

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



Vol. 15, No. 4

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

May, 1942

## MANX BULLETINS IN 1942-43

### "KEEP 'EM COMING!"

This year, in line with the spirit of the times, there will be no Manx Convention.

Each year the N.A.M.A. balance sheet has shown that a share of its funds is earned from Convention proceeds. Membership dues alone do not cover N.A.M.A. expenditures.

We must try to equal the share usually contributed by Convention profit. The officers have found a way, and it differs little from what members have cooperated with to accomplish in previous years.

The N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary has always sponsored a Prize Distribution to help the Convention Committee with their expenses. This year there will be a Grand Prize Distribution under the sponsorship of both the Ladies' Auxiliary and the parent organization, the N.A.M.A. itself. The prizes will be very desirable and tickets will be one dollar per book of twelve as in previous years.

Now think a moment. In the past you have supported the Ladies' campaign and also a simi-

lar effort by the local Convention Committee. You did that to help make a successful Convention and the Convention in turn was able to pass the money on to the Association to enable it to carry on. What you are asked to do this year amounts to no more than that; but we most earnestly urge that every member make it his personal responsibility to support the Association in this drive for needed funds. You can buy a book of tickets yourself or take several books and dispose of them among your friends. Either way it does not mean great sacrifice or effort.

List of prizes and books are being prepared and will be in everyone's hands soon. Then it only remains for you to do your part. We know that you will. There is no Manx Convention this year—but you want to keep the Bulletin coming to your home—it is an old Manx friend. So here is your chance to show that you really value the Bulletin.

OFFICERS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN  
MANX ASSOCIATION AND THE  
LADIES' AUXILIARY

## N. A. M. A. REGIONAL DIRECTORS

The following Regional Directors have been appointed to serve the Association:

### FOR THE SOCIETIES

- Bisbee—John Corkill, Box 591, Bisbee, Arizona.
- Buffalo—Richard Coole, 37—15th St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Edith Bury, 45 E. Main St., Gowanda, N. Y.
- Chicago—Walter J. Stevenson, 321 N. Lotus St., Chicago, Ill.; John T. Shimmin, 6544 Perry Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Cleveland—Wm. E. Kerruish, 7829 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, O.; Mrs. A. U. Bartholomew, 3253 Euclid Hts. Blvd., Cleveland Heights, O.; R. W. Skillicorn, 4912 E. 96th St., Cleveland, O.
- Detroit - Windsor—Fred Tate, 10023 Quincy Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. S. Lamberton, 957 Moy Ave., Windsor, Ontario.
- Galva—Mrs. James Cubbon, R.F.D., Lafayette, Illinois.
- Greater New York—Mrs. Wm. Karan, 1198 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. Miss Florence M. Gill, 825 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Los Angeles—T. Donald Bain, 5019 Halldale Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Oscar Ward, 1818 W. 81st St., Los Angeles, Calif.; Robert Craine, 1924 Rosalia Rd., Hollywood, Calif.
- Montreal—Ted Brayden, 780 Marin Ave., St. Henry, Montreal, P. Q.; Fred Quane, 250 Lansdowne Ave., Apt. No. 10, Westmount, P. Q.
- Nebraska—Mrs. J. W. Morris, 3091 U Street, Lincoln, Nebr.
- Northeastern Ohio—Dr. George W. Smith, 535 Mentor Ave., Painesville, O.
- Peoria—Mrs. Geo. C. Ashman, 306 Barker Ave., Peoria, Ill.
- Rochester—Miss Alice C. Garrett, 359 Hayward Ave., Rochester, N. Y.; Dan W. Christian, 31 Nellis Park, Rochester, N. Y.
- San Francisco—Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle, 1537—20th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
- Seattle—W. H. Moore, 6323—30th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash.; Miss Edith A. Cubbon, 1327 Park Ave., Bremerton, Wash.
- Toronto—Joseph Daugherty, 183 Monarch Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.
- Vancouver—J. E. Costain, 2346—3rd Ave. East, Vancouver, B. C.; Mrs. Alice Halsall, 2834 Georgia St., Vancouver, B. C.

(Continued on Page 6)

## THE NORTH AMERICAN MANX ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS 1941-1942

- Hon. President.....Mrs. A. B. Crookall  
Douglas, Isle of Man
- Hon. Vice Presidents.....Hon. Richard Cain  
Atty. Gen'l Ramsey B. Moore  
Douglas, Isle of Man
- Past President.....Rev. Jos. Partridge  
Casey, Illinois
- President.....Mr. James Y. Mann  
399 Banning Street, Winnipeg, Canada
- Vice Presidents:  
Alice C. Garrett.....Rochester, N. Y.  
J. Wilson Jenkinson.....Washington, D. C.  
Walter D. Skillicorn.....Buffalo, N. Y.
- Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary:  
Mrs. Edith Bury.....Gowanda, N. Y.
- Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club:  
Richard H. Corkill.....Detroit, Mich.
- Corres. and Rec. Secy.....Claire M. Mylecraine  
10525 Baltic Road, Cleveland, O.
- Fin. Sec'y and Treas.....Gertrude Cannell  
1492 Robinwood Ave., Lakewood, O.
- BULLETIN COMMITTEE:  
Claire M. Mylecraine Gertrude Cannell  
Mrs. F. T. Gorry John R. Cain F. T. Gorry

### The President's Message

To All Manx Friends:

In this issue of our Bulletin, it is customary to give a message pertaining to the Convention, which usually follows in August. But this year, I am sorry we cannot give you our accustomed invitation to enjoy yourselves to the limit.

For the first time since the N.A. M.A. was founded, we have had to call off our Convention, and this was done only after careful consideration was given to all angles concerned.

To carry on our work in the meantime is now one of the problems which your Executive is faced with, and while various plans have been formulated for future use, we would welcome all and any suggestions from our readers.

In times like these, in the midst of the greatest conflict the world has ever known, when all of our energies are turned in the one direction and calls are made on us for all kinds of help, we must not entirely forget our own N.A.M.A., and I would appeal to all for their continued support, so that we can keep on with our work and progress in Manx affairs to our mutual advantage. Then, when Victory shall be ours and peace reigns again, we can feel justified in going on with preparations for the holding of our delayed convention.

Your membership will help us to carry on, and our Bulletin will, I am sure, amply repay you and, at the same time, kindle and keep burning the fires of Manx love and patriotism, so deeply inherited by you all.

