

# BULLETIN of the North American Manx Association



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

March, 1954

## San Francisco Manx Already At Work On 1955 Convention

Word has been received from San Francisco that they are hard at work formulating plans for the 1955 convention of the North American Manx Association, which will be held in their city. The Convention Executive committee has been selected and consists of the following:

General Chairman.....H. S. Corlett  
Vice Chairman.....Ivor Stokes  
Secretary.....Mrs. Essie Quayle  
Treasurer.....Mrs. Finette Hall

Mrs. James Cringle and Miss Evelyn Corlett have been delegated to inquire regarding hotel accommodations and soon the matter of definite dates and a hotel for headquarters will be decided upon.

Meanwhile, they are going about raising some pre-convention funds. When their report was made up for this Bulletin, they advised that a Public Whist was planned for the evening of February 20. This was but the first of a series of Whist Drives—some to be small affairs in homes and others to be larger public parties.

Yes—our friends in San Francisco already are at work on the 1955 convention. Judging by the enthusiasm they are displaying, we can all look forward to enjoying an outstanding convention in San Francisco next year. We solicit the aid of all Manx on the West Coast

to get on the band-wagon and lend a hand whenever possible in these pre-convention plans.

### Invitation from the General Chairman

#### TO MANXMEN AND WOMEN EVERYWHERE:

Whether you are Manx by birth or descent—whether you are related to someone who is Manx—or whether you are just a friend of the Manx—we extend to you a most cordial invitation to the Convention of the North American Manx Association, to be held in San Francisco in August, 1955.

You have plenty of time to plan your affairs so as to insure your presence at the Convention.

And we, the San Francisco Manx Society, assure you that preparations are being made to make this a never-to-be-forgotten occasion. Our members and friends throughout the Bay area will assist in making your stay most enjoyable. We are making a special appeal to the Manx up and down the Pacific Coast to be on hand to greet you and to welcome you here in San Francisco—noted for its reputation as "The City That Knows How."

We look forward to seeing you in August, 1955.

SAN FRANCISCO MANX SOCIETY,

H. S. Corlett, President.

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## The President's Message

When you receive this March Bulletin, there will be signs of spring. Most people are glad to see the passing of winter and are looking forward to the first robin, and the crocuses and daffodils.

As already announced, our next Convention will be held in San Francisco in 1955, dates to be set later. "Bravo, San Francisco!" I am very pleased, and congratulate our friends there on their decision to be our hosts. Under the able leadership of their President, H. S. Corlett, the energetic members are already making plans for a gala Convention.

I am confident that many of our members will make an effort to attend, especially those from the western states who have never been to a Convention, or have not attended one for several years. I urge all who can go to San Francisco to start saving now. You will return home with lasting memories and joy in your hearts.

Since much pleasure is derived from meeting old friends and new, make your slogan "Go West, and see the beauties of the Golden Gate in 1955."

The N.A.M.A. has passed its quarter-century mark, and we all can do our part to keep the N.A.M.A. flag flying. The dues of \$2.00 a year are very small, and bring a rich reward in good-fellowship. Won't you please mail this year's dues to Mr. Skillicorn, if you have not already done so? We ask your cooperation and the help of the Regional Directors in a strong membership drive this year.

Very sincerely,  
HENRY MYLCHREEST,  
President.

## News From Regional Directors

Our Regional Director in Wisconsin is Mrs. H. L. Turville, Turville Point, Madison 5, Wisconsin. She tries to contact all people of Manx birth or descent, who are residents of Wisconsin and whose names and addresses are brought to her attention. Through these efforts, she has introduced the N.A.M.A. to many of them and has increased our membership in her district. In accepting her appointment to act in this capacity until our 1955 convention, she says that since there isn't a convention this year and some of our members may be traveling in Wisconsin, she hopes they will try to reach her.

Fred Caveen, Regional Director in Toronto, advises that he is kept busy supplying data to people in the Island who plan to move to Canada and wrote to him for information regarding work and accommodations in Toronto and vicinity. He says he replies to about five such inquiries each week. When they finally arrive, he follows through, assisting them in finding employment and places in which to live. Through these efforts, many new members have been enlisted both for the Toronto Manx Society and the N.A.M.A. Fred says they expect to welcome about forty more such people this spring. Congratulations to Fred and his co-workers, who are carrying on such a worthy project.

A drive is afoot by Mrs. Nell Kelley, Regional Director in the State of Nebraska, to interest some of the younger Manx group in joining in Manx activities of the Nebraska Manx Association. This is a good move and one which we hope will encourage other local Manx Societies and Regional Directors to "go and do likewise."

One of our Regional Directors, in accepting re-appointment, states he is devoting his time in trying to interest members in attending the San Francisco Convention in 1955. This is another good idea.

Mrs. Ada Cubbon of Galva, Illinois, writes, "Will accept the office of Regional Director and work to the best of my ability." Dick Corkill of Detroit, Michigan, also says he will do his best. Good work also has been done in Arizona, from which point Cecil Corrin reports as Regional Director. Cecil says, "I willingly accept the position—but I am afraid there is little I can report. We have all the Manx people here in our Society now." Joe Clucas of Laramie, Wyoming gets out among Manx people in his state and sends in news about them for the Bulletin. Congratulations to all of these good workers. We can hardly ask for more.

New names in our list of Regional Directors are Bill Morrison of Miami, Florida, John Braid of Pontiac, Michigan and Edith Cubbon of Seattle, Washington. Our good wishes go to them, as well as to all of the "old-timers" who have served in the past and have accepted reappointment for their respective districts.

## An Old Letter From New Zealand

J. Everett Shimmin of Flint, Michigan (who comes to most of our Conventions) takes a great interest in his family history. We have been privileged to read a long letter written by his uncle, George Cregeen who, after an eventful, wandering life, eventually settled in Auckland, New Zealand many years ago. His family lost sight of him, until his brother James, of Union Mills, Isle of Man, saw a list of officers of the Auckland Manx Society on which a George Cregeen was listed as Secretary. He wrote to him, and learned that this really was his long-lost brother. The letter from which we quote below was the reply.

