinner given for Mr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor of Peoria, who are moving to Western Springs, Illinois, a "Three Legs" plaque was hung in the dining room. Mrs. Taylor says it made her feel that "Whatever Circumstances Come, We Stand". We could all be inspired and encouraged many times by thinking of our sturdy old "Three Legs" emblem and its motto. * * *

Mr. John Lane, organist of the Highland Congregational Church in Cleveland, although not Manx has assisted on many Manx programs and is greatly interested in the Island music. At a recent Church service he played as a Prelude, an arrangement of "Ellan Vannin" and the "Manx Fishermen's Evening Hymn"; for the Offertory, "Mylecharaine"; for the Postlude, "O Land of Our Birth". Many appreciative comments on the Manx music were made by members of the congregation. * * *

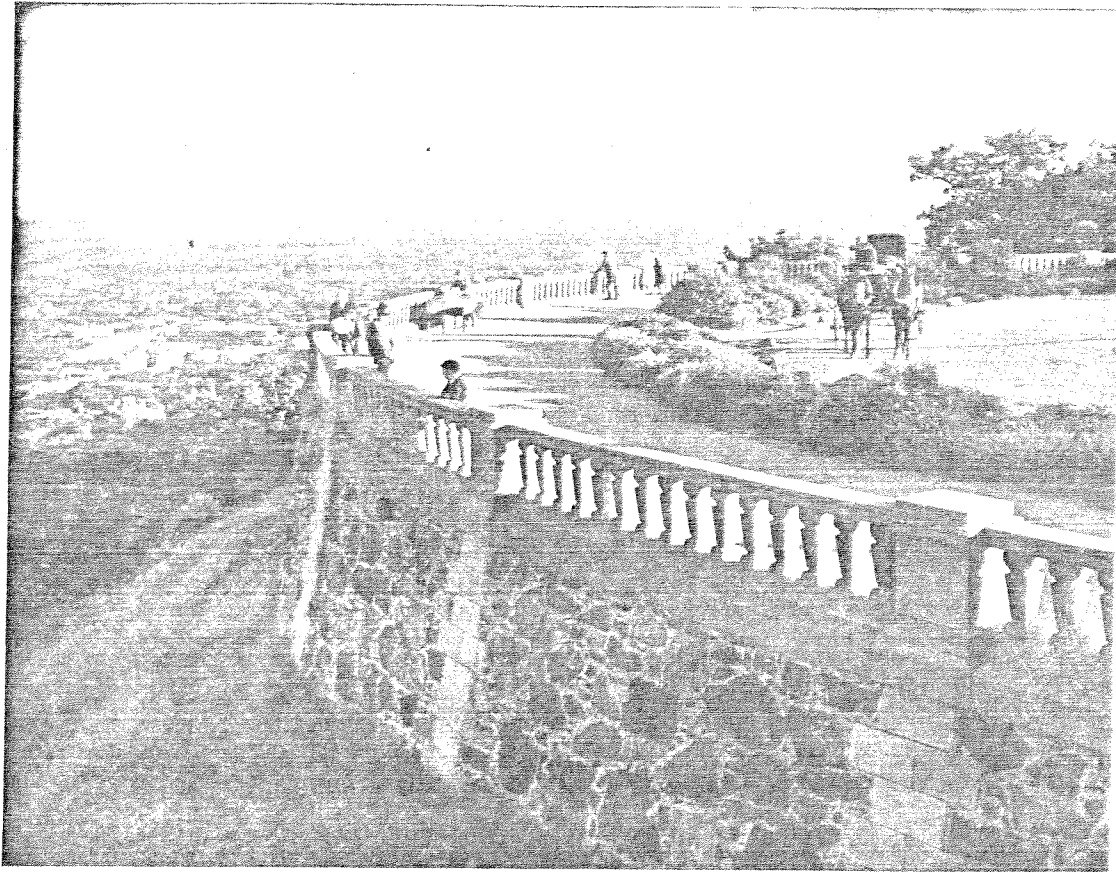
Mr. G. E. Humphrey, 1441 Main Street, Crete, Nebraska, was elected Regional Director to the N.A.M.A. at the December meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association. * * *

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cottier of Lincoln celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on December 27th. A wooden replica of the "Three Legs" was made by Wm. Gellatly of Sutton, Nebraska, and presented by the Nebraska Manx Association to the Cottiers, who kept open house all afternoon and a large number of friends called on this highly respected couple.