In closing, I pay tribute to our Manx boys who have already paid the supreme sacrifice in the Army, Navy and Air Force, and on ships all over the world.

JAMES Y. MANN

## Manx - Americans and Manx - Canadians In The Armed Forces

The following additional names of Manx boys serving in the armed forces of Canada and the United States have reached us since the last Bulletin was published. They, too, would like to have letters from their Manx friends, so let's all make it a point to write to some of them occasionally.

### TORONTO

A.Q.M.S. J. G. Downward, B94232, Canadian Non-Divisional, Ordnance Workshop, R.C.O.C., Canadian Army Overseas. Husband of Mrs. G. Downward, 60 Marchmount Road, Toronto, Ontario.

Staff Sergeant W. D. Fick, B94396, 2nd Field Workshop, R.C.O.C., Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fick, 205 DeGrassi St., Toronto, Ontario.

Sergeant H. H. Fick, B94493, L.A. D., Att. 1st Can. Div. Signals, Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fick, 205 DeGrassi St., Toronto, Ontario.

Gunner G. F. Fick, B22087, 8th Can. Hy. A. A. Batty., R.C.A., Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fick, 205 DeGrassi St., Toronto, Ontario.

Private W. B. Fick, B88659, 1st Gen. Holding Unit, R.C.O.C., Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mrs. W. Fick, 642 Gerrard St., Toronto, Ontario.

Sig. G. J. Caveen, B72667, B.H.Q. Coy., 48th Highlanders of Canada, Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto, Ontario.

Corporal C. Christian, B66616, H.Q. Coy., 1st Royal Regt. of Canada, Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Christian, 210 Glebeholme Blvd., Toronto, Ontario.

L/Sgt. H. A. Greene, A.Coy., 1st Batt. Royal Regt. of Canada, Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mrs. M. Green, 1250 Danforth Ave., Toronto.

Private G. Greene, B74308, C.Coy., 13th Platoon, 48th Highlanders, Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mrs. M. Green, 1250 Danforth Ave., Toronto.

Private E. Clague, B74097, 17th Platoon, D.Coy., 48th Highlanders, Canadian Army Overseas. Son of Mr. E. Clague, of Toronto.

### CHICAGO

Private John Kneale, Company D, 326th Infantry, 82nd Division, Camp Claiborne, La.

1st Lt. Ralph P. Creer, Army Medical Museum, Washington, D. C.

### NEBRASKA

Lt. David A. Thompson, 339th Infantry, Camp Shelby, Miss.

James Tear, Co. C, 3rd Platoon, 7 Bn., Medical Replacement Center, Camp Lee, Va. Nephews of Miss Grace Tear, Peru, Nebraska.

George Quayle Kennaugh, Volunteer Hospital Corps, U. S. Navy, Dowling Hall, Omaha, Nebraska. Charles Gilmour Kennaugh, Class No. 60 Telephone Co. Signal Battalion, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. Sons of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennaugh, Glenrock, Wyoming.

### GALVA

Harold Gale, Ft. Sheridan, Illinois. Son of Tom Gale, Galva, Illinois.

### SEATTLE

Petty Officer Wm. Booth, U. S. Navy, Son of Mrs. T. L. Edwards, 2909—19th Ave., South Seattle, Wash.

### ROCHESTER

Private Charles Sundlof, Stationed at San Francisco. Son of Mrs. Chas. Sundlof (nee Phoebe Kennish), 15 Chestnut St., Dansville, N. Y.

### LOS ANGELES

Jimmie Moughtin, Stationed at San Francisco. Cousin of Mrs. Wm. Mullen, 1815 South 8th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Ernie Marrion, Stationed in Australia. Son of Mr. and Mrs. George Marrion.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Private George C. Satterlee, A.P.O. 953, Base Casual Camp, c/o Postmaster San Francisco. Son of Mr. Amy Satterlee, San Francisco.

### WINNIPEG

Corp. C. Quane and Corp. Lawrence Quane, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quane, Melita, Manitoba.

Harold Cashin, Boissevain, Manitoba—with New Zealand Forces in the Fiji Islands.

Four sons of Mr. Phil Clarke, Alonsa, Manitoba, are in the Canadian Forces.

Milton Clarke, son of Charles Clarke, Winnipeg, is with the Canadian Forces.

Douglas Clague, with Royal Canadian Navy.

Herbert Cowley, with Royal Canadian Navy.

### EDMONTON

Reginald Kissack, with Royal Canadian Army.

### CLEVELAND

Private Jos. Corbe, 325th Infantry, Co. K, 82nd Div., Camp Claiborne, La., son of Mrs. J. Corbe, 14600 Ingalton Ave.

David S. Dunlop, husband of Marcia (nee Becker), 14487 East Carroll.

Corp. Roger Marous, Headquarters, 107th Cavalry, Fort Ord, California. Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sayle, 21810 Fairmount Blvd.

Fred A. Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, 1185 Virginia Ave., Lakewood.

Gunner Robert K. Cowley, 61st Battery, 8th A.F. Regiment, R.C.A., Canadian Base P. O., London, England. Home address, Greencourt, Alberta. Nephew of Mrs. Walter K. Wood and Miss Eleanor Kneen, Cleveland.

Norman Cowley, Royal Canadian Navy, brother of Robert K. Cowley and same address.

Thomas N. Corlett, Jr., 1519 Crest Road, Cleveland Heights.

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## CHICAGO

Thirty-three members attended a dinner and monthly meeting of the Chicago Manx Society on March 21st. Mr. Walter Stevenson entertained with several vocal numbers and his daughter, Myrra, played a piano solo. Dr. Moore acted as "Quiz Master" and caused much enjoyment by his interpretation of various questions submitted to him by those present. An out-of-town guest was Mr. Kewley of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Their May meeting was held on the 2nd at the Stevens Restaurant in Chicago, with thirty-one in attendance. After the usual business session, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevenson contributed the musical part of the program, which was greatly enjoyed. Mr. Samuel W. Banning, Lecturer and Attorney-at-Law, showed some very interesting colored pictures of the West.

They are planning to hold their Annual Church Service at the Rev. T. Harry Kelly's church, and it will probably be some time in June. The date for this affair will be decided in the near future.

