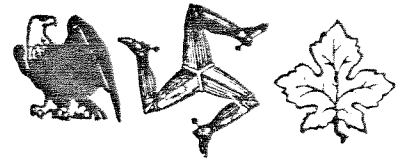


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TORONTO - THE CITY BEAUTIFUL OUR 1951 CONVENTION CITY

Toronto, the unrivalled commercial, industrial and cultural metropolis of central Canada extends a cordial invitation to all Manx people to attend the N. A. M. A. convention being held there August 7-11, 1951.

Toronto is the captial city of Ontario and the great gateway to the vast Lakeland and Forest Playground of that Province. In addition to its interesting business and commercial districts, the city is marked by wide-spread and beautiful residential sections, and in it are centered the most important phases of Canada's post-war development. Toronto is a city of great wealth; a city of homes and gardens. Clean streets, fine parks, interesting architecture and friendly hospitality make Toronto an ideal city to visit. There is much of beauty and interest to be seen.

Toronto, named "The Meeting Place" by the Huron Indians, dates from pre-Colonial times. A monument in Exhibition Park marks the site of Fort Rouille, the first recorded white settlement which was established by the French in 1749-50. An old lighthouse on Fleet Street, now painted white, marked the entrance to Toronto Harbor for nearly 100 years. Toronto's oldest civic clock in its graceful Corinthian tower tops St. Lawrence Market, once City Hall. Fort York—the original, not a restoration—was built in 1794 by General John Graves Simcoe, one year after Toronto was selected to become the capital of Upper Canada. Its blockhouses still bear the bullet scars of its capture by American forces in 1813. Here too is a memorial to General Zebulon Pike (Pike's Peak) who was killed when the Fort's magazine blew up. Holy Trinity Church, marooned in its own little Trinity Square, is a more than century-old, downtown landmark of Toronto's earlier history. One of the city's most impressive monuments commemorates that grand and determined old lady whose reign was an era, Victoria the Good. It stands in Queen's Park, where also will be found the only North American memorial to the founder of Sunday Schools, Robert Raikes.

Toronto has been the scene of many historic firsts, but none is of greater world importance than the invention of Standard Time. An address de-

livered by Sir Sanford Fleming in 1879 launched this epochal idea.

Early settlers made Toronto's first effort as an industrial center by establishing a woolen mill, later a grist mill, on the Humber River. The old walls and cellars show how ambitious were their dreams. Toronto's first railway station is now a wholesale fruit market at the foot of Yonge Street. Colborne Lodge in High Park was the home of John G. Howard, Esq., who bequeathed most of the 417 acres of the park to the city. It is preserved in Victorian grandeur.

A progressive city, with a strong memory for its yesterdays and a big promise for the future, a unique blending of old and new, of British and American ideas and atmosphere, Toronto is the "largest American city outside the United States and the most British city in the British Commonwealth."

"Industrious Toronto"—yet in summer it presents all the attractions of a great summer resort. Canada's commercial and financial capital, it is also a great educational and cultural city; leading the country in bank clearings, yet also it is the home of the largest university in the British Empire, two top-rank orchestras and the world-famous Mendelssohn Choir. Historic sites and memorials, the Parliament Buildings, an interesting art gallery, and the largest British museum outside London, England, offer days of interest.

The King's Highways of Ontario connect at many border points with the State Highway Systems of New York and Michigan, and no matter where one enters Ontario, fine driving assures him of a pleasant run into Toronto. There are no tiresome formalities forced on the traveler at the International Border, and being passed by Customs and Immigration Officers becomes memorable as a few minutes introduction to real courtesy. At more than a dozen places in Ontario, great modern bridges, efficient and often picturesque ferries, or fine tunnels join the Two Great Neighbor Nations of North America. A Border is no barrier!

Toronto is only a short motor trip for most of our Manx people. In addition to the modern two or four-

lane "King's Highways" of Ontario to Toronto from every port of entry from the United States, Canada's Inter-Provincial Highway No. 2 leads to Toronto from Halifax on the Atlantic and from Windsor on the Great Lakes. In railway running time—midway between New York and Chicago—it takes only 12 hours, and overnight rail service is provided from every large city within 700 miles. In flight time, Toronto is less than three hours from Montreal, New York or Chicago. Lake and river steamship service across Lake Ontario from Rochester and Niagara, and from Quebec westward through the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario, also is available.

Toronto—the year-round vacation city, invites you! Plan now to come to the N. A. M. A. Convention in August!

It's Toronto Again in 1951

Royal York Selected as Headquarters For Convention

Once again, Toronto has been selected as the meeting place for the North American Manx Association Convention. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we look forward to greeting a lot of old friends, and hope to greet a lot of new ones. Although August is still a long way off, much ground work already has been laid.

Headquarters will be at the Royal York Hotel—the largest and finest hotel in the British Commonwealth. It was most gratifying to hear from the Management of the hotel that our 1947 Victory Convention was one of the best-conducted conventions ever held there.

More particulars will be given in the next issue of our Bulletin. Meanwhile, plan your vacation for August 7-11 and prepare to come to the N. A. M. A. convention in Toronto.

F. WILLIAMSON

General Chairman

Toronto Convention Committee

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The President's Message

We can all help to keep things lively in our North American Manx Association by being an active, faithful member of this Manx family—by renewing our membership each year. Up to now the response has been encouraging, but it is our earnest desire to announce at the Convention that we have at least maintained our record of a thousand members. Our appeals for help are not frequent—we are not a money-raising organization, but a group united in fellowship, and for renewing and making Manx friendships. History tells us that we are a wandering race, scattered all over the earth from a small, and in a manner, isolated stock, but with a strong feeling for the land of our birth. We are all proud to be called "Manx"—let us cherish that grand heritage. If you have overlooked sending in your N. A. M. A. membership will you please do it now, and when you are having a cup of tea with Manx friends, will you encourage them to join?

