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

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August 9-10-11-12 Selected As Dates For 1955 Convention In San Francisco

Start planning now to spend your 1955 vacation in California, making sure to arrange to be in San Francisco August 9-12 for the Twenty-seventh Anniversary Convention of the North American Manx Association.

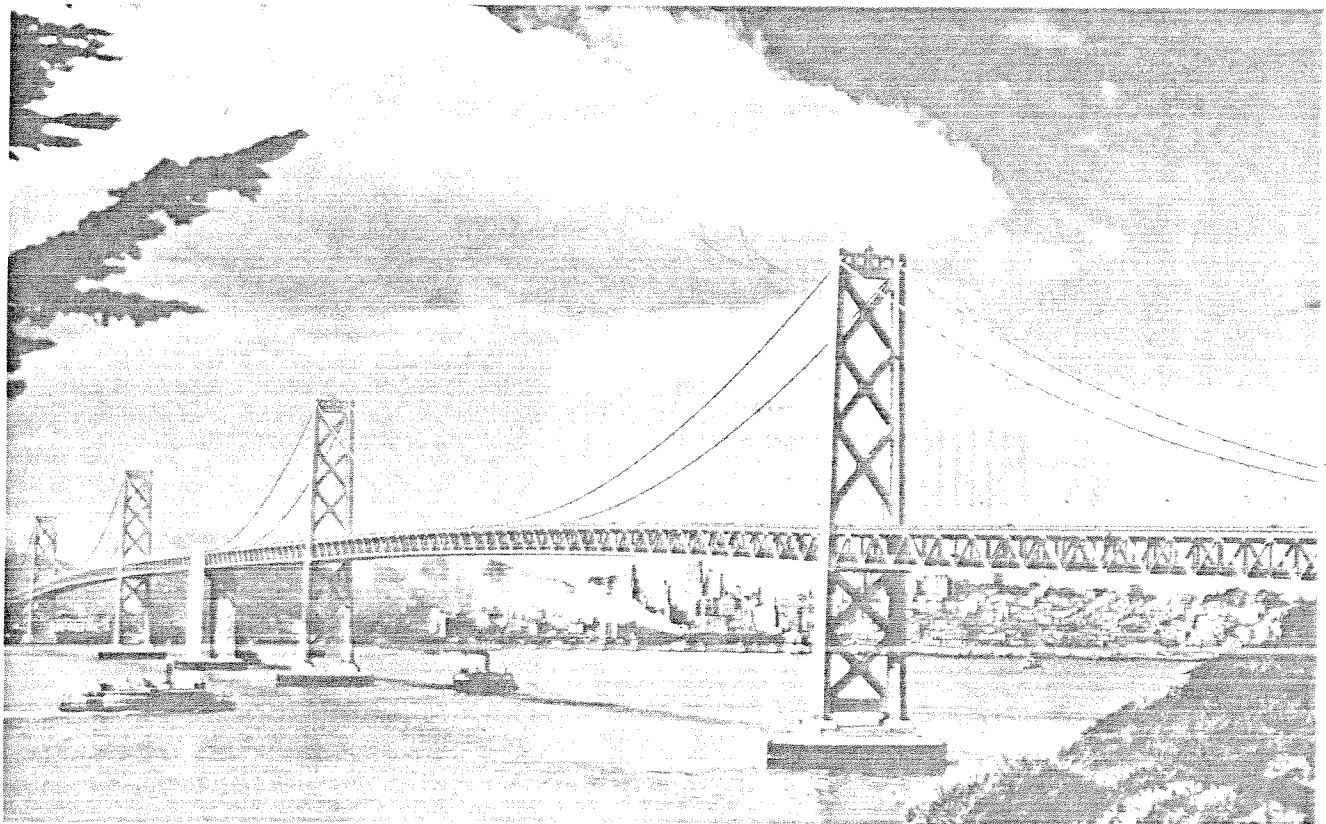
When the subject of the "next" convention was discussed at the Cleveland meeting in 1953, it was decided that the time had come for a convention on the West Coast, but that our good Manx friends out there should be given ample time to make the necessary plans, and that the Manx in the East should have time in which to save for the extra cost of such a trip.