## LOS ANGELES

The home of the Oscar Wards in Los Angeles was the meeting place of the Los Angeles Manx Society in April, with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pilkington as joint host and hostess. About forty attended and all enjoyed a "coolish" together after the business meeting and refreshments. Their last meeting of the year was to be held at the home of their President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Mullen, in Alhambra, on Sunday, May 24th. Their annual picnic will be in Ferndale (Griffith Park) on Sunday, June 14th, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

## DETROIT-WINDSOR

The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society had its last indoor meeting for the season at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit on May 12th. After the regular business session, the evening was spent playing games and partaking of the refreshments which had been prepared. It was decided that during the summer months their meetings would be held at the various parks, and the first of these will be on Sunday, June 14th.

## BUFFALO

The May meeting of the Buffalo Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Klaiber, 105 Century Road, Buffalo. The Manuel Truebas, who had recently returned from a trip to Cuba, had many interesting experiences to tell, and an excellent lunch topped off a very delightful evening. At this meeting, it was decided that they would regularly send packages to the boys serving in the armed forces.

## CLEVELAND

### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

This Society was entertained at its April meeting by members of the "Clan Grant," who gave a fine program of Scotch songs, dances and readings. At the May meeting, a Welsh quartette from the Heights Presbyterian Church gave a most enjoyable entertainment. These get-togethers with our fellow-Celts prove extremely successful and are a source of mutual pleasure. The June meeting was the occasion of the annual Memorial Service of this Society, an appropriate address being given by Rev. David Scott. The soloist was Mr. Douglas Cleator. These meetings were conducted by the President, Mr. John Gell, and all were well attended.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

This Society held its annual spring luncheon on Friday, June 5th, at the East End Y.M.C.A. Over ninety attended. Assisting Mrs. John R. Cain, president, with arrangements were Mrs. Harrison Crellin and Mrs. William Bateman. The Ladies are well known for their successful and enjoyable functions, which are always well attended, and this was no exception to the rule. Luncheons are held several times during the year and any Cleveland Manx who find it convenient to attend should watch for the dates and make it a point to be present.

### MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY

The meetings of this Society have been well attended, supporting the new President, Mr. Alan Fricke. A smoker was recently held, when pictures of the Isle of Man were shown by Mr. Robert Cool.

The annual picnic of the combined Cleveland Manx Societies will be held at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 8th.

## NEBRASKA

The spring meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Clarke in Exeter, Nebraska on April 12th. It was a beautiful day and the trip to Exeter was greatly enjoyed by all who went. Luncheon was served at 1:00 P. M. and was followed by an interesting meeting and program of entertainment.

Their next meeting will be the Annual Picnic and will take place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry R. Crellin on June 7th. The Crellins live four miles north on 14th Street and one-half mile west, Lincoln, Nebr. A warm welcome awaits all who attend this annual reunion of the Nebraska Manx.

## ROCHESTER

Because of the continued illness of their President, Mr. Alfred Looney, the Rochester Manx Society has had no meetings for the past several months. They hope, however, that they will be able to plan one for the very near future, when they are looking forward to having a good turnout.

## BISBEE

In April, the Bisbee Manx Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kelly, when everyone had a most enjoyable time. Mr. Fred Corrin entertained with several piano-accordion selections and Mr. W. K. Caley led the singing with his concertina. Their May meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Pearson and was well attended. Their June meeting will be held in the out-of-doors.

## VANCOUVER

The Annual Spring Concert and Dance of the Vancouver Manx Society was held in the Maccabee's Hall in Vancouver on March 27th. A program consisting of vocal and instrumental numbers and readings was presented by Mr. Fred Richards and his concert party. There was a good attendance and all spent a most enjoyable evening. The concert was followed by refreshments and dancing.

This Society was planning to hold a Whist Drive and a novelty musical entertainment on May 29th. We hope to have a report of this for our next issue.

## TORONTO PICNIC

The annual picnic of the Toronto Manx Society will be held at Port Dalhousie on Saturday, July 4th.

The members of this society are extending a hearty invitation to Manx friends in Hamilton, Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland and, in fact, everywhere, to join them on this occasion.

The steamer for Port Dalhousie leaves Toronto Terminal at 7:50 A. M., arriving at the Port at about 11:00 A. M. The boat fare is \$1.10 round trip from Toronto.

They plan to have their meals at Lakeside Inn, where a special cold luncheon will be served for 45c, and a hot supper for 65c.

Here is an opportunity for Manx people in the Eastern Great Lakes area to spend a pleasant day together. The Toronto Manx are looking forward to having a good crowd, so make up your mind now to join the happy throng. Additional particulars can be had by contacting their Secretary, Mrs. G. Downward, 60 Marchmount Road, Toronto. LET'S GO!!!

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

### "Weddin's"

Two Junior Members of the Toronto Manx Society were married in December—Miss Eileen Williamson to Mr. Lloyd Pike on the 6th; and Miss Jean Costain to Mr. Perry Hancock on the 19th.

A wedding of interest in Vancouver was that of Miss Mabel Cass to Mr. Charles William Christian (4305 Prince Albert Street, Vancouver) on March 14th. The bride's parents came from England, and the groom's from the Isle of Man. His father was the late William Moore Christian, formerly of Peel; and his mother is Mildred Cregeen Christian, formerly of Glen Rushen. Miss Vera Christian, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and Mrs. Fred Stewart was matron of honor. Mr. Kenneth Christian was his brother's best man, and ushers were Norman Gell and Jack Buck. Mr. and Mrs. Christian will make their home in Vancouver.

Mr. Crosby Moyer Kelly, son of Past President and Mrs. Thomas C. Kelly of Hinsdale, Illinois, was married on Friday, May 8th, to Miss Hannah Lee Childs of Detroit, Mich. The wedding took place in Martha-Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village, Detroit, and the newlyweds will make their home in Dearborn, Michigan.

On Saturday evening, March 28th, Miss Marion Moore Stewart, former Secretary of the Seattle Manx Society and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart of Seattle, Washington, became the bride of Mr. Robert Ellsworth Hart of Seattle. Miss Catharine Stewart was maid of honor and Miss Elizabeth Stewart was the bridesmaid. Robert Stewart, brother of the bride, was vocal soloist; and her cousin, Merrill Moore, who was organist, played "Ellan Vannin" and "Harvest of the Sea" as the wedding party was leaving the Brighton Presbyterian Church, where the ceremony was performed. We are told that the Manx were well represented at the reception which followed.