"I came out to New Zealand many years ago in a German sailing ship, left her in Auckland, knocked around the New Zealand and Australian coasts for a year or two—finally got to San Francisco in a passenger ship and made a few voyages between San Francisco and Australia. When I finally left the ship, in San Francisco, the Spanish-American War was on, and I joined the American Navy. I was one of the crew on one of their first destroyers; was sent to the Philippines, and was in China during the Boxer trouble. Was in the Philippines again during the insurrection. That campaign was a bit tough—a lot of river work in small gunboats, plenty of malaria and other tropical stuff.

"After my time expired I went back to San Francisco and sailed in American ships up and down and across the Pacific. Between times I worked ashore in the stevedoring game at Panama, Honolulu and Manila. Was in the Pacific Mail S.S. Company for years, San Francisco to Panama sailing at all the Pacific ports of Mexico and Central America. Was skipper in W. R. Grace & Company ship—Puget Sound, including Vancouver and San Francisco, to west coast ports of South America—was there for some years. During the First World War I was back again in the American Navy. I was in Manila stevedoring for eight years, got married there to a New Zealand girl whose family I had known when I first came here years ago. Came to Auckland in 1927 and retired, but still long to get back to San Francisco."

In closing his letter, "Uncle George" as Mr. Shimmin calls him, asked if others in his family had the wanderlust, and enlarged upon his longing to be sailing the high seas again. But he was an old man then, and as Mr. Shimmin says: "Those are long, long thoughts, the thoughts that come before the dawn of a great tomorrow. May we all think of a few songs for singing, when the shadows lengthen and the weary day is o'er."

# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## VANCOUVER

The Executive Committee of the Vancouver Manx, headed by President Sam Cain, really put their heads together and made the December meetings outstanding. After two meetings, held respectively at Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain's and Mr. and Mrs. Art Jenkins' homes, plans were made for a Children's Party, something that had not been attempted for years. Contributions of money and refreshments were accepted, but no admission was charged. Members were given lists of names to call on, inviting parents and grandparents among the Vancouver Manx to bring the children, while the newspaper "Vancouver Province" gave splendid publicity to the project.

Owing to the illness of Mrs. Fulton, the Program Chairman, Mrs. A. T. Wood, the Society's Secretary, took charge. The children themselves put on the entire program. With Mrs. Yandle at the piano, they danced the Highland Fling, tap danced and also gave piano solos and duets. There was even a recitation by a four-year-old. As a closing number the children sang the dear old Christmas carols, and as an encore, parents and children together sang "Rudolph." President Cain showed a special children's film, and each child was given candy and oranges to take home. Sandwiches and cookies were served to all, with tea for grownups and soft drinks for the children. Young and old were thrilled by the happy evening, and to many it brought touching memories of similar entertainments in the Isle of Man.

When the freewill offering was counted, it was found to be more than enough to pay all expenses. Thanks are extended to parents and friends, and needless to say, this Children's Christmas Party, attempted as an experiment, will be an annual event from now on.

The annual dinner, concert and dance of the Vancouver Manx Society was held in the Cambrian Hall on New Year's Day. The weather was favorable and over 200 people attended. Before sitting down to dinner, the members sang one verse of "O Canada," and the President asked Mrs. T. L. Killip, Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary, to say Grace. Mrs. R. W. Killey and her committee of ladies and gentlemen provided a generous banquet, consisting of cold roast beef and ham, various salads, rolls, mince pies and many other good things. After the banquet President Cain showed colored pictures taken during his recent visit to the Isle of Man and England. A delightful concert, arranged by Mrs. Fulton, followed, one of the entertainers being Mrs. Hornall, who with her daughter had recently returned from a two-year visit in Peel, Isle of Man, and in England. Following

the concert, the merry crowd danced to their heart's content, and the Vancouver Manx Society recorded one of its most successful reunions.

## VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

Mrs. T. L. Killip, Secretary for the Ladies' Auxiliary in Vancouver, writing on January 28, says that the big news just then was the Weather—Vancouver having almost a record snowfall, which made it necessary for the ladies to cancel the January meeting. However, they hoped to meet on February 3 and make plans for their Birthday Party.

## DETROIT-WINDSOR

For the first time in its history, the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society missed holding the usual Christmas party to celebrate the festive season. However, a special meeting was called for January 9, when the following officers were elected to serve during 1954:

Hon. President.....John W. Stephen  
President.....Richard H. Corkill  
Vice-President.....Wm. A. Stephen  
Sec'y.-Treasurer.....Mrs. J. Hartwell  
9247 Hartwell  
Detroit 28, Mich.

The Society extends sympathy to Mrs. Louise Kellner of Windsor in the loss of her husband, Hugh.

## TORONTO

The following officers were elected at the meeting held on December 8, to serve the Toronto Manx Society during 1954:

President.....Fred Caveen  
Vice-President.....Wilfred Lace  
Treasurer.....Ken Doidge  
Fin. Sec'y.....Mrs. Barbara Caveen  
Secretary.....Frank Williamson  
61 Steeles Ave., R.R. #1  
Willowdale, Ont.

Ass't Sec'y.....Miss Dorothy Caveen  
Entertainment Com.....Tom Moore  
Douglas Cowley  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bateman

President Fred Caveen thanked the outgoing officers for their loyalty and support, particularly mentioning Mrs. Frank Williamson, who had served the society so well as Treasurer for 17 years. He gave a brief report on the Society's progress during the past year, with a hope for continued growth. Tom Moore read the auditor's report, which showed the finances to be in a very satisfactory condition.

At their January 22 meeting, the Society had the largest turnout in years, and welcomed many new people recently arrived from the Isle of Man. The Entertainment Committee had arranged a most enjoyable program, including dancing and a quiz show. Refreshments and the usual chat concluded a very pleasant evening.