Our Editor has asked that we make this a newsy issue. We all look forward with keen interest to the Bulletin with its Manx news. It is passed from one to another, both on this side and in the Isle of Man. During my visit home in 1949 I was amazed at the number of people who confronted me with the Bulletin! If you have some interesting news, drop a line to Gertrude—she wants to write about you too! Remember, it's YOUR Bulletin.

Our good Cleveland friends have finally shoveled themselves out of the

100th Anniversary Celebration - Mona's Relief Society Cleveland, Ohio

This is a gala year for the Cleveland Manx. The Mona's Relief Society is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding by a series of events which will climax with a banquet on October 26th.

The first party in connection with this celebration will be a card party following the Relief Society meeting on March 6th, when a large turn-out of Cleveland Manx is expected.

For the information of our Manx friends outside of the Cleveland district, we quote the following from the 100th Anniversary Celebration "kick-off" letter, which went out to all of the Cleveland Manx recently over the signature of General Chairman W. Harry Kelly of the committee in charge of arrangements:

In the year 1851, five Manxmen in Cleveland sat down together to discuss the matter of relief for distressed fellow-countrymen. They were James Christian, John Corlett, William K. Corlett, William Cubbon and William Brew. This was the beginning of the Mona's Relief Society, organized shortly thereafter with sixteen members.

In a new land which they loved, these people were still Manx friends and neighbors, as they had been at home. Intensely proud, and intensely sympathetic, they would not have a Manxman become dependent on public help. The Manx Family would take care of its own.

If those Manx people of 1851, living in an early Cleveland of only 21,000 population, could have pictured Cleveland in 1951, with its million and a quarter population, its busy lake front, thronged streets, tall buildings and the Terminal Tower (built by a Manx contractor—John Gill & Sons) soaring above all, they would have thrilled at the thought that their

snow; we are all looking forward to spring, and thoughts are turning to summer vacation and Convention time. The Toronto Manx have plans well under way and are as busy as "Douglas boarding-house keepers," cleaning and polishing for the "visitors." They are expending every effort toward your comfort and enjoyment. We have been assured of at least six visitors from the Isle of Man, and as in the past, these folk from home will add interest and enjoyment to our Convention.

The dates are August 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Start planning now. I am looking forward to sharing a real good time with you, when you come "ON TO TORONTO"!

Sincerely,

TOM MOORE, President

small society would grow with the years and in 1951—alive and vigorous—still be fulfilling its purpose of serving any unfortunates among the Manx of Cleveland.

The Mona's Relief Society has never faltered in its work, never forgotten the reason for its existence. It has gone faithfully on for one hundred years through good times and bad, war and peace. Old, beloved members passed on—others succeeded them. For a hundred years, people have warmed their hearts in the friendly glow of the monthly "Manx Meeting." Each year, except when times were too adverse, Manx folk traveled long distances to attend the great event of the year—the Manx Festival.

The 50th Anniversary was held in 1901—the 75th in 1926. Now, in 1951, it's the ONE HUNDREDTH! We call on all Manx people in Cleveland and vicinity to celebrate the centenary of the oldest Manx Society in the World.

The above will give a background for our reasons in wanting this to be the greatest celebration ever held by the Cleveland Manx. It is something of which every Manxman in the Cleveland district can be justly proud. The North American Manx Association congratulates them on this wonderful achievement, and is happy to print below the names of the executive committee and the chairmen of various committees appointed to handle the many activities in connection with this splendid celebration:

Executive Committee: W. Harry Kelly, Chairman; S. H. Quinney, Vice-Chairman; Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, Secretary; R. W. Skillicorn, Treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain; Mrs. J. P. Bieger; Herbert A. Quayle; Mrs. L. K. Abell; Miss Alice Corlett; Thomas Keig, Sr.

Committee Chairmen: Ways and Means—Mrs. Harry Mylechreest and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn; Entertainment—Walter J. Quilliam; Souvenir Book—Miss Gertrude Cannell; Refreshments—Mrs. L. K. Abell; Publicity—John R. Cain; Tickets—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roseman; Reception—Fred T. Gorry and Thomas Keig, Sr.

Toronto Convention Committee OFFICERS

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Fred Caveen, Treasurer.

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Refreshments.....Mrs. F. Williamson
Hotel Reservations.....Mrs. Tom Moore

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

DETROIT-WINDSOR

This Society held its Christmas Party and exchange of gifts at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Windsor, and though the turnout was not up to expectations, those who were there had a grand time. The January meeting was held at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephen, who left the following week for a vacation in Florida with their son Art. The February meeting was at Mr. and Mrs. Dick Corkill's home, 13160 Sorrento Ave., Detroit—and the meeting and election of officers scheduled for March 16 will also be at Corkill's. Dick and Stella will welcome any visiting Manx who would like to drop in.

LOS ANGELES

Seventy-five members attended the Annual Manx Tea Party of the Los Angeles Society, held on January 5 in the Odd Fellows' Building. It was a typical Manx gathering, everyone joining in the program of carols, old songs, impromptu solos, duets and speeches. Highlight was the rendition of two piano selections by Lorraine Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young. Seven past presidents were introduced by Edwin Killip, master of ceremonies. Those responsible for the success of this jolly party were Ed Kelly, song leader; Mrs. Killip, chairman of refreshments; Jack Callow, tea and coffee (both perfectly concocted) — and "poured" by William Mullen and Edwin Killip. Mrs. Oscar Ward was in charge of arrangements. Refreshments included sandwiches, bonnag, cookies, soda cake, and wonderful fancy cakes and pastries by Mrs. John Christian. Welcome guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harry McPhail of Winnipeg, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Young, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sargesson.

VANCOUVER

The annual New Year's Day Banquet, Concert and Dance was held at the Cambrian Hall with a better attendance than has been enjoyed for a few years, weather being quite favorable. The concert consisted of a full and varied program, including a Manx reading by Mrs. J. Hornall. The usual Whist Drive was held on January 13, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

VANCOUVER LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Vancouver Ladies celebrated their Society's Fifteenth Anniversary on February 28 at the home of Mrs. Sam Cain, 232 East 19th Avenue, with a special tea and birthday cake. These ladies are enthusiastic workers and last November held a very successful bazaar.

THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

For the first time in many years a meeting of the Mona's Relief Society was cancelled in December because of the blizzard which Clevelanders will long remember.

However, the January meeting was well attended and election of officers took place with the following results:

President.....Stephen H. Quinney
 Vice President.....Thomas Keig, Jr.
 Financial Secretary.....William C. Kissack
 Corresponding and Recording Secretary.....Elinor Cain
 Treasurer.....Helen Minor
 Relief Committee.....Fred Brew
 Thomas Keig
 Henry Mylchreest
 Trustees.....W. Harry Kelly
 Ben Greggor
 Robert R. Geil

In addition to the above, W. H. Coimster was appointed Historian and John Skillicorn appointed Reception Chairman.

At the close of the February meeting Mr. Howard Jenkins entertained the members with a talk—"Arches of Stone"—and colored slides showing sections of southeast Utah which was much enjoyed.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The January meeting of this Society was held on the 21st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Killey, 59 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville. Thirty members were present, only six of whom were born in the Isle of Man. Miss Amy Quayle of Crestwell, Saskatchewan, formerly of Ramsey, who is visiting nieces, was a guest. It was 39 years since she left Ramsey, and she greatly enjoyed the evening, this being the first Manx meeting she had attended. Mrs. A. Smith and Mrs. A. Beck, R. N.'s, addressed the group on their work with crippled and retarded children in Lake County, and urged all to buy Easter Seals. Mrs. A. Killey presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. R. Karran.

This was the first Manx meeting in fifty years for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Killey, formerly of Asheville, N. C., now at 59 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville. They said it was a great thrill to them to be present.

N. A. M. A. BREAKFAST CLUB

Have you sent in your 1950-51 dues (still 25 cents) to the secretary of the Breakfast Club? If not, take care of this matter today. We are hoping for a grand turnout at the Convention, August 7 to 11—let's all get behind our Toronto friends and support them one hundred percent by planning to be there.

Stephen H. Quinney, President
 Florence Kelly Roseman, Secretary
 20817 Clare Avenue, Bedford, Ohio.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Manx held their Christmas Party on December 10 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crelin, Route 5, Lincoln, with about twenty present. The spring meeting will take place early in April at the home of Mrs. J. Robison, Sr., Tecumseh, Nebr.

The following officers were elected at a recent meeting:

President, Mrs. Pearl Watts Duffek
 Vice President, James Robison
 Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Watts
 Route 5, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MONTREAL

The December meeting of the Montreal Manx Society was held at the home of the President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Corlett, O'Brien Blvd., St. Laurent, with a full attendance. The following were elected to office for the ensuing year:

Hon. President, Mrs. S. Sloan
 Hon. Vice President, E. Brayden
 President, Mrs. Chas. Malhoef
 Vice President, Mrs. J. Cope
 Treasurer, Miss Nancy Agnew
 Secretary, Mrs. W. Duggan,
 8235 Champagneur Ave.,
 Montreal 15, Que.

It was decided to hold future meetings at members' homes, because of inability to obtain a meeting hall.

The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hornsby, hostesses being Mrs. Hornsby and Mrs. Munro. "Court whist" occupied the evening, prizes going to Walter Duggan and Mrs. J. Creese. For the February meeting, the members were invited to the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duggan to enjoy a social evening—games, a good old Manx sing-song, and refreshments. Joint convenors for the entertainment were the Misses Mabel Cope and Nancy Agnew.

N. A. M. A. LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary is sailing along nicely, due to the fine cooperation of officers and members.

Several little projects have been reported from various groups, which indicate interest is being maintained during the year. We hope to hear of other efforts before convention time.

Convention committees have appreciated our help in past years, and we want to continue our good work during the early stages of convention planning.

Do YOU have a project? Are YOUR dues paid?

Mrs. J. Rogers, President
 Miss Alice Garrett, Secretary

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OUR OWN PEOPLE

Pvt. Louis S. Mylechreest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mylechreest of 13405 Marston Avenue, Cleveland, who was in the Enlisted Reserves, was called back to duty and has been in Korea with the fighting forces for some time. While in the town of Yongchon, Louis was privileged to attend a Missionary Church Service and was thrilled to see on the Preface of his Bible and hymnbook, that they were donated by the wife of the late Bishop Quayle, the beloved Manx clergyman. Who would think of finding any connection with the Manx in raraway Korea!

Another Manxman in the Services is Cpl. Alfred Moughton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Moughton, 1351 Fry Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. He was called up with his National Guard Unit, 112th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Co., in September, 1950. He was sent to Camp Edwards, Mass., but just recently moved to the Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland.

On the good authority of the president of the Toronto Manx Society, Fred Caveen, we learn that some of his members have developed new talents and taken to acting! Don (Cubbon) Sinclair, Toronto Manx actor, is directing "The Desert Song," which will be presented on March 7, 8 and 9 under the auspices of a big downtown church. Manx folk in the cast are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson, Robert Fick, Mrs. Oakley and Mrs. Pritchard, and naturally Fred Caveen would just love to have a good Manx crowd there to see them. Don Sinclair is a son of Mr. Cubbon, postmaster at Ramsey, and lives with the Caveens at 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto. He has written and produced the play "The Devil Is a Woman," acts in the annual Shakespeare Festival held every summer in Toronto, and last year toured with the comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Moore, prominent in Manx musical circles for the last fifty years and more, celebrated their Golden Wedding quietly on December 26 at their home, 23 Hawarden Avenue, Douglas, Isle of Man. Congratulations! A good many Manx folk on this side will remember meeting Mr. Moore when he visited the States and Canada in the fall of 1947.

Edward Killey, formerly of Asheville, N. C., now residing at 59 Harts-horne Drive, Painesville, Ohio, originally came to Cleveland in 1884, at which time he was a member of the Mona's Relief Society and the Mona's Vocal Society, for which Miss Mary Hampton was pianist at the time. Mr. Killey stayed in Cleveland until 1889, when he left to go to Australia.