Island Memories

The following excerpt from a recent communication from our good friend, T. Donald Bain, Secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society, is, we feel, worthy of repetition and should bring to all of us fond recollections of our dear little Island home.

"There is a road that winds along the rugged coast of Southern California over the Palos Verdes Hills toward the port of Los Angeles. Many and many a time the writer has motored along this road, accompanied by visiting Manx friends, and has invariably been asked to slow down, so that the view of the sea and the coast line could be observed better. As we have stood on the high cliff, inspired by the sight of a 'summer sea'—'How like the Isle of Man,' someone would say. Memories of our Island home are rekindled, and we want to tarry awhile, and breathe a prayer for all our kinsfolk, wheresoever dispersed, who, like us, love the sea. It is our very life, whether it be the Pacific, Atlantic, or our own beloved Irish Sea."



LOOKOUT - MOUNT ROYAL - MONTREAL
COMMANDING A SPLENDID VIEW OF MONTREAL AND THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

Souvenir Book Committee

The Montreal Manx Society has set itself out to "Out-do all previous Conventions," for we believe that as the years go by, and with the experience of past Conventions, and believing that the North American Manx Association should be gaining in strength, we can look for a better response from our appeal to the Societies and Individual Members who make up this Association. By this we mean that the Societies should endeavor to take more space than previous years, and urge their members to include their names in the Patrons' List.

This Souvenir Book is made possible greatly through the generosity of those advertisers who look upon it as a commercial value, and who, by the way, are recommended to you by us as a guide where you can shop with integrity. There must also be the wholehearted support of every Society by taking space wherein greetings can be sent from one to another, and last, but not least, is the Patrons' List which we are counting on to be the largest in the History of the Association. We urge everyone to get his or her name in the Patrons' List, as this could and should be used as a directory of the Manx People on this North American Continent. Send your name in at once, to be sure that it is included. The rates for these greetings are the same as in former years. Individuals who wish their

names included in the Patrons' List can do so for \$1.00., i.e. Mr. and Mrs. Kermode, 609 Rosemount Avenue, Montreal, P. Q., Canada.

Societies wishing to send a greeting can do so at the following rates: Quarter Page \$5.00, Half Page \$10.00, Full Page \$20.00. Members of our Association who wish to take space for Business Advertisements in our Book can do so at the above rate.

We hope that you will give this appeal your immediate attention and send your Greetings and Names for the Patrons' List as early as possible, enclosing Money Order or Cheque made payable to the "Montreal Manx Convention". If you do this we will "Out-do all Previous Conventions" and this will be appreciated by all, for we should be marching on, getting stronger and cementing our Manx Heritage.

J. BELL, Chairman,
Souvenir Book Committee.

Prize Distribution

The slogan adopted by the Montreal Manx Society for the forthcoming Convention is to "Outdo all previous Conventions." What we mean by this is that we are going to offer something bigger and better than previous Conventions.

This Committee depends largely for its appropriation upon the Prize Dis-

tribution books. The prizes offered this year are as follows:

1. Oil painting of Rushen Castle
2. \$15.00 worth of merchandise
3. \$10.00 worth of merchandise
4. \$ 5.00 worth of merchandise
5. Cushion given by Mrs. Colquitt of Toronto
6. Glass table centre

You will notice that these prizes are all worth while, which we feel should make a large sale of tickets possible, as the members of the Societies should have no hesitation in selling tickets to their friends outside the organization. Tickets will be in your Secretary's or Regional Director's hands in the near future. If you should not get a book of these to dispose of, please ask your Secretary for one. We are hoping to raise a considerable amount on this Distribution.