## GALVA

Members of the Galva Manx Society had a very pleasant time on Thursday evening, December 3. Seventy persons were present for the bounteous pot-luck supper, and for the excellent program presented by pupils from a local dancing school. Group singing was led by Mrs. Tyrus Kelly, with Mrs. Guy Murgage accompanying. The brief business meeting was conducted by the new President, Mrs. Anton Lawson.

The Galva Manx Society plans to participate in the observance of Galva's Centennial, to be held July 28 to August 1, this year. Details were to be worked out at the February 14 meeting. Pictures of the Isle of Man, brought back last summer by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collister, also were shown at that meeting. Mrs. Ada Cubbon, Mrs. James Kermeen and Mr. and Mrs. Tyrus Kelly assisted the officers in planning the program.

Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Secretary of the Galva Manx Society, is pleased with the response to their news items in the Bulletin. From nearby Burlington, Iowa, she received a letter from Sr. Major and Mrs. W. H. Kelly, 1800 Gnahn St., who are officers in the Salvation Army. They came to Burlington from Detroit a year ago, and want to come to the Galva Manx meetings. Their attendance is made specially interesting by the fact that Major Kelly's mother turns out to be a cousin of Mrs. Ellie Kennaugh, who is Mrs. Collinson's mother.

Another correspondent is Wm. A. Comish, formerly of Douglas, Isle of Man, now of Newmarket, Ontario, who read about the Galva Manx in the Bulletin and wants to hear from Manx folk in the Middle West.

## LOS ANGELES

In spite of a very rainy night, the "Manx Tea Party" in Los Angeles was a very enjoyable affair with over 50 present. Moving pictures taken in the Isle of Man last summer while Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregg were visiting there proved a great attraction. Among striking scenes were Laxey Wheel in motion and Bob himself climbing hedges and eating ripe blackberries. The hearty applause showed how the scenes were appreciated. John Christian was M. C., and urged support of the N.A.M.A. Convention in San Francisco, 1955. Mrs. John Christian contributed hand-painted linen towels and pillow cases which realized a substantial sum for the Convention. Charles Trotman, 82 years old, was "Master of the Coffee Urn and Tea Pot," while Miss Noreen Cottier was "Mistress of Refreshments," consisting of delicious sandwiches, bunnings, scones with jam, cookies, and Mrs. John Christian's famous pastries.

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## OUR OWN PEOPLE

William R. Mylchreest, who has been employed at the Niagara Falls plant of the National Carbon Company for 35 years, was honored at a dinner attended by Company officials, fellow-workers and friends, upon his retirement at the end of December. He had been with the company since 1919, and held the office of master mechanic since 1931. During World War I he served in the Canadian Army. Speakers at the dinner paid tribute to Mr. Mylchreest's contributions and loyalty to the company. He is a cousin of Richard E. Mylchreest of Middletown, Conn., who attends most of our Conventions. Mr. William Mylchreest lives at 2419 Whitney Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

A merry group consisting of members of the Vancouver Manx Society's Executive Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wood during the Christmas holidays. The gaily-lighted Christmas tree, masses of red-berried holly from the garden of "Ballaquane," and a roaring fire made a Christmassy atmosphere. The infant son of the former Secretary, Mrs. Mona Witsten, who was there with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Killey, enjoyed it too, and took it all in, without any objections. After a good cooish, Christmas carols were sung, with Mrs. Yandle at the piano. Supper was served by the hostess to the 25 guests, Mrs. Isabel Cain Irwin and Mrs. O'Callaghan assisting. During the evening, Christmas greetings from the President of the N.A.M.A. to Mr. Sam Cain and the Vancouver Manx Society were read.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fick, 123 Worth St., Winnipeg, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on December 24, when they held open house for their friends. They were married in Douglas, Isle of Man on Christmas Eve, 1903. Mr. Fick came to Canada in 1913 and his wife joined him a year later. Until his retirement four years ago, Mr. Fick was employed at the Canadian Pacific Railway shops near Winnipeg, except for three years' Army service in World War I. Mr. and Mrs. Fick are known to a wide circle of Manx people as they come to most of our Conventions.

Perhaps some will remember Mr. and Mrs. Hussey, Janesville, Wisconsin, who were members of the N.A.M.A. at one time. We learn with regret that Mrs. Hussey died in January, 1953, and her husband the following November. They have a son, Harold, in Lincoln, Nebraska.

During the Christmas holidays, Tom and Bess Corkan, 277 Machray Ave., Winnipeg, entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Costain and their two young daughters. George is a nephew of Robert Costain of East Helena, Montana, and has been living in Winnipeg for more than a year.

Miss Katherine Corrin, 6401 S. Peoria St., Chicago, has a fine record of loyalty to the Manx people. She has been a member of the Chicago Manx Society for 63 years!

In an item in the Christmas Bulletin referring to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chapman who have settled in Arcadia, Calif., the Editor mistakenly referred to the "late" Miss Marian Teare, who is Mrs. Chapman's aunt. Mrs. Oscar Ward of Los Angeles writes that Miss Marian Teare is very much alive, and is enjoying Mooragh Park and old friends in Ramsey, Isle of Man. Her address is "Parkcrest," Windsor Mount, Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. McPhail, formerly of Winnipeg, have moved to Los Angeles where they are warmly welcomed. Mrs. McPhail is a sister of Mrs. W. H. Sargesson and Herbert Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schmidt, El Monte, Calif., have been visiting Mrs. Edwin Cottier of Burbank, and Noreen. Mrs. Schmidt, formerly of Cleveland, is a relative of the Cottiers.

Mrs. Edith Craine, 1839 Phillips Ave., Butte, Montana, has an appropriate name for her house—"Manx Thie." Mrs. Craine is an enthusiastic Manxwoman who has given talks about the Isle of Man before church, club and college groups, and even appeared on television. Mrs. Craine and her husband are visiting San Francisco this spring and hope to attend the Convention there next year.

Mrs. Arthur Watts, Lincoln, Nebr., has returned from a delightful trip to the Isle of Man, where she renewed many old friendships.