\* \* \*

Our heartiest congratulations and sincere good wishes to all of these young people.

We are glad to learn, through Mrs. G. Downward, Secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, that one of our young Manx fliers has been doing remarkably fine work over in England during the past year. He is Flight Sergeant Ronald Craine, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Craine, Connaught Ave., Newtonbrook, Ontario.

Our friend, Ivy Colquitt of Toronto, is up to her eyes giving A.R.P. lectures, and has done a splendid job in that direction during the past winter. Keep up the good work, Ivy! More power to you!

An Honorary Degree was voted by the University of Nebraska Senate and Board of Regents, to be conferred upon Frederick James Kelly, Chief of the Division of Colleges and Professional Schools in the U. S. Office of Education in Washington, D. C. Mr. Kelly, a graduate of the University in 1902, had planned to be present at the Commencement Exercises, but Congressional hearings and other important business in Washington forced him to change his plans. The awarding of the Degree, therefore, will be postponed until next year. The father of Mr. Kelly, the late J. E. Kelly, was one of the charter members of the Nebraska Manx Association.

A Manx name in an unusual place is "Miss Ramsay Crebbin," who represented "Brazil" in the Spring Fiesta at New Orleans last March. She is a daughter of Dr. Alexander R. Crebbin, oculist, of Washington, D. C.

Another Crebbin in the news is Flight Lieutenant W. N. Crebbin, mentioned in the Overseas Daily Mail of January 24, 1942 as having won the D.F.C. for "fine airmanship and unflinching courage," which several times enabled him to fly his plane home after it had been severely damaged during attacks on shipping and other targets. He is 26.

It seems that some of the Los Angeles Manx are getting their "tripping" in early this year. Donald Bain recently made a short visit with Manx friends in San Francisco and with the Tom Fayles in Petaluma; and the Richard Pinkingtons and daughter, Dorene, are enjoying a month's trip to Winnipeg for a visit with relatives.

INFORMATION WANTED—Does anyone know of a Jessie Corkill who, when last heard from in 1912 lived at Port McNicholl, Ontario? She was born in England in 1904 and her father, Joseph Corkill was an Engineer. Her mother's name was Ellen Corkill and she also had a brother and a sister named William Henry and Sarah, respectively. In 1909, the family resided at 689 Campbell St., West Toronto. There is a sum of money coming to this party and we should like to be of assistance in seeing that she gets it.

Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip, Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society, 1020 Harwood Street, Vancouver, recently learned that Mrs. Harriet Hughes, of Cleveland, Ohio, knew her very well in the Isle of Man. Mrs. Killip would like to hear from Mrs. Hughes sometime.

Mr. Fred H. Corrin, Past President of the Bisbee Manx Society, left on May 21st for Phoenix, where he was inducted into the Army. Fred was a faithful worker and will be greatly missed, not only by the Manx in Bisbee, but also by the many other civic groups with which he had been connected. He was choir director for the Covenant Presbyterian Church for a number of years and pianist for the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs. On Sunday evening, May 17th, the members of the Bisbee Manx Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin to give Fred a farewell party and present him with a gift.

Mr. Fred Caley of Bisbee also was recently ordered to appear before his local draft board and will soon be leaving for service.

Our readers will be sorry to know that no word has been received by the Bisbee Manx from Lt. Colonel Richard G. Rogers or Lt. Jack Rogers, who were stationed in the Philippines during the invasion by the Japs.

Maryellen Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, who graduated from the University of Nebraska on May 25th, plans to teach school this fall. She was one of six Beauty Queens chosen to take part in the "Ivy Day" celebration on the campus of the University.

Despite unrest in the Pacific, New Zealand mail comes through and our enthusiastic member Stanley Cannell of Whakatane always has something interesting to tell. We told him about a new member in New Zealand, Mr. C. Quirk, 140 Durham Street, Christchurch, a brother of Mrs. H. Frick of Cleveland. Stanley promptly informed "Charlie Southward," a friend of his, about Mr. Quirk and Mr. Southward was going to get in touch with him as it seems they went to school together! So the N.A.M.A. brings Manx people together, even in far-off New Zealand!

Since publishing the last issue of the Bulletin, we are informed that John Kennah Gale, the young R.A.F. member who was stationed in Florida at that time, has been transferred to the R.C.A.F. and his address now is as follows:

1490465  
L.A.C. Gale, J. K.  
No. 2 A.O.S., R.C.A.F.  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

We are sure he would enjoy having some of our members in Edmonton get in touch with him and that he would appreciate receiving letters from any of our members who would like to write to him. He is the son of Mrs. Nellie Gale of Colby, Isle of Man.

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

*Continued from Page 4*

Con Jones Park, valued at \$42,000, was recently turned over to the city of Vancouver, B. C., by its owner, Mrs. A. M. Stevenson, 2596 Dundas Street, of that city. The park is to be renamed "Callister Park" in memory of her uncle, the late John Callister, pioneer Manxman who came to Vancouver from Ballaugh, Isle of Man, in 1885. He passed away in 1934 at the venerable age of 92 years. As stated in one of their local newspapers, "Surely no more worthy method could have been devised to keep green the memory of John Callister, Manxman, Pioneer and Vancouver Citizen."

Here is a lady to whom Manx people should make it a point to write—Mrs. Ella C. Clague, Dayton, Washington. She has some Manx friends named Gawne in the nearby town of Pomeroy whom she visits occasionally for a chat and a "cup of tay." Thoroughly Manx, Mrs. Clague says she "doesn't like iced tea—wants it as hot as she can bear it, even on the hottest day in summer." She came from Castletown and is the mother of Dr. Ewan Clague who holds an important post with the Social Security Board in Washington. She would love to hear from Manx people.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Quill recently returned to their home in Bisbee, Arizona, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Quill in San Diego, Calif., who had become the parents of a bouncing boy.

Miss Eva Kelly, Secretary of the Peoria Manx Society, left recently to spend a week-end in St. Louis, where she was to attend the Empire Day Banquet and Dance, sponsored by the Canadian Legion of that city.