The San Francisco Manx already are hard at work to make the 1955 Convention such an outstanding one, that it long will be remembered by all who attend. You will not want to miss the San Francisco Convention. The city of San Francisco is a fascinating one - a meeting place on the rim of the broad Pacific. You will be moved by its beauty and charmed by its brilliant

life. San Francisco will lift your heart and give you a good time.

In addition to all this, San Francisco is bound to bring nostalgic thoughts of the Manx homeland. The sea almost surrounds the city and the tall buildings stand like masts in a pattern of pastels, laced with sunlight and shadows. The salt in the ocean breeze also will remind you of "home" and fill you with buoyant energy as you square your shoulders and stride along. What a wonderful spot for a Manx convention!

As time goes on, we shall keep you advised regarding progress being made toward making our 1955 Convention the success it deserves to be. The Whitcomb Hotel has been selected as headquarters. It is located in the center of the city and room rates are reasonable. Detailed information regarding hotel accommodations will be supplied later. In the meantime, start saving your pennies and dollars, so that you will be able to join your friends in the Golden West in August, 1955.



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The President's Message

How quickly the months are flying! Here I am, greeting you again and hoping that the arrival of this Bulletin in your home will seem like meeting an old friend. In Cleveland we were very happy to see the last of our March snowstorm, which was the heaviest of the winter and tied up the city for several days. When the storms of winter are over, we eagerly welcome the call of spring. Under the warming sun, the foliage and flowers reach out, inviting us anew to kinship with all the beauties of Nature, and filling our minds and hearts with new hope and confidence. May the bright promises of spring this year bring the Peace for which we are striving.

I am delighted with the enthusiasm of the San Francisco Manx Society for the 1955 Convention, and with the progress they are making. We hope it will inspire many of you to adopt the slogan — "Westward Ho! Let's Go, in August, 1955." You will experience a thrill in meeting new faces from the Middle West, the Rockies and the Golden State — it will truly be a worthwhile vacation.

This is a good opportunity for me to thank our Regional Directors for their enthusiastic interest in the N.A. M.A. We can all help them if each of us will enroll one or more new members. Our Association is a means of linking together every Manx person on this continent. We can all do our part to further that feeling of good fellowship we all enjoy so much, and thus assure the future success of the N.A.M.A.

HENRY MYLCHREEST,
President

Ben-My-Chree

A Romance of the Far North

Booklets telling the story of Ben-My-Chree were sent us about a year ago through the courtesy of Mrs. Leslie McDonnell of Vancouver, and Mrs. John Witsten who was Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society at that time.

In that beautiful, remote and lonely land called the Yukon there is a luxuriant garden—an almost startling surprise to travellers, who do not expect to see anything of the kind so far north. This garden is Ben-My-Chree, and the people who planted it were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Partridge.

Otto Partridge was born in Hertfordshire, England in 1855. While he was a boy, his family moved to the Isle of Man, and he was educated at King William's College. At nineteen years of age he sailed with a younger brother to California, returned after a few years, married the "girl of his heart," and returned to California. They were both interested in horticulture and made their home on a fruit farm in the Santa Clara Valley.

However, in the year 1897 began the great rush following the discovery of gold in the Far North. The word "Klondike" was on everybody's lips. Otto Partridge was among those adventurous spirits who made the long journey. His wife followed him the next year, travelling on foot over the old Trail of '98, something which few women would attempt.

Mr. Partridge, in partnership with a group of men, started a steamship company to navigate some of those northern lakes. He and his wife were fascinated by this new country with its snowy mountains and vast lakes. He built a yacht which he christened "Ben-My-Chree"—an indication of his romantic devotion to his wife. Together they explored the woods and lakes.