In addition to the above we expect to have several annual subscriptions to Isle of Man papers to offer as special prizes to Societies or individuals selling the largest number of Prize Distribution tickets.

You will realize that the success of the Convention depends entirely on the whole-hearted co-operation of the members of all the Societies and our Manx friends. We know we can depend on you to do your full share!

B. C. BELL, Chairman,
Ways and Means Committee.

News of the Manx Societies

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NEBRASKA

Thirty-five members of the Nebraska Manx Association met at the home of Mrs. J. W. Morris in Lincoln for their annual Christmas meeting. After a bountiful dinner had been disposed of, they proceeded with their business meeting and a program. A beautiful silk United States flag was presented to them by the Women's Relief Corps, Mesdames Harmon and McBride of Lincoln making the presentation and speaking on what the flag stands for. They knew it would be in good hands with the Nebraska Manx Association, who are very proud to have it. Solos, trios and readings completed the program.

Their spring meeting will be on March 17th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Robison in Elk Creek, Nebraska. The program is in charge of Mrs. H. Crellin, Miss Margaret Cannell and Mrs. T. D. Clarke, who is Chairman.

Sunday, June 9th, has been selected as the date for their annual meeting and picnic. It will be held at Riverside Park, Nebraska City, Nebraska. They extend an urgent invitation to Manx people in Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska to be with them at this picnic and enjoy the fun.

BISBEE

The January meeting of the Bisbee Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennaugh in Bisbee, when the following were re-elected as officers for the year of 1940:

Pres., Thos. Hastie
Vice-Pres., Fred H. Corrin
Treas., Mrs. James Kennaugh
Organist, W. H. Kelly
Secy., Arnold B. Corrin, Box 3332, Lowell, Ariz.

In February, they met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quill in Bisbee, and in March, Mrs. Annie Watterson was the hostess. The usual musical entertainment, games and excellent lunches rounded out pleasant evenings.

PEORIA

The Peoria Manx Society met on January 31st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robin Bliss for a covered-dish supper, which was a farewell party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Taylor, who were leaving the following day to make their home in Western Springs, Illinois. Much regret was expressed at their departure, especially since Mrs. Taylor had been their very efficient secretary for the past year and a half. She was presented with a very handsome lace tablecloth. After dinner, the balance of the evening was spent in playing games and a very enjoyable time was had by all.

Miss Eva Kelly, 205 Northwood Drive, Peoria, was elected Secretary for the remainder of the year.

TORONTO

The first three 1940 monthly meetings of the above society have been most enjoyable, reports their Secretary, Mrs. Mona Quilliam Downward. In an endeavor to build up their funds, a mid-monthly "social" is now held in the homes of the various members. Everyone in Toronto is looking forward to details in connection with the forthcoming Montreal Convention.

The following new officers were elected at their December meeting:

Pres., Mr. Tom Moore
Vice-Pres., Mrs. John Costain
Treas., Mrs. Frank Williamson
Fin. Secy., Mrs. Robert Russell
Secy., Mrs. G. Downward, 60 Marchmont Rd., Toronto

Those interested in the Toronto Manx Society should make a note of the fact that their meetings are now held on the first Monday of each month in the small, cosy room of the Jessie Ketchum Hall in Toronto.

WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx Society held a very successful Christmas Tree Entertainment on December 22nd. The festivities began with a most enjoyable supper. Everything in keeping with the season was served and enjoyed by all who attended. The children received gifts from Santa Claus (Mr. Thomas Clague, who filled the role admirably). The visit of Santa Claus was followed by dancing by pupils of Miss Evelyn Kissack, a magician's act, and, of course, the kiddies did their bit by reciting and singing. A few rounds of community singing completed a splendid night, equally enjoyed by children and adults. The presence of all of their soldier members gave the opportunity of presenting each with a gift from the Society.