Miss Ethel Shimmin, Secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, has just returned from a trip South. While in Mobile, Alabama, she made the acquaintance of quite a number of Manx people who are residents of that city. She was entertained at a Sunday afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. W. Kelly, where she met Mr. and Mrs. T. Comish, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kelly and Mr. Willie Callister. Ethel tells us all of the men are from Peel. We are glad to hear about these Manx people in Mobile and hope we can soon welcome them as N.A.M.A. members.

Here is another of our Manx boys who has been reported "Missing." He is Jack Quiggin, 24, machinist's mate, second class, with the U. S. Navy. Jack is the son of Mrs. Catherine J. Quiggin, 479 Broadway, Bedford, O., and was reported missing following action off the coast of Java. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his mother at this time.

Fred Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kelly of Lomita, Calif., is a prisoner of war in Japan. He was in civilian work on Wake Island.

Jim Tyson, President of the Manx Society of Greater New York, has been very busy recently. He conducted a concert for the Scottish Cultural Society held in the Town Hall in New York City on May 26th.

New members whom we are happy to welcome are Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Martin, 124 Faywood Ave., Orient Heights, East Boston, Mass. They were introduced to the N.A.M.A. by Ernest Fitzsimmons, 226 Highland Ave., Winchester, Mass., who attended his first Convention at Buffalo last summer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin were born in Ramsey, and Mrs. Martin says that she may be better known as "Edie Mullins," by which name Rev. Joseph Partridge will remember her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Kelly and daughter, Phyllis, formerly of Cleveland, are now living in Alhambra, Calif., where they are operating a grocery.

The task of mailing packages to the Toronto Manx boys who are serving overseas has fallen to Tom Moore, President of the Toronto Society. We understand that Tom is receiving acknowledgments of their arrival regularly.

On March 26th, some 300 friends and co-workers of Bob Cubbon's attended a dinner given in his honor at the Central Branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Brooklyn. He is retiring after 22 years of service as Director of Physical Education there, and at the request of the U. S. Government, is now in Washington organizing Recreational Activities for several large governmental departments. After an excellent dinner, several fine and well-known speakers paid tribute to Bob and Mrs. Cubbon, and a fine musical program was provided by the Y.M.C.A. Glee Club.

A son, John Slocum Ashman, was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ashman, Jr., of Chicago, on April 29th. He is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ashman, of Peoria, Illinois.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Gough, of Detroit, Mich., on the morning of May 26th. Mrs. Gough is the former Mildred Mawson, niece of Past President Richard Corkill.

Mrs. J. W. Morris, Secretary of the Nebraska Manx Association, will spend the months of July and August in Denver, where her husband is staying for several months for the benefit of his health.

Regardless of his foresight in providing a good Yale lock for his front door, the home of Tom Moore, President of the Toronto Manx Society, recently has been burglarized. Of course, maybe the culprits used the rear entrance, but in any event, we hope this excellent lock was not completely ruined. Possibly Tom should try an old-fashioned padlock.

Mrs. J. W. Morris, Secretary of the Nebraska Manx Association, was co-chairman of a Community Mass Meeting held on Mother's Day in Lincoln, Nebraska, by the W.C.T.U. of Lancaster County, Nebraska, of which she is President.

## For The Boys Who Serve

Remember Pearl Harbor! With that fateful slogan, last December the United States entered the war. Manx parents in America are now sending their sons to fight in Freedom's cause in the same spirit as are their friends and relatives at home.

This has brought about a change in the plan set up to create cheer for Manx Boys in the Service, which has been handled by a Cleveland committee working in cooperation with the fund started by the Manx press. Cleveland boys of Manx parentage are joining the U. S. Forces in increasing numbers, and in order to include these boys in the Committee's scope, it has been reorganized and augmented under the name "Cleveland Manx Societies Service Fund." The new Committee will collect money among Cleveland people only, and this will be shared, as occasion dictates, in purchasing comforts for Manx Boys in the British Forces, and Cleveland Manx Boys in the American Forces. Contributions collected up to April 1st under the former "Manx Servicemen's Cigarette Fund" were sent to the Isle of Man.

No doubt Manx Societies throughout the country have similar plans under way. It is truly Manx to be loyal and sympathetic to the men fighting under the Red, White and Blue—Freedom's colors, shared by Briton, American and Canadian.

The Cleveland Committee made its first drive for funds with a card party held in the club rooms in the Standard Theatre Building, Monday evening, June 8th. The use of these rooms was arranged through the hearty cooperation of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, whose regular meeting night it was. A goodly number attended this enjoyable gathering, which was rounded out by refreshments and table prizes, and a gratifying sum was raised for the good cause.

Piteairn Island has recently acquired its own issue of postage stamps, some of which of course commemorate the "Bounty" episode.

## A Voyage To The Isle of Man In 1789

It probably has rarely occurred to us how very isolated is the position of the Isle of Man in the midst of the Irish Sea. We are accustomed to the splendid service of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company; and in recent years air service has also formed an important link with the mainland. Try, therefore, to imagine the Isle of Man in 1789, when a certain Richard Townley journeyed there to take notes on the "soil, climate, natural productions, antiquities, manners and customs," of that then little-known spot.

He embarked on the "packet boat" at Whitehaven on May 5, 1789, and here are some extracts from his own description of the voyage:

"A little past eight in the evening the call was 'On Board for the Packet Boat'; and we unmoored a little after nine. Six passengers in the best cabin; three in the other. It was a very bright moonlight night, without a perceptible breeze of wind; so that we had nothing to rely on, for quitting the port, but the ebbing tide. Such a night was a high treat to me, from its novelty; therefore I kept upon deck until after twelve o'clock, entertaining myself with the soft, moonlight views of Whitehaven and its vicinity. . . . Soon after twelve, I retired to my humble bed; but, from being so much cramped by its narrow limits, from its smothering closeness, and the incessant complainings of some suffering passengers on board, I got but a very poor portion of comfortable sleep."

It is not surprising, therefore, that about six in the morning Mr. Townley "forsook his narrow cell" and went on deck to enjoy the pure air of the May morning. "Upon asking the Captain how far we had got from Whitehaven, he replied 'not above five or six miles', although we had been under way more than nine hours."

About four o'clock in the afternoon the little sailing vessel succeeded in getting pretty close in with the Island, by the Point of Ayre. "We then entered Ramsey Bay, and stood directly across it in order to double the easterly point called Maughold's Head; but before we could accomplish that design, we were encountered, first by heavy squalls of wind and rain, pouring upon us from the high mountain above us; and soon afterwards, by a tremendous storm."