About this time, gold was discovered in the mountain at the head of West Taku Arm, one of the Klondike lakes. With some friends, Otto Partridge started mining operations there. Work progressed rapidly, but one spring an avalanche started a rock slide on the mountainside, which swept away all the timber construction work, burying the mine under tons of debris. That was the end of the project, but the Partridges were not discouraged. They had grown to love the place and determined to make their home there. Heretofore they had been living in a houseboat, but now Mr. Partridge set about building a real home and planting a garden. "The sweet-peas, the tall delphiniums, the enormous pansies of the long northern summer days, the columbines, were in strange contrast to the hard cliffs. . . . They had

their books; they had, in winter, their dog-team and sledge should there be any call to go out; they had the beauty of winter—a beauty as great as that of summer. The frost drew its white flowers on the pane, lovely as the summer flowers flaming in the garden."

Otto Partridge called this home by the same name he had given his yacht, Ben-My-Chree—Girl of My Heart. When in summertime the little lake steamer came twice a week up to Ben-My-Chree, passengers wondered what they were going to see when they went ashore. "And then round a bend the garden blazed at them—and there was Miss Dalton waiting to receive them at the gate, and Mrs. Partridge at the door. And there was Mr. Partridge to conduct them around.

"The unexpectedness of it, when one seemed to have come to the end of all things, had a strange effect on most. The quality of unreality clung to the visit. It was more like a dream than an incident of the actual day. Indoors, refreshment awaited the guests. The Partridge home was yours while the boat tarried. As a story-teller Otto Partridge was entralling. Ask him of the old days of the north and the yarns would come forth, extraordinary, whimsical, wild. . . . That he might not take all the attention—though all were eager to have him go on—he would set them a-singing. No haste to be gone. . . . On one wall of the large living-room of that home in the wilds so close to the boundaries of American and British possessions, he had the flags of America and Britain hanging side by side. All were welcome, whatever their nationality.

"Those who visited them in those days tell that to see Mr. and Mrs. Partridge together was to be aware of the harmony of their minds and outlook. . . . All the world loves a lover . . . and that is one reason why the story of these two, as time passes, becomes a treasured legend of the north. This place at the back-of-beyond became famous. All the world over were travellers who, in reminiscent moods, would be back in spirit there."

Early in 1930 Otto Partridge was suddenly taken ill. He was taken to White Horse, where he died shortly after arrival. To his wife it seemed a labor of love to remain and keep open house at Ben-My-Chree as he had done. However, when winter came her friends persuaded her to come away, and not long afterwards she too died at White Horse.

All who knew them felt that this place that they loved so much must not be left to the inroads of the wilderness, "For Ben-My-Chree has a quality such as other places to which people make pilgrimages for the sake of a dream which has been beautifully lived. . . . And round that lonely house in the heart of the hushed wilderness, for these two whom even death kept but a little while from each other is the garden that they loved, for a memorial."

AN AUTO TRIP IN NEW ZEALAND

The Secretary of the Auckland (New Zealand) Manx Society is J. E. Cain, who went out there from Douglas a good many years ago. His wife is the former Miss Quinney, whose family kept a greengrocers shop in Strand Street, well remembered by people from Douglas. Both of them were members of St. Barnabas Church.

Mr. Cain is very much interested in our N.A.M.A. Bulletin, and our readers, in turn, will be interested in a letter written by him in February, when New Zealand is having summer weather. The letter describes a motor trip taken by Mr. and Mrs. Cain to visit their children and grandchildren in Rotorua:

"It is a beautiful trip to Rotorua by car. For miles you travel along the banks of the Waikato River, through the city of Hamilton, the capital of the Waikato Province — a very rich farming district, sometimes called the 'Dairy of Great Britain' on account of the large amounts of butter and cheese it exports to the Old Country. Leaving Hamilton we pass the large power station 'Karapiro,' one of ten hydro-electric power stations being constructed on the Waikato River to supply electricity to the North Island. The Queen and the royal party paid a visit to this place, and were interested in what they saw.