Mrs. Oscar Ward of Los Angeles writes that she has had at least a couple of thrills recently. She witnessed the bright burst of light from the atom bomb test, 300 miles away in Nevada—and she has seen out there a bottle of Castletown Ale, map of the Isle of Man on the label and all! Mrs. T. L. Killip can add another one to that—she buys Manx kippers in a Vancouver store!

Home for Christmas! Dora Hampton, 901 North Palmway, Lake Worth, Fla., flew across the ocean in December to spend Christmas with her mother in the Isle of Man.

Alice Garrett of Rochester plans to sail on the Britannic about June 15, to spend a six weeks' vacation in the Isle of Man, England and Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fick, 123 Worth St., Winnipeg, sailed on November 17 on the Empress of Canada to spend a year in Douglas, Isle of Man. En route to Quebec they visited their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. Irwin, Freeman, Ont.

Miss Hilda Kelly of Peeli, and more recently of Reno, Nevada, with her sister Mrs. Forrest Eccles have been visiting the Wilfred Quayles in San Francisco.

Mrs. Kitty Clague Steffans of Auburn, Calif., has been visiting her sister Mrs. Sally Arends, in San Francisco.

Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Road, Toronto, has been appointed N. A. M. A. Regional Director for that area, replacing the late Mr. J. W. Daugherty.

Out in Wyoming, distances are so great that the Manx folk rarely see one another, yet they make valiant efforts to keep in touch. Joe Clucas, 357 North 6th St., Laramie, who enjoyed himself so much last year at the Windsor Convention, writes that he visited Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ken-nough in Glenrock, and found them in fine form after visiting their son, George, on the West Coast. Mrs. J. T. Clucas of Greybull, who also was with us at Windsor, spent the winter in Los Angeles with her daughter, Mrs. Doris Atkins, and had the thrill of flying to Catalina Island, which she found very much like the Isle of Man. Mrs. Robert Looney of Cody, recently lost her brother, John Scarff, of The Strang, near Douglas, Isle of Man—a well-known stonemason who was working at his trade when well over eighty. If these Wyoming Manx were not so scattered all over their big state, they might be able to ask us out to have a Manx Convention there.

While some of us were shoveling snow this winter, John Gendie of Mira Loma, Calif. (near Riverside) was gathering posies in his garden, also strawberries to garnish his breakfast cereal. Just trying to make us jealous! Incidentally, Manx Clevelanders appreciate the many sympathetic letters received concerning their Arctic winter.

J. Wilson Jenkinson received a Christmas card from Havana from Dr. Ellsworth P. Killip, well known botanist who has now retired from the Smithsonian Institution but is still following up botanical research on his own account.

There was snow on Greeba when Lillian and Eva Kneen went across from Birkenhead to spend Christmas in the Isle of Man. Shortly after the Holidays, the sisters arranged a "T. E. Brown Night" for the Liverpool Manx, at which two relatives of the poet were present—Mr. Hugh Stowell Brown, a great-nephew, and his son, also named Hugh Stowell Brown. Selections from the poet's works were read by the Browns, by Lillian and Eva Kneen, by Tom Quilliam and by Mr. and Mrs. Ian Hosie of the Liverpool Post, while four soloists sang several of T. E. B.'s lyrics which have been set to music. A highlight was the reading by Mr. Brown of a letter from the Misses Ethel and Dora Brown, daughters of the poet. This splendid program was recorded, so it is possible we may hear it some time.

We are happy to welcome a new member, Mrs. Helen Quayle Miller of 1975 East Glenoaks Blvd., Glendale 6, Calif. Mrs. Miller is a great-granddaughter of the famous Manx shipbuilder, Thomas Quayle of Cleveland, who came from the Isle of Man in the early part of the last century and was renowned for his skill in building fine ships which were known all through the Great Lakes. Mrs. Miller would like to hear from any Manx people who could give her historical details about the Quayle family.

Earl D. Skillicorn, manager of process and quality control for the Ferro Enamel Company, Cleveland, was honored at a dinner for company executives given on December 14. He was presented with the "R. A. Weaver Award," an annual award made to the employee who has done most for the company during the year. A cash prize accompanied it, and Earl also received a 15-year service pin. Earl is a son of John H. Skillicorn, 42 Avalon Avenue, Bedford, Ohio.

Mrs. J. Robison, Sr., Tecumseh, Nebr., spent the Christmas Holidays with Dr. & Mrs. Hinrichs (Maryellen Robison) in Douglas, Wyoming.

A card party in aid of the fund for the Mona's Relief Society One-Hundredth Anniversary was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Avenue, Bedford, Ohio on February 16. Fortunately, spring-like weather prevailed, enabling a good crowd to attend—the party having been postponed from February 3 on account of heavy snows at that time.

Captain and Mrs. Wilfred K. Kelly have just returned from a holiday in Florida to their new home, 1533 Coghassett Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. During their trip southward they visited the Theo Kellys at Zoar, Ohio, also son Danny and wife, in Texas.

David S. Dunlop of Cleveland, former infantry officer who was on our Manx Servicemen's List during World War II, recently received a letter of thanks and appreciation from a Japanese interpreter, commending him for aid given to war-stricken civilians while stationed in Japan. The Cleveland Plain Dealer featured the story in an article on February 22. David is husband of the former Marcia Becker and lives at 14487 East Carroll Blvd., Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Gorry, 12004 Rutland Ave., Cleveland, celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary in December. Honoring the occasion, a group of Manx friends held a surprise party at their home and presented them with a silver meat platter. Fred and Flo are making this a still more memorable anniversary by taking a trip to the Isle of Man this spring to visit Flo's mother, Mrs. Clague, and her family, in Peel. They sail on the BRITANNIC on April 19, returning late in June. Congratulations, Fred and Flo, and warm wishes for "Happy Holidays."