The hard-worked Captain then had to make it his business to try and regain Ramsey Bay, which required "a difficult struggle for six or seven hours. About two in the morning, he reached the place he wished to lay in; and then, the vessel being at rest, we got some rest too, for five or six hours."

Next morning the capricious Manx weather provided a complete change; after getting back to Maughold Head "there was not wind sufficient to waft a feather; and in that motionless state we remained nearly the whole day. The day, however, was

delightfully fine and warm, and the surface of the sea was like a perfect mirror. There was no remedy but patience. In order to beguile the tedious hours, we got the men on board to muster up a line and some hooks. Fortune favored us very soon, in hooking some whittings; and at last a noble red mullet, being full three pounds weight. We were very hungry (our sea-store having been exhausted some time) therefore very desirous to partake of our spoil; but the matter was, how to dress our fish; there being neither pan nor kettle on board to boil them in, save the tea-kettle, and that was entirely appropriated to the use of the females." (That good old cup of tea—even in those days.) "At last, the mate produced a pair of old, broken fire-tongs, almost consumed with rust. With such a poor substitute for a grid-iron, a gentleman from Castletown, in the Island, contrived to broil a part of our welcome booty, exceedingly well;" (leave it to a Manxman!) "reserving the remainder for the next day, to secure us against absolute famine. The whittings were very sweet and good, and the mullet the most delicious fish of that very choice kind that I ever tasted."

The above suggests to our minds a picture of shipwrecked castaways rather than passengers to the Isle of Man. Yes, we have gone a long way in 150 years.

Mr. Townley goes on to tell us that the next day they progressed as far as "a shallow bay opposite the little town of Laxey; and there we had a most disagreeable heavy swell for several hours; which brought those of our passengers, that were got into a convalescent state, into a most dreadful relapse of seasickness; very distressing to themselves, and painful to the feelings of others." (Which we can well believe.)

Here at Laxey they had to wait for the tide to carry them down to Douglas. "As soon as the turn of the tide was perceptible, we weighed anchor, and were taken down by the ebb-current (in about five hours) to the entrance of the harbour; and were immediately landed by a pilot-boat; glad to get on shore by any conveyance, being hungry and thirsty, faint and weary. I proceeded to the Liverpool Coffee House, where my wants from hunger and thirst were soon cured by a fine cod's head (of the rock kind) and some excellent porter; and my other complaints were also soon lost and forgotten, in a very good and well-aired bed."

One fairly heaves a sigh of relief to know that Mr. Townley's arduous voyage ended happily in a Manx supper of rock cod and a good bed.

Four days from Whitehaven to Douglas! What a contrast to recent August Bank Holidays, with the boats making several trips daily. A huge stride in progress, even for 150 years.

Richard Townley's "Journal Kept in the Isle of Man" is an authoritative work of his period. For the loan of this rare book, from which these extracts were taken, we are indebted to Mr. Robert H. Cooil of Cleveland.

## Regional Directors

Continued from page 1

Winnipeg—James Y. Mann, 399 Banning St., Winnipeg, Manitoba.; Thos. H. Corkan, 227 Machray Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

### WHERE THERE IS NO SOCIETY

Colorado—Wm. Killey, 2381 Clermont St., Denver, Colo.

Montana and Wyoming—Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Costain, 407 E. Main St., E. Helena, Mont.

Eastern Pennsylvania—W. Harry Roberts, 429 E. Mt. Carmel Ave., Glenside, Pa.

District of Columbia—J. Wilson Jenkinson, 1530 Upshur St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

Northern Michigan—Philip Christian, 233 Douglas St., Ishpeming, Mich.; Mrs. M. A. Brennan, Gaastra, Mich.

Wisconsin—Wm. R. Clague, 3040 N. Murray Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Alberta, Canada—Arthur Teare, 10863—93rd St., Edmonton, Alberta.

Western Iowa—John J. Killey, 1606—4th Ave., North, Fort Dodge, Ia.

Eastern Iowa—Miss Eva S. Crowe, Elkader, Ia.

Southern Minnesota—Miss Mary Clague Hodgson, Damon Hotel, Rochester, Minn.

Northern Minnesota—J. S. Crellin, 520—11th St., South, Virginia, Minn.

New England States—Thomas Jones, Kittery Ave., Rowley, Mass.; E. A. Black, 136 Grove Ave., Wilmington, Mass.

London, Ontario—Thomas Crinnin, 589 Princess Ave., London, Ontario.

Akron, Ohio—Miss Florence Crellin, 93 Grand Ave., Akron, O.; Harry Cain, 49 Detroit St., E. Akron, O.

Toledo, Ohio—Mrs. R. Robson, 922 Butler St., Toledo, O.

Oregon—J. H. Moores, 1764 Charlotte St., Eugene, Ore.

Saskatchewan—W. Fred Quine, Conquest, Sask.

San Diego, California—Tom Howland, 3318—5th Ave., San Diego, Calif.

Topeka, Kansas—Miss Florence Joyce, R.F.D. No. 9, Topeka, Kan.

Utah—Ed. Q. Cannon, 231 D Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The chief duty of the Regional Directors is to secure memberships in the N.A.M.A. We know that all of the above will contact both old members and those who have not yet been enrolled on our books, with a view to securing memberships for the current year.

## OLD MANX FAMILIES

By William Cubbon, Douglas

Due to the delay in mail deliveries from the Isle of Man, the next installment of Mr. Cubbon's article on "Old Manx Families" has not been received in time for this Bulletin. We hope, however, that we shall be able to continue this interesting item in an early issue.