J. A. (Archie) Kerruish, 1817 Newport Ave., Chicago, is enjoying an extended tour of the West. He has been visiting relatives and Manx friends in Vancouver, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Two newcomers who have been warmly welcomed by the Toronto Manx are Fred Howard and Tony Easthope from Peel. They landed at Halifax a few days before Christmas, and the first animal they saw in Canada was a Manx cat!

Frank Williamson, Secretary of the Toronto Manx Society, wonders whether members who have visited the Isle of Man recently remember a good-looking, pleasant policeman directing traffic at Broadway and the Promenade, in Douglas. That policeman, Stan Shimmin by name, his wife and son, have arrived in Toronto and been welcomed as members of the Toronto Manx Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fick, 205 De Grassi St., Toronto, have been enjoying a winter holiday in St. Petersburg, Fla. While there they were interested in a newspaper announcement of a concert by the Three-Quarter Century Chorus, conductor Robert G. Anderson, formerly of Cleveland and a native of Peel, Isle of Man. One of the items on the program was the Manx Fishermen's Evening Hymn. Bob has written that this world-famous chorus of about 50 voices is composed entirely of persons over 75 years of age, and includes lawyers, judges, doctors, ministers, nurses, in fact people from all walks of life. Congratulations to our old friend Bob Anderson on being elected director of this remarkable chorus.

Among Clevelanders enjoying Florida trips this winter were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coles and Mrs. Harriet Hughes, who visited Lake Worth. Captain and Mrs. Wilfred K. Kelly went to Tampa to see their son Danny and family—while the Theo Kellys, formerly of Cleveland and now of Dover, Ohio, went down in January, also to see Danny, who is their nephew. While in St. Petersburg they went to see Bob and Minnie Anderson, who live at 1420-25th St. North, in that city.

During the last ten years, Mrs. Jennie Kelly, 24812 Oak St., Lomita, Calif., has sent more than 30,000 cookies to servicemen overseas and has received hundreds of letters from these boys, who affectionately call her "Mom" Kelly. A local church supports the activity, and Mrs. Kelly bakes all the cookies at home. She came from the Isle of Man many years ago, and has lived in Lomita for 30 years. She is a sister of Mrs. Murry Hudgeon, Cleveland.

Mrs. E. Garland and baby son, Lynn, went to London last summer to visit her mother and to see the Coronation. Their home is in Nairobi, Kenya (Africa). Mrs. Garland is a niece of Mrs. S. C. Weatherley, 5423 Hawthorne Place, N.W., Washington 16, D. C.

After an absence of 40 years from the Isle of Man, James Cubbon, formerly of Seattle, Wash., returned to the Island last December, staying in Douglas with his brother, William Cubbon, M.A., former Curator of the Manx Museum.

Miss Elizabeth Howarth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Howarth, 5 Esplanade, Douglas, Isle of Man, is to be on the staff of "Horse World," an American magazine devoted to horses, with offices in Des Moines, Iowa. Miss Howarth has won recognition as a painter of horses, and was a pupil of T. A. Bridson, Manx artist now living in Douglas.

Arthur Teare and his sister Lilian, who lived for many years at 10863 93d St., Edmonton, Alberta, have moved to Victoria, B. C., where their address is 2012 Chambers Street. Arthur has retired from his position with a wholesale grocery firm in Edmonton, and is looking forward to enjoying Victoria, which he says is a lovely city, with green grass in the middle of winter. He is hoping to meet some of the Manx there. Arthur was secretary of the Edmonton Stamp Club for ten years, and in recognition of his services, the group made him a presentation on his leaving the city.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Looney, Cody, Wyoming, who celebrated their Golden Wedding recently, with 150 people present. Among them was our Regional Director, Joe Clucas, 357 North 6th St., Laramie, Wyoming, who composed a poem for the occasion, which unfortunately we have no room for in this issue. Mr. and Mrs. Looney were married in Toulon, Ill. at the home of John T. Clucas on November 7, 1903.

A special service was held in Athol Street Church, Peel, Isle of Man on Sunday evening, November 27, in appreciation of the late Dr. T. Harry Kelly who died in Sterling, Ill. on November 17. Speakers were the Rev. L. R. Black, and T. R. Radcliffe, Editor-in-Chief of the Isle of Man Examiner.

### THE LI'L PEOPLE

A daughter, Jacaline Lee, was born on November 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Byron E. Dunn of Spokane, Wash. Mrs. Dunn is the former Bettie Joughin, daughter of E. A. Joughin of the Maxine Apartment Hotel, Vancouver, B. C.

A daughter, Diana Ellen, was born on October 26, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Creer, Orland Park, Ill. Mrs. James Creer, Orland Park, and Mrs. J. W. Broadbent, Oshawa, Ont., Canada, are the baby's grandmothers.

A daughter was born on December 16 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hearnshaw, Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. T. Corlett are the grandparents.

A son was born on February 2 to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Blackwood of Montreal. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S. Sloan.

A daughter, Katherine Lee, was born on August 4, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Qualtrough Turville, Madison, Wis. Grandmother is Mrs. H. L. Turville who has attended many Manx Conventions.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Skillicorn, 4386 West 49th St., Cleveland, announce the arrival of a son, James John, on December 17. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John H. Skillicorn, Bedford, Ohio.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. R. Kahn, Lincoln, Nebr. Mrs. Kahn is the former Jeanette Humphrey.

A son, Timothy Frank, was born on July 26, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clark, 1440 Midland Ave., Bronxville 8, N. Y. Mrs. Clark was Ivy Butler of Douglas, Isle of Man; her husband is from Manchester, England.

A son, Thomas Benjamin, was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Prisle of Toronto. Past President Tom Moore and Vi are the youthful grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyke of Ralston, Alberta announce the birth of a daughter, Dianne. Mrs. Pyke is the former Eileen Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson of Toronto. Within the same week, the Williamsons also became great-grandparents when a son, Randolph, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Shopshire of Keswick, Ont., Mrs. Shopshire being their granddaughter, Barbara.

### MANX WEDDIN'S

On October 4, in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Auburn, Calif., Mary Mylecharane Vaughan-Thomas was married to Staff Sergeant Gene Ryals. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alec E. Vaughan-Thomas, her mother being the former Ruth Clague of Castletown, Isle of Man. Many members of the San Francisco Manx Society attended the wedding and reception.