Mrs. Lillian K. Kelly of Baltimore, Md., has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ernestine Payen and family in Sacramento, Calif., returning East in the spring.

Congratulations to Percy Clucas of Toronto, Manx tenor, on winning two medals—a gold medal and a silver one—in the Toronto East Music Festival held at Glenmount Park United Church recently.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Members who attended the Windsor Convention will remember Marion Mercer, the young lady who sang so beautifully at the Thursday night concert. The Detroit-Windsor Society is proud of Miss Mercer—an energetic church worker as well as a gifted member of their group. They extend best wishes for her happiness on the occasion of her recent marriage.

Muriel, daughter of the late Edward Taggart and Mrs. Taggart, of McBride, B. C., was married recently to Mr. Virgil Kayler, also of McBride. After a honeymoon in the States, the newlyweds are to make their home in Bremerton, Wash.

Miss Margaret Lorene Smith, daughter of Mr. Clark R. Smith of Halsey, Oregon, and Mr. T. Douglas Cowley, son of Rev. J. Thomas Cowley of Newberg, Oregon, were married on November 29. During the recent War the bridegroom served for more than two years on the staff of Admiral Barbey's Amphibious Fleet in the South Pacific, being discharged as Lieutenant, j. g. For the past four years he has been a student in architecture at the University of Oregon. The newlyweds are now living at 1200 East Fourth St., Newberg, Oregon.

Miss Phyllis Edith Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kelly of Alhambra, California, became the bride of Mr. Charles M. Wimberly of Temple City, California on December 16 at the Chapel of Roses, Pasadena.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Colin Cope on January 19, 1951. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Cope, 4630 Walkley Ave., Montreal.

A daughter, Annette, was born on November 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacCaa, Eloy, Arizona. Little Annette is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. MacCaa, Flossmoor, Ill.; a grand-niece of Janet Douglass, Lisbon, Ohio—and a great-grand-niece of Andrew MacCaa, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, and Fred and William Scarff of Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cashin, 23112 Virginia Ave., North Olmstead, Ohio welcomed their third son, James Edward, on Feb. 1st. The happy grandmother is Mrs. Alice Cashin, 2200 Atkins Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Cowell, 1597 Waterbury Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio greeted their third child, Thomas Edward, on December 10th. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Cowell, 2051 West 87th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer W. Jones, 557 East 123rd St., Cleveland, announce the arrival of a daughter, Loretta Lee, born Jan. 18th. Mrs. Harriet Hughes, 1371 Lynn Park Drive, is the happy grandmother.

Books and Music

The second edition of Professor Kinvig's "History of the Isle of Man" was published in 1950. Some of our members possess copies of the first edition, published during the recent war. This interestingly written, well illustrated book is a valuable addition to any collection of Manx literature. Anyone wishing to order a copy should write for particulars to Professor R. H. Kinvig, Department of Geography, University of Birmingham, 341 Bristol Road, Birmingham 5, England. Professor Kinvig is hoping to visit the States in 1952. It will be a pleasure to Manx folk here to welcome him.

"The Isle of Man," by Canon E. H. Stenning, vice principal of King William's College, is one of the series of County Books published by Robert Hale, Ltd., London. It presents a full and vivid description of Manxland and its people, and is beautifully illustrated. This and Professor Kinvig's History should be in the hands of our young Manx people to stimulate their pride in the land of their ancestors.

Mrs. M. A. Watterson (nee Annie Quirk), Douglas, Isle of Man, has written a fascinating little book entitled "A Series of Stories and Historical Facts Surrounding the Well Known Manx Name QUIRK." We understand a number of Manx folk over here possess a copy. Certainly all the Quirks should have one! They will learn about many interesting Quirks of history and legend. Write to Mrs. M. A. Watterson, "Treljah," Douglas, Isle of Man, if you wish to order a copy. The price is 1/6.

The latest slogan of the Isle of Man Publicity Board, "Go Abroad to the Isle of Man," has been made into a popular song by Mrs. L. A. Bancroft, 7 Castle Mona Avenue, Douglas. The song is bright and catchy, and anyone desiring a copy should write to Mrs. Bancroft at the address given, sending the purchase price of 1/6 plus 3d for postage.

In the Exhibition Corridor of the Cleveland Public Library, Nigel Kneale's book "Tomato Cain and Other Stories" may be seen, along with other prize-winning books of 1950, displayed in glass cases. Nigel's book won the Somerset Maugham Short Story Award, also the Atlantic Award. This, the young Manxman's first book, has received high praise from American reviewers. The volume was published in Britain by Collins, in America by Knopf.

Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson notes with interest our occasional mention of American streets with distinctive Manx names. He contributes another—Cannell Street, in Grand Junction, Colorado, named after the contractor.

LAXEY WHEEL

A booklet belonging to Fred T. Brew, 1870 Page Avenue, Cleveland, is entitled "Laxey and Its Big Wheel," and gives an interesting account of the Laxey mines, the design and building of the Big Wheel, and historical facts about the village itself. The writer, whose name is not given, comments on the fact that Laxey Wheel, a man-designed, man-created industrial giant, is no blot on the beautiful landscape where it is situated but really seems a part of the lovely scene.

He tells some of the early history of Laxey, and of theories advanced that the lead mines may have been worked in very ancient times. There is record of lead mining in the Isle of Man in the 13th century, and through succeeding centuries the mines were worked regularly. At the time the Big Wheel was built (1854), the mines were very active. The writer says:

"Visitors to Laxey these days can have but a vague idea of the busy scenes, pulsating with life and activity, that would have focused their interest when the Great Wheel first revolved. The washing floors, which are still to be seen lower in the valley, probably provided a more animated picture than even the nimble-fingered fisher girls at Peel today. To these floors were taken the produce of the mines in small wagons along a special tram track, and here was first subjected to the hammers of men, women and boys, to be crushed smaller by machinery preparatory to the ore going through the numerous washings, which separated the zinc from the lead and both from the matrix. Being thus to a certain extent purified, the crude metals were conveyed to Old Laxey for shipment to various English and Welsh ports for the process of smelting.