## O B I T U A R I E S

- Caine**—Charles, the oldest member of the San Francisco Manx Society, passed on early this year, at the age of 86. He was a native of Kirk Michael. At his request, the San Francisco Manx Choir sang "Ellan Vannin" at his graveside, and the "Three-Leg" flag covered his bier.
- Cannell**—Joseph, passed on at his home in Lakewood, Ohio on May 13th. He is survived by his widow, Ada (nee Kewley), his children, Gertrude, Douglas and Alec; a sister, Phebe, in Douglas, and four grandchildren. The Cannell family have lived in Lakewood for the past 30 years, having come here from Douglas, Isle of Man, where Mr. Cannell operated a jewelry shop for a number of years. His daughter, Gertrude, is our Financial Secretary and Treasurer, and many of our members will recall having met Mr. Cannell at a number of our conventions. He endeared himself to all who knew him, and was an honored and highly respected member of the community in which he lived and the Manx Societies to which he belonged. Since coming to America, he has operated a watch repair shop, but found time to carry on with his artistic talent, several of his paintings having been exhibited at some of the Annual May Shows at the Cleveland Museum of Art.
- Corlett**—Annie, of Rochester, passed away on April 19, 1942. She was the widow of Henry Corlett, and the only survivors are her cousins, Mrs. Grant Christie of Caledonia, New York; Mrs. Bessie Trueba and Mr. Earl Caine of Buffalo; and Mrs. Charles Grimm of Rochester.
- Cox**—Albert, of 1613 Crawford Road, Cleveland, passed away June 2. He is survived by his wife, Linorah Annie, and two daughters, Linorah Frances and Emily Edith.
- Jane**—Corporal Harry Kneale, 29, of the Imperial Light Horse Regiment, killed in action at Bardia on December 31, 1941. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jane of Johannesburg, S. A., and the grandson of the late Mr. Harry Jane and Mrs. Jane of Onchan, Isle of Man. He is also survived by his widow, Phyllis, a baby son; and his aunts, Mrs. Annie Reilly of Philo, Calif., and Mrs. E. Peters of Rhode Island.
- Lewin**—Mrs. Arthur, of Johannesburg, South Africa, on February 15th. Mrs. Lewin was Miriam Dodd of Peel, and is survived by her husband, and by her brother-in-law, John F. Lewin of Cleveland, Ohio.
- Moore**—Catherine Ellen, passed on at the home of her son, Fred, in Peel, Isle of Man, on April 13th. She was the widow of Thomas Moore and was 85 years of age. Surviving are two daughters and five sons; Mrs. Robert Stewart of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. George Cringle of Douglas, Isle of Man; Bill, Frank and James Moore of Seattle, Wash.; and Fred and Percy of Peel.
- Nelson**—Mrs. Eleanor (nee Caley), passed away at her home, 2154 W. 96th St., Cleveland, on January 31st. She is survived by her husband, Samuel E. Mrs. Nelson was very active in Cleveland Manx circles until recent years, and even after failing health confined her to her home, maintained a keen interest in Manx people and affairs.
- Piatt**—Mona (nee Skinner) of San Francisco, passed away on March 19, 1942. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Skinner, her mother being Annie Callow of "Ballacallin," Kirk Andreas.
- Prill**—Mrs. Dorothy Martin, passed away recently at Willoughby, Ohio. She is survived by her husband Glenn, and son Peter. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, sister of William, and a niece of Mrs. Roy Bertsch, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland.
- Roth**—Mrs. Emma T., passed away recently at her home in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Mrs. Roth was 88, was born in the Isle of Man and lived in Cleveland since she was 18. She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Frank Faber, Mrs. Ira S. Gifford and Mrs. Lucien H. Corlett, of Cleveland, and Mrs. C. Brooks Thorne of Palo Alto, Calif., and a son, Douglas W. Tarbet of Cleveland. In former years, Mrs. Roth was a very active member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society.
- Teare**—Mrs. Ada T., of Cleveland, O., passed away on April 10th. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Winifred T. Zeidler, and grandson Clayton.
- Van Allen**—Thomas J., passed away recently at St. Alexis Hospital, Cleveland. Mr. Van Allen was 82 and before his retirement in 1925 was a clothing merchant in the Newburgh district. He is survived by his wife, Jennie A., who was formerly very active in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society; a son, Howard L.; two sisters, Mrs. Ella Maxseiner of Bedford and Mrs. Sarah Lockwood of Madrid, N. Y., and a granddaughter, Mary Van Allen.

## THE MANX CAT

What are the distinctive features of the genuine Manx cat? Even among Manx people there are frequently differences of opinion. The following article from the Mona's Herald of January 6, 1942 gives an expert's description of the characteristics of the genuine Manx breed. It will be interesting to admirers of Manx cats—which means all Manx people!

"What are the characteristics of the genuine Manx cat? This is a question which frequently crops up, particularly when a show is held in which Manx cats are exhibited. We are indebted to Mr. A. Teare, Ballalough, who has frequently officiated as a show judge, for the following description of the distinctive features of the Manx breed of cat and the points which judges take into account:—

The head in appearance is round and large. The nose is rather longer than that of a good British short-hair, but the cheeks are very prominent, and thus do away with any suggestion of snipyness, which is a bad fault. The ears are rather wide at the base and taper slightly to a point. Tail-lessness is the outstanding characteristic of the Manx cat, and this tail-lessness must be absolute, with a hollow at the end of the backbone where in the ordinary cat the tail would begin. Other outstanding features are the hindquarters, which must be exceptionally high, and the back, which must be short; depth of flank is also essential with roundness of rump. All are necessary in the perfect rumpy, and produce that peculiar hopping gait, which is of primary importance. The coat of a good Manx cat is what I should term "double"—that is, it is open and soft, like that of a rabbit, with another thick under-coat. They are of all colors, but in my opinion the old original color is what is known in British short-hairs as brown tabby—that is, a brown ground color with black markings (no white anywhere)—often called tiger color. Color markings and eyes are only of secondary importance, and should only be taken into consideration where structural points are equal."

## ANNUAL MANX CHURCH SERVICE

The combined Manx Societies of Cleveland will hold their Annual Church Service Sunday afternoon, June 14th, at 4 P. M. in the Centenary Church, at Richmond Road and Fairmount Boulevard.

All Manx people and their friends in Cleveland and vicinity are cordially invited to attend this service. The Rev. Edw. F. Wood, who has earned a deserved popularity with the Manx people, will officiate. Bring your lunch baskets and stay for a real Manx sing-song in the evening. The ladies of the church will provide tea and coffee. Remember the date, June 14th.

—

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

## About Things Manx

LEZAYRE

We can best describe Lezayre as being a Parish situated in the center of one of the most picturesque and interesting districts of the Island—interesting historically, because many of the early contests between Scandinavians and the Irish were fought in that locality; and geologically, because of the changes which the scientific observer will recognize as having taken place in the conformation of the surface.