Rockport Methodist Church, Rocky River, Ohio, was the scene of a pretty candlelight wedding on Saturday evening, January 30. Eileen Faragher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Faragher, 1264 Arlington Road, Lakewood, Ohio, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas J. Fabel, son of Mrs. T. Fabel, 3809 West 152nd St., Cleveland. The bride's sister, Mrs. Robert Thormann was matron of honor and Miss Sharon Thormann was junior bridesmaid. Mr. Ceylon Dyer was best man and Mr. Robert Thormann and Mr. Frank Glunt were ushers. Mr. Orton Reed was soloist. Reception was held at The Dinner Table, Center Ridge Road, after which the happy couple left on their honeymoon. They are now at home at 1429 West 101st St., Cleveland.

### A Greeting from the Governor of the Isle of Man

Our President has received the following letter from Sir Ambrose Flux Dundas, Lieut Governor of the Isle of Man, in response to a Christmas greeting:

"Dear President and  
Mrs. Mylchreest,

Thank you very much for your greetings for Christmas and the New Year. The strength of the North American Manx Association is a source of great pride to the Island, and on behalf of all for whom I can speak I send you greetings and good wishes for 1954.

Yours sincerely,

A. D. FLUX DUNDAS."

### Old Ships of Castletown

Those who attended the Convention in Cleveland last summer saw the silk bannerette brought over by Mr. T. R. Radcliffe as a memento from the Governor and people of the Isle of Man, honoring the Silver Anniversary of the N.A.M.A. The bannerette was mounted on a standard made from part of the transom beam of the old schooner "Progress." Major J. F. Corlett of Victoria Road, Castletown, Isle of Man, sends us some information about the "Progress," which will be found very interesting.

"The 'Progress' was built at Castletown by Cooil & Qualtrough (now J. Qualtrough, Ltd.—the Speaker's family business). She was built in the yard between the old National School (now St. Mary's Church Rooms) and the Railway Hotel in Hope Street, and launched in the Upper Harbour, the wall of which had not been built up. That was in 1875-76, and her maiden voyage—to Stettin and Dantzie in the Baltic Sea—was made the same year. She carried a cargo of salted herrings. Her skipper was Richard Corlett (my great-grandfather), the mate was John Corlett (my grandfather) and her cook and cabin boy was John Corlett (my father), who has often told me of it. My father was "signed off" at Liverpool Customs House as a foreign-going seaman on his 18th birthday—September 8, 1877.

"There is a very old gentleman named Gawne living at Fistard, near Port St. Mary, who is a mine of information regarding the fleet of schooners registered at Castletown. He is particularly interesting when he tells of the races which used to take place between these schooners on the home trip from Stornoway (Isle of Lewis) to Castletown. The well-remembered schooners are 'Venus,' 'Margaret Gaston,' 'J.C.K.,' 'Lydia,' 'Harkaway,'—as well as the 'Progress'—he is full of yarns about them all.

"May I also refer to the famous 'Karran Line' of sailing ships—all registered Castletown—but most of them too big to enter the harbour. Here is a list of them—'Enigma,' 'Viola,' 'Jane Williamson,' 'Rio Grande,' 'Hope,' 'Sumatra,' 'Manx Queen,' 'Lady Elizabeth,' 'Manx King,' 'McDiarmid,' 'Imberhorne.' The house flag of the Karran family was a white flag with a blue border enclosing the Three Legs of Man in red. The Karrans lived at Seamount, near Scarlett, Castletown, and the family is now represented by Mrs. Harold Kinvig, still in Castletown, and Mr. Tom Karran who lives in Harrow, Middlesex.

"I think I can add that the 'Enigma' was in service during the 1914-1918 War, being then owned by the late Mr. Joseph Qualtrough, Member of the Legislative Council and Receiver-General of the Island, father of the present Speaker of the House of Keys."

## News of the Manx Societies

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### SAN FRANCISCO

The November meeting was held at 1537-20th Avenue, San Francisco, when Mr. and Mrs. J. Cringle were hosts, with 37 members present. An excellent evening was enjoyed, and much interest aroused in the 1955 Convention. Welcome guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hartley of Long Beach.

The Christmas Party was one of the best ever. The decorations were beautiful, and the excellent program included items by junior members of the famous O'Neil Ballet Studio, and the film "Trophy Island." President H. S. Corlett welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, representing the British Consulate; also Mr. Chatfield, chief of the Scottish Cultural Society, his wife and daughter; also many friends from various British Societies. Santa Claus arrived in the person of H. P. Callister and distributed gifts from a beautifully decorated Tree, after which everyone enjoyed a bountiful supper.

The January meeting was held at the home of President and Mrs. H. S. Corlett, 1031 Noriega Street, when plans for the 1955 Convention were discussed.

### BISBEE, ARIZONA

The Manx of Bisbee held their December meeting on the 21st, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skillicorn, who are respectively President and Treasurer of the Society. In keeping with the season, there was hearty singing of good old Christmas carols, led by Fred Corrin, who accompanied them on his new accordion. Another highlight was the exchange of gifts, followed by excellent refreshments. It was a wonderful evening.

The Society also observed the season by preparing a Christmas basket containing a great variety of good things to eat, for a needy family in the district. Flowers and get-well cards were sent to the sick, and every member shared the Christmas spirit in making other people happy.

The January meeting, scheduled for the 18th, was postponed because of the death of a member, Mr. William Thomson. Election of officers was to be the important business at the February meeting, held on the 15th at Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin's home. This will be reported in the next issue.

### NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Members of the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society met on December 20 for their annual Christmas Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Gridley, about 30 attending. The house was decorated and a large Christmas Tree stood in the living

room. After a very fine picnic dinner, business meeting and election of officers was held, the same people being reelected to serve during 1954. A Christmas program had been arranged by Mrs. K. Quine, who read the Story of the Nativity. Kenna and Carolyn Quine played "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" as a piano duet, and later gave "A Song in the Air." Bernice Crellin gave readings—"Just Before Christmas" and "Fifty Years of Progress"—the latter a poem dedicated to Sereno and Winnie Pomeroy. Then Leo Crellin, Carl Crellin, Lloyd Pomeroy and William Collister each told a story on the order of the radio series—"Can You Top This?" Singing of Christmas carols was led by Hazel Clark, with Edna Quine at the piano. Exchange of gifts concluded a very happy evening.

### MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The following officers were elected in December to serve the Society in 1954:

President.....	Henry Mylchreest
Vice-President.....	Alan Fricke
Financial Secretary	W. C. Kissack
Cor. Sec.....	Mrs. Carrie Mylchreest 13501 Marston Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio
Treasurer.....	Miss Helen Minor
Relief Com.....	[Fred Brew Mrs. W. Harry Kelly Tom Keig]
Trustees.....	[R. R. Gell Ben C. Greggor John H. Skillicorn]
Historian.....	W. H. Collister
Reception	Stephen H. Quinney

Mrs. Wilfred Quayle of San Francisco was a welcome guest at this meeting. Essie, as she is affectionately called by her many friends, was on her way home after a six-months visit to England and the Isle of Man. While in Cleveland she stayed with Mr. and Mrs. John R. Cain. She brought greetings from the Isle of Man, and asked all to keep an eye on 1955 and the San Francisco Convention.

The program was in charge of the Misses Edith and Linorah Cox. Wilfred Corbe played several accordion solos, his little nieces tap danced, and the audience later joined in carol singing. President Mylchreest was Santa Claus, distributing the parcels brought for the gift exchange, assisted by Mrs. J. P. Bieger. The oldest person and the youngest also received English candy brought by Essie Quayle.

At the January meeting, guest speaker was the Rev. Claude Wood, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church in Warrensville. He brought an interesting message on the Atomic Age, and what it may lead to in the future.

"Why Not See America First?"—was the theme for the February en-

tertainment, when Miss Jean Teare showed her beautiful colored slides of Florida, Cuba, New Orleans, New Hampshire, and Colorado, which everyone enjoyed greatly.

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

According to custom, the Cleveland Manx Ladies had a very nice Christmas party with exchange of gifts. Attendance was smaller than usual, because of a very bad day, but with the old Christmas spirit prevailing, those present quite forgot about cold weather!

### MONTREAL

For their December meeting the Montreal Manx had a "Bowling Night" at the Sun Life Alleys. There were 23 playing and all spent a pleasant evening. The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Creese, where the members enjoyed an evening of Court Whist.

### ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx had a good time recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Little. Their February meeting was scheduled for the 13th at Mr. and Mrs. William Christian's home.

### FLORIDA

It shouldn't be long until that "Florida Manx Society" becomes a reality. Dora Hampton, who lives at 901 N. Palmway, Lake Worth, Fla. tells about some recent doings. On January 17, Mrs. John Lewin entertained, and it was quite a day. For dinner, served at noon, the guests were Mrs. A. S. Minor and her sisters, Mrs. H. J. McVeigh and Mrs. W. H. Sayle, who were staying at Miami—and Dora Hampton. Later on, Mr. and Mrs. William Quine and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cowley dropped in, and Mrs. Lewin served a hearty Manx tea which was thoroughly enjoyed. More callers arrived—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nelson and Regional Director William Morrison from Miami, Mrs. Margaret Partington and her friend, Mrs. Alice Bull from Fort Lauderdale, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moran. "It was quite a houseful and we had a good time—just like being at a Convention," says Dora. It will be observed that all present were Clevelanders, except Mrs. Partington whose home is in Belle Vernon, Pa., and her friend Mrs. Bull, an English lady from Geneva, Ohio. William Morrison has lived in Miami for years, and may be considered an old resident.



# OBITUARIES

BRIDSON, Robert, aged 68, died on January 1 at his home, 226-14th Ave., South Burnaby, B. C. He leaves his wife; a daughter, Mrs. Frances Wells of New Westminster, B. C.; a son, Robert, of Vancouver, and four grandchildren. Mr. Bridson was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, and was a member of the Vancouver Manx Society.

COLLISTER, Eleanor A., aged 65, died on January 9 at her home, 9507 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, O. Surviving are two brothers, Edward H. Collister of Milan, Ohio, and John of Warren, Ohio. An invalid for several years, Miss Collister formerly took an active part in Manx affairs and in musical circles in Cleveland. She was a daughter of the late John H. Collister, a well-remembered and beloved leader in Cleveland Manx affairs a generation ago, and one of the organizers of the N.A.M.A.

CORLETT, Carrie, aged 76, died recently in Chardon, Ohio. Surviving are her husband, James; a son, Glenn, and a daughter, Anna; also a grandson, Glenn James.

COTTIER, Charles Edwin, aged 88, died on December 29 at his home, 309 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Nellie (nee Spence), and a daughter, Noreen, in Burbank; also by two sons, Harry and Charles B., and a daughter, Catherine M. Sarvary, of Cleveland. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cottier came from Peel, and were well-known and active members of the Manx community in Cleveland before moving to California a few years ago. In the past Mr. Cottier has contributed articles on Manx history to the Bulletin.

CRELLIN, John, passed away on November 20 at Knock-e-Vriew, St. Mark's, Isle of Man, in his 84th year. He was born in Kirk Andreas, and is survived by his wife, the former Mona Kneale; three sons and six daughters, one of whom is Mrs. Mona Malboeuf, Box 470, Rawdon, Quebec; also by a sister, Mrs. Alice Abel, Mentor, Ohio.

DALBY, Alfred, died during January at his home, Paradise, Calif. Surviving is his wife, Evelyn Woods Dalby.

KELLNER, Hugh, of 350 Moy Avenue, Windsor, Ont., died on January 21 at the age of 74. Surviving are his wife, Louise; a son, Hugh L. of Philadelphia, Pa.; grandson, Robert Hugh; also a sister, Mrs. L. Fitzsimmons of Wallasey, England. Mr. Kellner was born at Salford, near Manchester, England and lived in Windsor for 41 years. He was an engineer, and in the course of his profession had spent some years in the Isle of Man.