LOS ANGELES

Songs, smiles and happiness were the order of the day at the Sixteenth Annual Christmas Party of the Los Angeles Manx Society, held December 29, 1939. A bountiful turkey dinner with all that goes with it was much enjoyed by the one hundred members and friends present. Mr. W. D. Callow of San Francisco told of his trip to Victoria, B. C., during the visit of King George and Queen Elizabeth, at which time he was received by Their Majesties as a Manxman representing his fellow-countrymen. The musical entertainment included carol singing by the choir, under Mr. John Christian, and was greatly enjoyed. Zest was added to the occasion by the presence of several out-of-town guests. Games and dancing, with Mr. Richard Pilkington as Master of Ceremonies, completed a splendid evening.

The January meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society was "Manx Night." Mrs. Osborn gave an interesting talk on her father, the late

Andrew Joughin, a Manxman who did so much for California, and who now is recorded in history as one of the greatest pioneers of the West. Mr. Joughin went to California in the fifties, passing away in 1889. Community singing and piano selections by Miss Elva Bain rounded out an enjoyable evening.

Their February meeting took the form of a dancing exhibition by the students of Mrs. Beebe Carpenter. Old-fashioned and folk dancing was much enjoyed by the members and friends present. A visitor at their meeting was Miss Emma Cowle of Cleveland.

SEATTLE

The Seattle Manx Society held a very enjoyable concert and dance at the Mayflower Hotel on January 26th. A splendid program was arranged by the committee, consisting of Mr. Cecil G. Hope Gill as honorary chairman, Mr. E. M. Kissack, Mr. Stanford Kissack, Mr. Horace Vick, Mr. J. D. Jainer and Miss Marian Moore Stewart. The program included a Scotch reading by Mrs. Bessie McGilvory, Scotch songs by "Sandy" Young, accompanied by Mrs. Young, tenor solo by Mr. Edwin Kissack, violin solo by Mr. Stanford Kissack, soprano solo, Mrs. Nellie Knighton, bass solo, Allan Davenport. After the conclusion of the program the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing. Mr. Robert Stewart, Jr., was in charge of the music for dancing.

Their annual election was held on February 24th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kissack. Mr. Horace Vick was re-elected President, and Mr. Stanford Kissack, 4142—44th St., S.W. Seattle, was elected Secretary for the coming year. After the business meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hope Gill presented the Society with a beautiful Manx flag. Their President, Mr. Vick, is having the words "Seattle Manx Society, 1940" put on it. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. and Mrs. Gill. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing Manx songs and playing games.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx Society held its February meeting at the home of their Secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Christian. In spite of the stormy weather, there was quite a good attendance. At a short business meeting, the following officers were elected:

Pres., Miss Alice C. Garrett
Vice-Pres., Mr. Alfred Looney
Secy.-Treas., Mr. Dan W. Christian, 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Garrett showed moving pictures of the Lincoln Convention, and while some played cards and bingo, the others had a good old-fashioned "coolish". One of their members, Mr. Wm. Cannon, was eighty years "young" on February 10th, so the members took the opportunity to send him a shower of birthday cards.

OBITUARIES

Bridson, Wm. Joseph, of Liverpool, England, died very suddenly on December 24th at the age of 59. He was born and raised in Douglas and after sailing for a time on the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company's boats, he went to Liverpool, where he received an appointment as Chief Engineer in the Harrison Line, a post he held at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, who is Secretary of the Liverpool Manx Social Society, a son and a daughter; also his father who resides in Douglas. Mrs. Bridson has been a member of the N.A.M.A. for several years.

Christian, Mrs. Catherine Elizabeth (nee Clarke) passed away March 5th at the home of her daughter Mrs. Evelyn Forrester, 1342 Belle Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. Mrs. Christian was 86 and came to Cleveland thirty-three years ago, from Peel, Isle of Man. She was the widow of William Thomas Christian and in addition to Mrs. Forrester she is survived by three sons, Rev. William H. of Shreve, Ohio, John E., a Past President of the N.A.M.A., and J. Percy of Cleveland. Another son was the late Thomas A. of Pueblo, Colorado.