"I very much doubt if any of the old miners remain. They were a hardy race of a long line of sweating diggers who went down to darksome depths to tear from the old earth her metals deeply buried. A writer of 1876 described the Laxey miners as 'appearing strong, healthy, ruddy complexioned, and apparently capable of bearing arduous tasks, and when they walked in procession they were a fine body of men, with neither a bow-leg nor a knock-knee amongst them.' On the whole, they were a sober, industrious and thrifty lot, many of them owning their own cottages and, collectively, two Working Men's Institutes. If you met them going or returning from the mines, you would have been attracted by their quaint, stiff, drab hats, to which were always stuck candlesticks fashioned from lumps of moistened

clay in which partly burnt candles were fixed.

"Other noticeable items would be the flasks of tea or jough (old Manx ale) slung over their shoulders, a pound or two of candles, and empty powder casks. The miners had to provide their own powder, candles and tools. They had to wear hats that were stiff and hard to protect their heads against the low jagged rocky roofs of the mine levels. Not for decoration either were the primitive headlights in their hats. The mines went to a depth of nearly 2000 feet with 21 levels at varying depth, piercing the underground for one, two or more miles. To reach the many levels, the miners' only means of descent were rough wooden ladders secured against the practically straight walls of the narrow shaft. Can you imagine yourself stepping from the bright sunshine onto a ladder with rungs weakened by much usage or rotted by dripping water, and going down, down to the black unknown? Thus, with both hands occupied in gripping the ladder, the miner had to light his toilsome way by the guttering candle on his head. Nearly 400 men were using these ladders and it is stated that it took them two hours each, out of their working day of eight hours, to descent and ascend from the underground caverns.

"It was in 1854 that water entering the mines through the rocks became a serious danger to the miners as well as an obstruction to their activities. Only by the aid of some powerful machinery could the constant inrush of water be expelled. To Robert Casement, the mines' engineer, who was then 37 years old, was entrusted the task of finding a method of making an ally out of the mines' enemy, to throw out the invading floods. With consummate ingenuity and skill he overcame many difficulties, finally creating this mighty circle, which at one time was the largest water wheel in the world. Casement trapped the water with which he desired to spin the wheel in a small cistern just a little farther up the valley. Through underground iron pipes he brought the imprisoned water, which is syphoned up the 72 foot stone tower, to drop in a steady flow on the treads or buckets of the wheel.

"The wheel has a circumference of 228 feet, a diameter of 72½ feet, and a breadth of 6 feet. It has drawing strength of 200 h.p., and makes 2½ revolutions per minute, in which time 250 gallons of water were hauled from a depth of 1800 feet. There are 192 buckets on the wheel, each capable of holding 20 gallons.

"At the south end of the stone encasement of the wheel you will see

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SAN FRANCISCO

The San Francisco Manx have the name of putting on one of the best British Christmas Parties in their city. This past Christmas, as usual, they invited British friends from other groups to come and help them celebrate, Manx style. The hall was cheerfully decorated with "hibbon and holly," and the colors of Ellan Vannin—red and yellow—were carried out in true California manner by boughs of lovely golden oranges hanging among the red berries. Musical program included items by the San Francisco choral group, solos and duets by Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Hall and Ivor Stokes, violin solos by Mrs. James Cringle. The president, Mr. Callister, as Santa Claus, distributed gifts from the Tree. Supper tables were lovely with berries and candlelight, and the Manx "eats" included bonnags, soda cake, fruit cake and mince pies. Everyone brought gifts of canned goods, for distribution to the needy by the British Benevolent Society. Credit for the beautiful decorations goes to Mrs. James Cringle, Max Arends, Finette Hall and Wilfred Quayle. After the dancing was over and everyone had joined in the last song, all said a reluctant farewell — "until next Christmas!"

TORONTO

All members of the Toronto Manx Society are busy planning for the coming Convention. They had a good meeting on February 6, at which N. A. M. A. President Tom Moore gave a report on his visit to Cleveland, January 20 and 21.

Festival of Britain Isle of Man Program

Most of us are aware of the great Festival which Britain is planning for the summer of 1951, and it is needless to add that the Isle of Man will be participating, by staging a very fine program of pageant and music in which Manx history, from earliest times until the present, will be dramatized. According to information received from V. E. Brownsdon, Secretary of the Committee for the Isle of Man Festival, dates will be from June 19 on through to a grand climax on Tynwald Day, July 5. The Committee warmly invites all overseas Manx who expect to visit the Island this year, to plan the trip so as to be there during the Festival period and share in the rejoicing and pleasure which the Manx people at home are anticipating. We are sure that all visitors will be not only thrilled by the Festival, but will gain a clearer and more vivid understanding of our ancient history and heritage.

In a program about the Isle of Man, an Akron radio station broadcast music by Haydn Wood on Feb. 4th, played by the U. S. Marine Band.

OBITUARIES

BARTLETT, Charles, passed away on February 19th, in Akron, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Mona (nee Cain) and his mother, Mrs. C. Bartlett, of Sparta, Tennessee. He was a son-in-law of T. Harry Cain.

BENNETT, Jennie E., aged 86, widow of John Bennett, died on January 31 at Geneva, Ohio. She was born in the Isle of Man but came to America as a child. A brother, Benjamin Bartholomew, survives.

CAINE, James David, aged 71, died suddenly on December 23 at his home, 3666 Tanner St., Vancouver, B. C. Surviving are his wife; three daughters, Mrs. J. Longmire, Mrs. A. Catherall and Mrs. B. Carrari, all of Vancouver; two brothers, William of Vancouver, and Caesar of Kimberley, South Africa; two sisters, Mrs. James Cain, in England, and Mrs. Maud Varley of Vancouver. Mr. Caine was born in Peel, Isle of Man and was a pioneer businessman of Vancouver, where he had lived for 50 years.