KEWISH, Ellen J., of Leroy, Ohio, died on December 21 at the age of 83. Surviving are a niece, Mrs. C. M. Galloway of Phoenix, Ariz., and two nephews, Merlin Kewish of Chagrin Falls, Ohio and Ralph Kewish of Los Alamos, N. M. Miss Kewish was a daughter of early Leroy residents, Lamar and Mary Paine Kewish, the latter being a daughter of Paine, the founder of Painesville, Ohio.

LAVINE, Mrs. S. O., of San Francisco, died during December. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Amy Satterlee, and two sons, Percy Crellin and Clarence Lavine. Formerly Miss Callow of Douglas, Isle of Man, she married a Mr. Crellin of Douglas, and after his death married Mr. S. O. Lavine of San Francisco. She was a beloved member of the Manx Society there.

McVEIGH, Howard J., formerly of Cleveland, died suddenly in Miami, Fla. on November 14. He leaves his wife, Jennie (nee Stevenson), who with her sisters, Mrs. A. S. Minor, Mrs. A. P. Barber and Mrs. Wm. H. Sayle, is actively associated with the Cleveland Manx Societies. Mr. McVeigh also leaves three brothers, Walter, Alvah and Everett, all of Ridgeville, Ohio.

MOORE, Frank, of 2310 West 95th St., Seattle, Wash., died on December 30 at the age of 68. Surviving are his wife, Katharine E.; two daughters, Mrs. Howard Lloyd and Miss Kathleen Moore; two grandchildren; two brothers, William H. and James, all of Seattle; a sister, Mrs. Albert Wood, Vancouver, B. C. (Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society), and two brothers and a sister in the Isle of Man. Mr. Moore was born in Peel, son of the late Thomas and Catherine Moore; came to Seattle in 1906. He was a Regional Director of the N.A.M.A.

MURRAY, Mrs. George, aged 87, died at her home in Chardon, Ohio on January 21. Her husband survives; also a brother, Fred Stafford of Chardon. Mr. and Mrs. Murray, who would have been married 66 years in February, were featured for years as the "Golden Wedding Couple" at the Chardon Maple Festival, as also were Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, who have been married 60 years. Mr. Murray is a grandson of Thomas Kelly who came to Concord in 1827.

QUINE, Louis Herbert, aged 66, died in High Prairie, Alberta on December 6. Surviving are two brothers, one in the States and one in New Zealand, and a niece in Douglas, Isle of Man. Mr. Quine was a bachelor and was born in Braddan, Isle of Man; came to Alberta where he farmed for many years, except for three years in the Canadian Army in World War I.

SARVARY, William, aged 43, of 25731 Hilliard Road, Westlake, Ohio, was killed instantly on January 2 when his car was struck by a train in Berea, Ohio. He leaves his wife, Catherine; his mother; three brothers and a sister. Mr. Sarvary was son-in-law of the late C. Edwin Cottier, Burbank, Calif., whose death is recorded in this column.

TAYLOR, Isabella, died on December 8 at her home, 1507 Coutant Ave., Lakewood, Ohio. She is survived by a son, Charles J. Cubbon of Lakewood, and a daughter, Mrs. Ellen Steven of Los Angeles, Calif., grandchildren and great-grandchildren; also a brother, Louis Roach of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Cleveland, and a sister in England. Mrs. Taylor came from Douglas, Isle of Man.

THOMSON, William, aged 88, died at his home in Warren, Arizona in mid-January. Surviving are his daughters, Mrs. Robert Skillicorn (Treasurer of the Bisbee Manx Society), and Mrs. Harry McConnell, both of Warren, Ariz. Mr. Thomson was born in Whitehaven, England, and came to Arizona in 1908.

WILKINSON, William, Palo Alto, Calif., died during December. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jack Vincent, and two sons, Joe and Bill. During World War I, Mr. Wilkinson was Master Tailor at Knockaloe Alien Detention Camp in the Isle of Man. Later he came to California and opened a tailoring establishment in Palo Alto. He and his family have always been loyal supporters of the San Francisco Manx Society.

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

## More About Dr. Thomas Coole's Family

Not long ago the Bulletin carried an article contributed by Mrs. Oscar Ward, Los Angeles, describing the career of the Manx-American medical missionary to China, Dr. Thomas Coole. Mrs. Ward has sent some additional information about the family.

Dr. Coole's son, Douglas Coole and his wife, Polly, are in Sibiu, Sarawak, Borneo—he teaching in the college and his wife teaching English, piano and Scripture. For 24 years Douglas has lived in China, Malay, India and now Borneo. They have three sons—Paul, the eldest, with Dun & Bradstreet in Kansas City, Mo.; Tommy, who has been serving in Korea, and Andrew, now in his second year at Baker University, Kansas.

Arthur Coole, a brother of Douglas, is a Methodist pastor in Osage City, Kansas. There is a sister, Mona (Mrs. Leland Mann) whose husband is Congregational minister in Grinnell, Iowa.

## "Star of India," Manx-Built Sailing Vessel

Of great interest to Manx people is the bark "Star of India," oldest iron sailing vessel afloat, built in 1863 in the Isle of Man. From time to time members have reported visiting the old vessel, which is now the property of the city of San Diego, Calif., and is open to the public as a "Maritime Museum." The latest Manx person to see the "Star of India" is Mrs. C. Baird of Gaastra, Mich., who took a trip to California this past summer. After her return she visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nicholl, 12942 Phillips Avenue, East Cleveland, who have sent us the descriptive circular about the ship, loaned to them by Mrs. Baird. For the benefit of those who do not know about the "Star of India," we quote a few of the facts given in the circular.