Cockerell, Mrs. John (nee Mona Louise Cregeen), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Cregeen of Wendigo Mines Kenora, formerly of Winnipeg, Manitoba, died on February 20th in Winnipeg. She was a regular attendant at the Winnipeg Manx meetings and will be greatly missed. Her mother came from Peel and her father from Glen Maye, Isle of Man.

Cook, Mrs. H. G., (nee Williette Crowe) of Elkader, Iowa, passed away at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 28, 1939. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Nagle; and a son, Robert, of Milwaukee; also a brother, Fred Crowe of West Union, Iowa; and three sisters, Mrs. Fanny Turner, Eva Crowe and Ella Crowe, all of Elkader, Iowa. Her father was a native of the Isle of Man.

Craine, Mrs. Emma (nee Quirk) of Hamilton, Ontario, passed away on November 15, 1939, after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Craine was born at Dalby, Isle of Man, but spent most of her life in Douglas and England before coming to Canada. She was the wife of the late Wm. Craine of Ellesmere Port, England. She is survived by a daughter, Gladys; a son, Earl; two sisters, Mrs. J. Heginbottom of Hamilton and Mrs. W. Stone of Glen Maye, Isle of Man; also a brother, Evan Quirk of Toronto.

Corlett, Cora Matilda, of 4182 Lee Road, Cleveland, died January 26th after a short illness. She was well known among the Warrensville Manx, having lived in that neighborhood all her life. Surviving her are two sisters, Mrs. Harriet Garfield with whom she lived, Mrs. B. H. Sickels and a brother, Thomas P. Corlett.

Cubbon, Mrs. Hortense (nee Mylecraigne), wife of Wm. Cubbon, Librarian and Director of the Manx Museum in Douglas, Isle of Man, passed on at her home in Douglas on February 10th after a prolonged illness. Mrs. Cubbon, a native of Cleveland, has resided in the Island for the last fifteen years. Beside her husband, she is survived by a sister, Flora; and three brothers, Bert, Fred and Ralph, all of Cleveland. She was also a cousin of Claire M. Mylecraigne.

Harrison, Mrs. Louisa, wife of the late Thomas Harrison of Leroy, and a charter member of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society, passed away at her home, the Harrison Homestead in Leroy, on March 1st. Surviving her are her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Caldwell, and two sons, George and Woodrow. Mrs. Harrison was the great grand-daughter of Thomas and Catherine Corlett Harrison, who came from the Isle of Man with their four children in about 1827, settling in Leroy in 1845.

Kennaugh, Thomas Arbory, of Glenrock, Wyoming, passed away on February 16th due to an accident. He was but 22 years of age and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennaugh. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Nile Plummer of Glenrock and three brothers, George, Gilmore and Donald. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kennaugh are from Ballabeg, Isle of Man, and those who attended the Convention in Lincoln last summer will no doubt recall meeting them there.

Kermode, Fred, passed away at his home in Palmetta, Florida, January 20th. He was the husband of Emma (nee Moore) of Peel, and besides his widow leaves a son George, his mother Mrs. Eleanor Kermode, three sisters, Mrs. Robert Faragher, Mrs. Joseph Stables, and Mrs. Ben Taylor, Cleveland, and three brothers, Raby, Cleveland, Allan, Painesville, and William, Pensacola, Florida.

Kewley, Edward L., of Galva, Illinois, passed away in February at the age of 77 years. He is survived by his widow (nee Edith H. Clucas), two daughters, one son and two sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Kewley had celebrated their Golden Wedding in January, 1939. He was an interested member of the Galva Manx Society.

Patric, Milan W., of Rochester, New York, died on December 8th. He was the husband of Jennie Quine Patric, and while he was not Manx himself, he was always interested in things Manx, being a member of both the Rochester Manx Society and the N.A.M.A.