DAUGHERTY, Joseph W., passed away on December 13 at his home, 183 Monarch Park Avenue, Toronto. He leaves a wife and four daughters in Toronto, and a twin brother, Philip, in Douglas, Isle of Man. "Joe," as he was affectionately known to a wide circle, will be greatly missed as he was rarely absent from a Manx meeting or Convention. He was born in Douglas, was a noted swimmer in the Island, and came to Canada about 1910, working for the Bell Telephone Company for many years. He was a charter member of the first Toronto Manx Society and N. A. M. A. Regional Director for the Toronto area.

HEWETT, Elizabeth Rachel (Lily), aged 55, died on February 5 at her residence, 117 Home St., Winnipeg. She is survived by a brother, William Henry, and a sister, Frances, both of Winnipeg. Miss Hewett came to Canada from Douglas, Isle of Man, in 1907.

JONES, Frank E., passed away at his home in Fruitvale, Calif. on December 11. Surviving are his wife, Jane (nee Quayle), formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man; a daughter, Mona, and two sons, Frank and Douglas, the last named serving in Korea. Mr. Jones was a loved and respected member of the San Francisco Manx Society.

MELVIN, James Daniel, aged 67, passed away on January 18 at Broadview, Saskatchewan. His wife, May, survives. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Melvin. Onchan, Isle of Man.

MOORE, Thomas, passed away on January 1 at his home, The Maples, Somerset Road, Douglas, Isle of Man. Born in Peel, Mr. Moore went to Toronto where he resided for many years, returning in 1937 with his family to Douglas. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and two daughters, Ethel and Ada, in Douglas; and a son, Wilfred, in Toronto.

MYLECHRAINE, William T., aged 74, passed away at his home, 1278 East 124 St., Cleveland, on January 7. He is survived by his wife, Katherine; a brother, Leonard and sister, Mrs. John Durfee. Mr. Mylechraine was born in Cleveland and was a cousin of the late William J. Mylechraine, father of our Corresponding Secretary.

QUAYLE, Agnes (nee Smith), aged 75, passed away in December at the home of her son, Robert, Kewanee, Illinois. She was born in Sulby, Isle of Man, and married Thomas Edward Quayle in 1902. In 1910 they came to the States, living for many years at Galva, Ill. Mrs. Quayle leaves two sons, James C. and Robert S., of Kewanee; three grandchildren; a sister and three brothers in England and the Isle of Man, and a brother in Galva. Mr. Quayle passed away last July.

QUAYLE, Mrs. Ethelred, formerly of Peel, passed away in Menlo Park, Calif. on November 21. She was a sister-in-law of Wilfred Quayle, San Francisco.

QUAYLE, Lancelot, passed away in Glen Maye, Isle of Man, on November 26. He was a brother of Wilfred Quayle, San Francisco.

SKELLY, Edward, aged 89, passed away in December at East Helena, Montana. Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Edith H. Hughes; a son, Edwin J. Skelly, and four grandchildren, all of Helena; a niece, Mrs. Robert Costain of East Helena, also nieces and nephews in Minneapolis, the Isle of Man and Australia. Mr. Skelly came to the States in 1889, living in Montana since 1893. His wife Edith (nee Collister) died in 1929.

TYSON, Anna, aged 58, passed away at Port Jefferson, near New York City, on December 4. She was born in Seattle, Wash., and was the widow of the late Dr. James C. Tyson, formerly of the Isle of Man, who was organist and choirmaster at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, and for many years president of the Greater New York Manx Society. Mrs. Tyson was a church and concert soloist and had visited the Isle of Man with her husband. A married daughter survives.

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

Everyone has noticed that representations of the Manx emblem show the Three Legs in many different positions; sometimes poised on one toe, sometimes on a knee, sometimes on a knee and a toe—the right pose for "standing," in line with the famous motto, "Whichever way you throw me, I stand." Speaking of the various positions, a paper on Manx Money in the possession of Fred Brew, Manx coin expert of Cleveland, says: "If you will imagine the Legs to be of a man standing on the Isle of Man, you will see that on the first Stanley coin (1709) the Man is in a kneeling posture, towards Ireland; on the 1733 coins he has changed his position and is kneeling to England, as he also is on the Atholl issue (1758). But observe, so soon as ever the Island was sold to England, the Man is not kneeling to anybody . . . and on the George III issue (1786) he is running towards Ireland." In this whimsical manner the writer calls attention to some of the many angles in which the legs have been depicted.

Agitation for "Votes for Women" was at one time a stormy subject in many countries, and perhaps not all of us realize that the little Isle of Man led the way in granting its women the right to vote. Mrs. Lillie Hood of Cleveland came across an item clipped from a 30-year-old Cleveland newspaper which deals with this curious bit of information, and passes it on for Bulletin readers. It is an editorial item, and reads:

WOMEN—AND MAN

"The Isle of Man enfranchised its women in 1881. Since then, New Zealand, Australia, Finland, Norway, Iceland, Denmark, Russia, Canada, Austria, Czechoslovakia, England, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Poland, Scotland, Wales, Holland, Sweden and Italy have granted women suffrage.

"Only a few backward states in the United States are needed to bring the United States up to the point of civilization that the Isle of Man reached in 1881."

That was written in 1920.

When Mrs. Alec Cannell, 14227 Glenfield Avenue, Detroit, answered the telephone the other day, a voice said "Hello! are you Mrs. Cannell and are you from the same place as I am—the Isle of Man?" The caller was John S. Cannell, 719 North 26th St., Milwaukee 3, Wisconsin. Passing through Detroit, he happened to glance through the telephone book to see if he could find any Cannells. Like a good member, Elsie told him he should by all means get himself on the mailing list for the Manx Bulletin.

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the largest iron casting in the world on the Three Legs of Man.—diameter 8 feet 2 inches and weighing about one ton. On a plate fixed to the wheel's main bush are the names of Richard Rowe, captain of the mines at the birth of the wheel, and of the wheel's creator—Robert Casement. The spiral staircase which encircles the water tower has 96 steps and provides an easy, safe means of ascent to the roomy platform, from which to look down on the broad back of the giant wheel, and view the sweeping panorama of hill and dale, wide ocean expanse, with silent Snaefell throwing its shadow against the western sky.