Lezayre is of course better known by the fact of its situation in the midst of such well known places as the town of Ramsey, Sulby, St. Judes, Kirk Andreas, the Lhen and Kirk Bride, all with their own history. But, it is more of Lezayre proper of which I would pen these notes.

Suppose we start at the church "Holy Trinity" all covered with ivy, and its lovely peal of bells played for so many years by the late Mr. William Lace, who, along with Mrs. Lace (who sang in the choir for 66 years), gave so much pleasure to all who heard them echoing as they did from the surrounding hills on a Sunday evening. The beautiful situation and the lovely trees which surround it draw attention more than any architectural features, although I think it is the largest country church in the Island, and the Register dates back to 1636, at which time the Rev. Edward Crow was the Minister.

Then there is the Mansion Balla-Killingan, the home of the Farrant family, with one of the largest "Rookeries" in its spacious grounds.

We then come to Ash Hill, Woodlands and the three "Glen Trammons." At the gate of one stands the Trammon Trees surrounded by an iron fence to commemorate the sermons preached under them by John Wesley. Next, we come to the Druin, my boyhood home; and Glenduff, the home of the McWhaunel family, all nestling under the loveliest wooded hills. And what a delight to go walking in these same surroundings to enjoy the view from the tops. I am afraid that nothing can really compensate us in living in the various lands of our adoption for missing some of these lovely things we, no doubt, took so much for granted when we were children.

To describe all the lovely birds and the way they can sing, together with all the beautiful trees and flowers, is beyond me. I can only say how I loved them when I was among them, and how I miss them now.

I must mention Ballacree, occupied by Mr. Jim Kelly, who later emigrated to America with his family of eleven, Lough-ne-Yeigh, from where Mr. T. D. Clarke and his brothers came, before settling in Nebraska. Next we come to the old farm of Ellanbane, from which Capt. Myles Standish went to America. We take a jump then until we come to another cluster of houses fairly close together, Abbeville, The Lodge, Balamaneagh, and at the bend of the

road, the Stevenson home at Kerra-moar. Walter J. Stevenson of Chicago came from here, and round the corner, still living there, are those two fine old friends of mine, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Quayle, whom I was able to write and congratulate on their 50th wedding anniversary, again on their 55th, and I hope shortly to have the privilege of doing the same on their Diamond celebration.

I have only described a few of the outstanding places on the main road, and to describe all the other lovely places and their history would take much more space than we have at our disposal.

"I have lived with the stranger, and drank of the rills,  
Which go warbling their music on loftier hills;  
But I never forget, in rejoicing or care,  
The mouldering hearth and those hills of Lezayre."

JAMES Y. MANN

### A Tribute to An Outstanding Manxman, Robert C. Cubbon

A Manxman who has devoted his life to public welfare is Robert C. Cubbon. He has just retired from the post of Physical Director of the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Central Y.M.C.A., which he held for 22 years. An article by Jim Dunwell in the magazine "Brooklyn Central" gives an interesting biography of Mr. Cubbon, from which we quote some facts for the benefit of his many Manx friends. Mr. Dunwell's article opens with the following paragraph, which will certainly arrest a Manxman's attention:

"Bob Cubbon is a man's man. That is to say he is descended on both sides of his family from natives of the Isle of Man, that rocky little piece of land in the middle of the Irish Sea which has furnished this country with more of its share of thrifty, healthy, law-abiding citizens. Danes from Iceland captured the island in the 8th century and established a new democratic order which was called a parliament, the oldest body of its kind in the world. Perhaps Bob comes naturally by his love of democracy through his ancestors."

Mr. Cubbon was born in Cleveland in 1882. Early in life he became interested in Y.M.C.A. work and entered it as Assistant Physical Director at Trenton (N. J.) Y.M.C.A. Later he attended Springfield College, after which he went to Birmingham Y.M.C.A. as Physical Director, and in 1911 took over the same post at Providence, R. I., where he made a tremendous success of what was then known as a very "tough" field. While at Providence he once had the experience of presenting the gold award to the players of a baseball team, among whom was a "kid" pitcher who later became known to the baseball world as Babe Ruth!

During World War I Bob Cubbon's unusual talents brought him into prominence in the field of athletic and physical training in the army camps. In 1918 he was made Regional Ath-

letic Director of the 42 Southeastern camps, with 200 to 250 athletic directors under his guidance. With the end of the war came other opportunities, and in 1920 he accepted the invitation to become Physical Director of Brooklyn Central Y. The success he earned in this important post is demonstrated in the enthusiastic tone of the article from which these notes are taken: "Bob has devoted 37 years of his life to physical education; years rich in achievement, outstanding in well-earned recognition and priceless in the realization of lasting friendships made. For the past 22 years he has guided Central's Physical Department, a job involving, among other duties, the handling of a \$630,000 budget and the directing of an attendance amounting to over six million. These are big figures but Bob Cubbon is a big man. In retiring, he takes with him the sincere good wishes of all Central members!"

To this we add the hearty good wishes of all Manx people to Mr. and Mrs. Cubbon, with the hope and belief that many years of usefulness and happiness are still before them.

"Cook's Tours," which made world travel possible to the general public for educational and recreational needs, are known today in practically every country. In an article by Harlowe R. Hoyt, columnist of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, he tells that Thomas Cook of London founded his travel bureau one hundred years ago—in 1841, when journeys by rail and water were a serious undertaking, and that among the first conducted tours arranged by the infant enterprise were trips to the Isle of Man!

"Backbone of the Herring" is the title of a recently-published book by Curtis Bok, common pleas judge in Philadelphia. It deals with case histories which present knotty problems to the judge, and the title, as we all recognize, is from the ancient oath of the Deemster in the Isle of Man—"I do swear that I will . . . execute the laws of this Isle justly between party and party as equally as the backbone of the herring doth lie in the midst of the fish."

Manx folklore is mentioned in a scientific work "The Air and Its Mysteries" by Miss C. M. Botley, Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. Miss Botley quotes the Manx word "soilshey-bo" or "living light" which our ancestors believed to be a mysterious emanation from the sun which, as it fell upon certain herbs, gave them almost miraculous healing powers. She believes it is the same phenomenon sometimes called the "green flash"—or by sailors—"the sun putting out his side lights" (green starboard lights). An atmospheric condition which separates the blue and green rays of the sun from the red and yellow rays produces this peculiar effect, which can be seen only at first sight of the rising, or last glimpse of the setting sun.