Quirk, Jessie (nee Quaggin), wife of the late Thomas Quirk and mother of Arthur T., Mrs. Edith Madsen and Mrs. Ada Woodward, passed away February 19th at the home of her daughter Mrs. Woodward at West Palm Beach, Florida.

Shimmin, Mrs. Julia, aged 95 years, widow of the late Hugh T. Shimmin, passed away February 4th at her home in Pasadena, California. She was a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to Mona's Relief Society and always cherished memories of days spent with that group.

To the relative and friends of the above, we extend sincere sympathy.

A Compliment

"Let me congratulate you on the Christmas Bulletin. I enjoyed reading every word of this number. It is quite apparent that the movement for bringing together the overseas Manx in close fellowship has gripped many and holds them together. Your Bulletin is a splendid medium, and I hope it has a large subscribing public. You are doing a fine patriotic work, and I feel sure it will be well appreciated in time to come.

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W. CUBBON,

Director and Librarian

The Manx Museum,

Douglas, Isle of Man.

March 11th, 1940.

ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—Iceland.
- 2—Ronaldsway.
- 3—Name given to the Airport there.
- 4—From the Scandinavian, meaning a "peak".
- 5—May 5, 1830.
- 6—October 29, 1897.
- 7—A kind of ivy.
- 8—For Christmas decoration.
- 9—Off the Calf of Man.
- 10—Bank's Howe.

Forty Years Of Service

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society

(A short address delivered by Mrs. T. R. Teare of Cleveland on the occasion of their Fortieth Anniversary celebration, Dec. 8, 1939.)

The Isle of Man, a very small landmark on the globe, has scattered its kin to the far corners of the earth. Love for the homeland is sung the world over. Their latchstring is always out to welcome their people.

Pleasant memories take us back to our grandfathers and grandmothers who came in sailing vessels to the States.

In 1851 a Society was formed to help the needy and give a glad hand to the homesick one. It was called the Mona's Relief Society. Our Miss Amy Quayle has been its secretary for thirty-five years. Such years of service are proof of love and loyalty.

Our Mona's Relief Society did its service through the Civil War. Manxmen enlisted as volunteers. Women knit, more and more women knit. Another generation served in the World War. Under Mrs. Sneyd's supervision our Auxiliary sewed for the far-reaching Red Cross. Again, we are sorry that the war-cloud is hanging over that Homeland.

Today we are thinking of memories of forty years. My own close affiliation and love for our Auxiliary has left many pleasant memories.

In 1899, after two days of hard work preparing an anniversary supper for the Mona's Relief Society, we found we had no profit. Disappointed but not discouraged, the ladies organized themselves as an Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society. Mrs. John Moxon, our first president, was well posted in organizing. We worked under her supervision one year. Mrs. George Collier was our Secretary and Treasurer and I was Chairman of the Welfare Committee. I was always being "called" for spending more money than we had in the treasury!

Our first meetings were held in our homes, a bountiful luncheon was served and everlasting friendships were made. Through the influence of Mrs. Frank Hogan, we were accepted at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, and we feel that we are a part of that good work.

I would like to tell you how many quilts we have quilted, how many aprons we have made, how many handkerchiefs we have hemmed and other articles completed, but I have no record! Mrs. Arthur Kissack, Mrs. MacVeigh and Mrs. H. Pritchard for the past seven years have had two quilts on the frame at 9:30 A. M. every work day. Mrs. Kissack has a good Manx husband who hustles her out in the morning. Mr. MacVeigh doesn't mind getting his own lunch. Mrs. Pritchard's husband

was one of my Sunday-school class—I can vouch for him!

Mrs. Roy Bertsch and Mrs. Stephen Kelly will sell you an apron any time and you will not feel that you have been "sold." Two hostesses will meet you at the dining room door, and although you carry your own lunch, they will serve you with the best coffee or tea—three cups if nicely asked for! Every few weeks Mrs. Sherman, Miss Alice Corlett and Miss Chrissie Quayle, with the assistance of our good cooks, serve a luncheon for twenty-five cents. Our friends are very welcome to join us on that day!