"At the time the Laxey giant was first set in motion, 27th September, 1854, the Island Governor was Sir Charles Hope, and in honor of his wife the wheel was christened the 'Lady Isabella.' Autumn had lavishly emblazoned the glen with its warm hues, which a generous sun drenched with rays of gold on this memorable September day, on which the entire Island sent large flocks of happy folk to Laxey. For the Island generally was naturally proud of its mighty wheel and of the creative genius of Casement. A newspaper of the time stated that between three and four thousand persons witnessed the opening ceremonies. It said 'The work people, between 500 and 600 in number, dressed in holiday clothes, accompanied by two bands of music, walked from the washing floors to the large wheel, led by the Chairman of the Company (Mr. G. W. Dumbell) and the agent of the mines, (Captain Rowe) who, on their arrival at the wheel, conducted the Governor and his Lady, the Lord Bishop and his Lady, and Mrs. Dumbell to the first platform, where His Excellency, by means of a small handle, let the water on the wheel, which immediately commenced moving. Simultaneously with the first motion of the wheel, Mr. Dumbell gracefully threw a bottle of champagne, ornamented with Manx lace, and named the wheel 'Lady Isabella' in honor of the Governor's Lady. At the same moment a flag at the top of the wheel was unfurled and made known the title of the wheel to the assembled crowds, who greeted it in loud cheers, whilst the shouts from the strong lungs of the miners vied with the booming of the cannon in proclaiming the satisfactory accomplishment of a great undertaking. The workpeople were then regaled upon the neighboring green with substantial fare, after which they enjoyed themselves in various games.

"The mines ceased to be a paying proposition some years ago, and those who had worked them had no alternative but reluctantly to suspend operations, withdraw the miners, and let the vandal hand of Time lay unchallenged its fingers of rust and

decay on the plant and machinery which had hummed in the valley through many succeeding years. Two years of this weakening rusting process nearly brought the splendid structure to its knees, when, happily, stories about 'Lady Isabella's' plight in national and insular newspapers called for some action, some remedy to save the wheel from tottering. The subject was mentioned in the House of Keys, but before any definite official move was made to save the giant, Mr. E. C. Kneale, a Laxey joiner and builder, with commendable enterprise, made himself responsible for the wheel's welfare. During the winter months of 1937-38 he completely renovated and repaired the circle, so that now 'Lady Isabella,' whose new blushing complexion consumed one ton of paint, is again hale, strong and hearty, revolving as majestically as of old."

WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the World Manx Association, observing its 40th Anniversary this year. Its first president, the beloved Mr. Richard Cain, is still in office, and his genial personality is well known to overseas Manx visitors to the Island. The capable and gifted secretary, Mr. Charles Craine, affectionately known as "Charlie" on both sides of the Atlantic, has co-operated enthusiastically with Mr. Cain in extending open-armed welcome to all Manx revisiting the land of their birth.

Here are a few facts about the Isle of Man Railway gleaned from an article in a Liverpool paper, which may give you quite a new slant on the "toy trains" of Manxland.

It is the longest narrow gauge railway in the British Isles.

It carries annually over a million passengers and 50,000 tons of freight.

Some of the locomotives have been in continuous service since the opening of the railway, in 1873.

It was the first British railway to convert passenger coaches to electric lighting, in 1900.

St. John's is the only junction in the Island.

On sections of the line near the sea, coaches suffer so much from in-shore winds that they have to be turned periodically to weather them equally.

During the blizzard of 1942, the Liverpool steamer could not enter Douglas and had to go around to the more sheltered harbor at Peel. A train consisting of three coaches with two engines at each end, charged and battered its way from Douglas through the snowblocked line and brought the steamer passengers back from Peel to Douglas. One of the four engines used was No. 5 "Mona"—in service since 1874. That's Manx!

The Faithful Few

When the meeting's called to order
And you look around the room,
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom;
They are always at the meeting
And they stay until it's through—
The Ones that I would mention
Are the Always Faithful Few.

They fill the many offices,
And they're always on the spot
No matter what the weather,
Though it may be awful hot;
It may be dark and rainy,
But they are tried and true,
The Ones that you rely on
Are the Always Faithful Few.

There's lots of worthy members
Who will come when in the mood,
When everything's convenient
They can do a little good;
They're a factor in the meeting
And are necessary, too,
But the Ones who never fail us
Are the Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these faithful,
Whose shoulders at the wheel
Keep the institution moving
Without a halt or reel—
What would be the fate of meetings
Where we claim so much to do?
They surely would be failures
But for—THE FAITHFUL FEW.

(Author unknown, but contributed to the Bulletin by Frank Williamson of Toronto.)

Mrs. Tom Perry, 2834 - 4th Avenue West, Hibbing, Minn. (formerly Emily Kelly, of Douglas) sends the following amusing verse about the Manx cat, which she says used to appear on souvenir postcards sold to visitors:

In Mona's Isle, once long ago,
A cat, whilst in a yard, did spy
A chicken walking to and fro
At which he cast a wicked eye.
Puss ran and caught it by the tail
Deprived of which the chicken
flew.
Chased by a dog, poor pussy frail
In turn had his tail bit off too.
All cats and fowls in Manxland
seen
E'er after that have tailless been.

Here's another Manx verse from Mrs. Tom Perry of Hibbing, Minn.:

My name's Tommy Kelly, I own,
I live at the back of Marown,
My father's no fool, he was born at
Barrule,
My mother's birth-place, Balla-
broole.
I've sisters and cousins, by the
score and half-dozen
At Crossag, Poolvash, Balladoole.
I've an aunt out at Colby, another
at Sulby,
More at Ballaugh, Ballafreer,
Ballagionney,
Ballacraine, Ballacallin, Ballasalla,
Ballacrink—
And a good many more, if I had
time to think.