"From there we travel a fine stretch of road, pass through the village of Tirau and start to climb the Mamaku Hills through an avenue of native bush. At the top we look down on Lake Rotorua, a very large expanse of water, and rising out of its midst is Mokoia Island, about which many old Maori stories are related. We can also see the town of Rotorua from here. It is a weird and wonderful district. In many places we see steam and hot water rising from the hot springs, and can also smell the sulphur with which the air is filled.

"We descend the hill and pass through Ngongotaha, a suburb of Rotorua, noted for trout fishing in river and lake. A few miles further we enter the progressive town of Rotorua with its modern shops and buildings, and soon we are having tea with our family in their home.

"Sunday we were taken for a trip around the lakes. We first went to Lake Rototiti and saw Moose Lodge where the Queen and the Duke spent five quiet days. I feel sure they must have enjoyed themselves as it is a most lovely place. We then went to Lake Rotoma, had a picnic lunch there and the children were able to go wading. From there we went to Edgecumbe where we called on our old friend Stan Cannell, who has a very nice farm. Stan's wife is a Scotch lady. We

were made very welcome and Stan showed us his farm and his stock, of which he is very proud. After a nice tea we said "goodbye" and went on to the adjoining farm to meet John Cannell and his good lady. John is Stan's brother and his wife comes from Kirk Michael. This is also a very nice farm, well laid out with fruit trees and flowers of all kinds. This Province is well named "The Bay of Plenty." Here also we met Mrs. Stuart, who was a Miss Smith from Peel, so there was quite a Manx gathering. It was quite a thrill to be among our kinsfolk so many long miles from our little Island homeland. Another meal, and more goodbyes, and then a long ride home, where we arrived very tired — but felt it was well worth it.

"I may say that John Cannell and his wife were planning to leave in March for a visit to the Isle of Man, and hope to be back next Christmas.

"Our Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, who recently visited our country, have had wonderful receptions wherever they went, from the north to the south. I think that what would impress them most would be our young people, who look so well — every one dressed nicely, and so happy. We saw the Queen as she passed through Papakura on her way south — so very young, but looked happy."

Stan Cannell, mentioned by Mr. Cain, is an old friend of Dick Corkill of Detroit, and has been a reader of the Bulletin for many years.

We are sure that Mr. and Mrs. Cain would like to hear from any Manx people in the States and Canada who remember them. Their address is: "Tynwald," 12 Young's Road, Papakura, New Zealand.

That little town of Cleator, Arizona, has been in the news again. The owner, James Patrick Cleator, celebrated his 84th birthday there quietly on July 12. Cleator was born in the Isle of Man in 1869, went to sea for a while but gave it up to go prospecting in 1888. He was then in San Francisco, and spent 16 years up and down the Pacific Coast. He was on his way to South America in 1904 when he stepped off at a railroad siding in Arizona—the spot that eventually became the town of Cleator. It is about 60 miles north of Phoenix, on the Horse Thief Basin Road, was once a bustling community catering to cattlemen and miners. Cleator would like to sell the town for \$20,000, and while waiting for a customer, lives there with his wife and their son, Thomas R. Cleator. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keig, 871 East 143rd St., Cleveland, handed us this clipping from a Phoenix paper sent them by their son.

When Mrs. T. J. Carrigan (Kathleen Skillicorn), 117 Cowles Ave., Bedford, Ohio, read to the George Nichols family (89 Columbus St., Bedford) the story of their Homecoming trip to the Isle of Man in 1952, Mr. Nichols was so delighted that he wrote a poem in Kathleen's honor. We are quoting it below. Mr. Nichols was Mayor of Bedford for four years, and since his retirement has included writing poetry among his hobbies. Mrs. Nichols is one of the Faraghers, originally from Ramsey, now living in Bedford.

TO KATHLEEN

It was nice to hear your story
To bask beneath your smile
And listen to the worthy words
About your gorgeous isle.

Of people bold and fearless
With hearts strong to endure
Whose love for God and country
Has kept them long secure.

In rule—firm, strong and honest
The future—clear and bright
With justice as a watchword,
It stands for truth and right.

The very hills and valleys
The pastures verdant green
Show careful cultivation
The fields from brambles clean.