Our Welfare Committee is Mrs. Frank Cleator and Miss Mary Hampton. I would like them to speak for themselves but they would not tell one thing. All we know is, our treasury decreases quite often. Miss Chrissie Quayle and Mrs. John Cain have sent flowers to homes in sorrow and cards to cheer the shut-ins.

Our retiring Chairman, Mrs. Fred Gorry, after five years of service, will always be remembered for her good judgment, kind word and willing heart. Miss Amy Quayle has been our secretary for thirty-four years—her record makes me feel like singing "Blest be the Tie that binds our hearts in Christian love". "Love and Loyalty" is the slogan for Miss Quayle.

Mrs. John R. Cain, our new president, has mingled with us long enough to know what she is undertaking. Let us prove to Mrs. Cain that we are willing helpers and loyal to the cause.

To our shut-ins, we pray for your return.

To our departed ones who have passed into higher life—how many times we have looked at empty chairs and almost heard voices.

"The kind, the true, the brave, the sweet,

Who worked with us of yore,
Thanks be to God that such have been,

Though they work with us no more.
"We know Love is never wasted,
Nor Truth, nor the voice of a prayer,

And a thought that goes forth as a blessing

Must live as a joy in the air."

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and bad times shared with old friends; the old hymns sung on stormy nights with the sea thundering in the Bay. Wherever they go they carry Peel with them; it breathes through their lives, their thoughts, their speech, their philosophy, with the tang of the salt sea and the fragrance of the headlands, and through all the years the little town is imaged in their hearts, bathed for ever in "the light that never was on sea or land."

Manx Servicemen's Cigarette Fund

Manx people on this continent wishing to contribute to the fund being collected by the Manx press to furnish cigarettes to the Manx boys serving with the Forces, may mail their contribution to Miss Claire Mylecraine, Secretary N. A. M. A., 10525 Baltic road, Cleveland, Ohio, who will be glad to forward it to the proper authorities. Cleveland friends have already sent quite a liberal donation.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BREAKFAST CLUB

To the members and friends of the Breakfast Club—thank you, one and all, for your generous response to the "Cigarette Fund." I know from experience how gratefully these parcels will be received, and I know I can rely on you to continue to donate to this worthy cause from time to time. When we are so comfortable here, it is hard to realize the suffering over there, and our hearts go out in sympathy to our fellow Manx people.

Don't forget our drive for membership, and let's have a real crowd of "Breakfast Clubbers" at Montreal. Our membership has greatly increased—let's keep up the good work.

SIDNEY W. CORKISH, President.

N. A. M. A. Breakfast Club

Because of the small attendance of Breakfast Club members at the recent Convention in Lincoln, Nebraska, the election of officers of this group was postponed. This election took place at a meeting held in Cleveland on January 28th, when several members from other cities were present. The following were elected:

Pres., Sidney W. Corkish, Buffalo
Vice-Pres., Douglas Corlett, Montreal

Secy-Treas., Josephine Sharp, 10820 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

The Cleveland group of the Breakfast Club held their first monthly meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keig, Jr., 4118 Silsby Road, University Heights, Ohio, on February 10th. Eighteen members were present and enjoyed a thoroughly pleasant evening. The second Saturday night of each month has become the appointed time for these Cleveland group meetings. An invitation is issued to ALL single people to become members of the Breakfast Club. Friendship and good times await you there. Your support is necessary and as a comparatively young organization affiliated with the N.A.M.A., the Breakfast Club too wishes to preserve that which all Manx people have in common—their ancient heritage.

Their Secretary will be glad to hear from anyone interested in joining this club and will be happy to furnish any further information which might be desired—either regarding the Breakfast Club itself, or the monthly meeting in the Cleveland area.

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