"This ship was built in the Isle of Man in 1863, by all hand labor, and was christened "EUTERPE" after the Goddess of Music. It was used as an emigrant ship transporting colonists from England to Australia and New Zealand, and made 18 voyages in 25 years . . . Later it was used in the sugar trade from Honolulu to Pacific and Atlantic ports. Purchased by Alaska Packers Association in 1906, it was converted to a bark of American registry and named the "Star of India" . . . It carried workers to the Alaska canneries each year, returning them to San Francisco, with the canned salmon, after the season was over. The last voyage was made in 1923 . . .

"You'll marvel at the hand construction of this former emigrant ship. You'll see the intricate hand-forged iron fittings and hand-riveted plates, the well-preserved cabins and state-rooms made of teakwood . . . This old sailing vessel has been stranded on a coral in the Tropics, frozen in the ice of the Bering Sea, and after 90 years of service on the seven seas is still here to welcome you."

Additional information was sent us by Paul Taggart III, Anaheim, Calif. The "Star of India" was built in Ramsey in 1863 by his great-uncle, whose name also was Paul Taggart. She was the second ship in the history of the world to be built of iron or steel. Mr. Taggart of California has a photograph of her, taken on the ways in Ramsey.

A Manx farmer, John Henry Clarke, formerly of Foxdale, Isle of Man, thought so much of his garden which he had tended there for many years that when he moved to Bootle, near Liverpool, seven years ago, he tried to reproduce his Manx garden there. He succeeded so well that in 1950 he won a cup for the best garden on Bootle Corporation housing estate, and followed up by winning another cup this year on the eve of his 80th birthday. This news item appears in the Liverpool Echo of August 7, sent to us by Hugh Kellner of Windsor, Ont.

## Galva Centennial Celebration

The town of Galva, Illinois, which is the center of quite a Manx settlement, is observing its Centennial this year, and it is interesting to learn that some of our Manx friends are taking active part in the arrangements. Mrs. Merrill Nystrom of Altona, Ill., who has written to tell us about the Centennial, is Chairman of Invitations and Communications. She is the former Janet Wade, daughter of the late Tom Wade from Sulby, Isle of Man, and those who attended the Peoria Convention will remember meeting both father and daughter there. Mrs. Nystrom was on the Reception Committee for that Convention.

Treasurer for the Centennial is Leon Lewin, who sang for us at Peoria. The Centennial insignia was designed by Harold River, neighbor and friend of Mrs. Clyde Collinson, Secretary of the Galva Manx Society. It represents the Wiley Brothers taking note of railroad stakes, visualizing trains coming through the prairie, and deciding to "lay off" a town. When the town was settled the Wileys were accompanied by Manx friends from the Brimfield community.

Dates of the celebrations are: July 28, Children's Day; July 29, Merchants' Day; July 30, Farmers' Day; July 31, Parade Day; August 1, Homecomers' Day. Congratulations to our Manx friends whose parents and grandparents were among the pioneers who opened up this prosperous section of the State of Illinois. Anyone wishing to visit Galva during the celebrations should write for additional information to Mrs. Merrill Nystrom, R.F.D., Altona, Illinois.

## "The Navigators"

Mrs. Oscar Ward, Secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society, has sent an outline of the work of a remarkable young Manxman, Dawson Trotman, son of Charles Trotman of El Monte, Calif., whose stepfather was Dr. Friend, of Douglas, Isle of Man. During World War II, Dawson entertained, fed and converted to Christ, many sailors who came to his home in Long Beach, Calif. One sailor asked him to teach him how to instruct others, and this was the beginning of the organization known as "The Navigators"—people trained to help others to live a vital, Christian life. At the end of the war, "The Navigators" were active on 1000 ships, stations, army camps and forts.

In 1948, Dawson went to Europe, India and China to train men for this work. In China, 100 missionaries asked for a "Navigator" to help them, so a representative was sent to train new Christians there for the work, and Chinese in turn were trained for missionary work in Formosa, Japan, Okinawa and Korea. Bible studies were sent to 98,300 in Formosa, and 58,000 who had completed studies have reported winning 42,700 to Christ. So successful has

this missionary assistance program been, that Christian organizations in more than 30 countries are urgently requesting Navigator men and materials. Dawson Trotman himself has been working in Europe for months, preparing the ground for the evangelist Billy Graham, and following him with work for new Christians.

"The Navigators" have far outgrown their headquarters in the Church of the Open Door, which has sponsored them. Now they have an opportunity to buy, for \$340,000, a wonderful estate named Glen Eyrie, near Colorado Springs, Colo. It covers 1140 acres, with various buildings and other features suited to their needs. Last September \$125,000 was raised, contributions coming from all over the world. Some of the staff has already moved in, the move to be completed in the spring. This place will be International Headquarters for The Navigators, for the workers who follow the Billy Graham crusades, and the assistants in different States. It will be training center, conference ground and religious retreat.

Should anyone be interested in this worthy undertaking, the address is:

The Navigators,  
Post Office Box 70,  
Los Angeles 53, Calif.

The Liverpool Daily Post of August 14 has an article by Columnist Kenneth Harris on the Isle of Man—one of a series under the general title "Britain Today." Mr. Harris crossed from Fleetwood to Douglas in one of those Irish Sea gales when the rolling and pitching and tossing of the boat is accompanied by the constant crashing of falling kitchenware. When he arrived, however, the Island more than made up for the terrible crossing. "It has lovely country," he says, "unsurpassed lore and legend . . . and a very curious history. . . . I don't suppose there is any plot of ground the size of Man with such varied scenery." Mr. Harris writes an interesting and appreciative description of what he saw and heard—and one of his remarks will please a lot of Manx people here—"I liked the little town of Peel best," he said. Next to Peel, he liked Castletown. Hugh Kellner of Windsor, Ont., sent us this article.

A former headmaster of Hillfield School, Hamilton, Ont., is named Arthur F. Killip. Recently he was honored by having his portrait painted by one of his old pupils who had gained distinction as an artist. The unveiling ceremony, when the portrait was presented to the school by Mr. Killip, was described in the Hamilton Spectator of September 18. No doubt Mr. Killip is a Manxman and perhaps some members may know of him. He is now teaching at Upper Canada College in Toronto. Alex Woosely of Hamilton sent us the article.