This lovely little island
Has children far away
Who think of it as homeland
And for it ever pray.

All pleasures can it offer
To those who call it home
To welcome back the wanderers
No matter where they roam.

So here's to this beautiful land
scape
Blessed since the world began
To its people and all of their
treasures
That are found on the
"Isle of Man."

An article which would delight Manx people appeared in the Hamilton (Ont.) Spectator on September 24. It is by Jack Stepler of the Spectator's London News Bureau. Mr. Stepler tells at some length about visiting the Isle of Man in company with six other North Americans (apparently newspaper men also, as he mentions "Tom Daley of the New York Times."). They saw many interesting things, but were most impressed by the tales their driver told them about the Fairy Bridge, and the necessity of minding their behavior when crossing it. The result was that these seven visitors from the New World, "who" says Mr. Stepler "had long since passed the age for believing in fairy tales, solemnly raised their hats and chanted in unison: 'Good day, Little People. We wish you well.'"

OUR OWN PEOPLE

John Callow of Cleveland enjoyed a winter vacation in the Isle of Man, leaving early in December and returning in February. He stayed in Kirk Michael with his brother and sister, Robert and Adeline Callow, whom he had not seen for many years. It was Mr. Callow's second trip to the Island since coming to America in the early years of the century, and he had a delightful visit with his relatives and old friends. Mr. Callow lives with his daughter Virginia and her husband and son — Mr. and Mrs. Hallett Foster — at 3567 Latimore Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McMaster of Galva, Ill., who observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently. Mrs. McMaster was the former Mayme Kelly, whose father was one of Galva's early Manx settlers. The McMasters have one daughter, Loraine — Mrs. Wilfred Beamer of Peoria, Ill.

Congratulations to another Galva couple — Mr. and Mrs. Forrest E. Kelly, who have celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. They have one daughter, Loris — Mrs. Neil Johnson of Galva. Mr. Kelly's parents were early Manx settlers in the community.

New arrivals recently welcomed by the Los Angeles Manx are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Quayle from Port Erin, Isle of Man, who are living at 327 East Olive St., Burbank, Calif. Mayor E. Quayle of Douglas is their uncle.

Summer trips are being planned by many of the Los Angeles Manx. Joe Rodger will make his regular trek up the Coast and will be seeing the Manx in San Francisco. The Donald Bain family plans a trip to Idaho to visit relatives. A niece of Mrs. Oscar Ward, Miss Ida Caine of Iowa Falls, Iowa, intends driving out to the Pacific Coast, up into Canada and then home — a total distance of 5000 miles! Miss Caine has been showing her pictures taken in the Isle of Man and the Continent in various cities in Iowa.

San Franciscans to visit the Isle of Man this year are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fayle, who are crossing in June — and Mr. and Mrs. R. Craine who will include Scotland in their month's holiday over there.

Recently when calling at the home of Mrs. W. E. Kewley, 420 Herkimer St., Hamilton, Ontario, Alexander Woosey of that city met a newcomer from the Isle of Man, who was also visiting Mrs. Kewley. She is Miss L. F. Fleming, formerly of 72 Finch Road, Douglas, now employed in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Craine, 1839 Phillips Ave., Butte, Mont., report having a grand time during their recent trip to San Francisco. At Essie Quayle's home on February 27 they met several Manx people and spent a most enjoyable evening renewing "auld acquaintance." Mr. Craine's brother and his wife who live in San Francisco, accompanied them and have since joined the Society.

Jay T. Carrigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. J. Carrigan, 117 Cowles Ave., Bedford Ohio, received a "Superior" or I rating in the District Trumpet Solo Contest again this year. On April 10 he competed in the State Solo Contest held at Kent State University and received an "Excellent" or II rating. His coin, stamp and envelope hobby also rated a First Prize blue ribbon again this year when displayed at the Lions' Club Hobby Show. A photo of Jay and his collection appeared in the local newspaper. He will sit for the State scholarship exam for Science at Baldwin-Wallace College on May 1.

"We really are pioneers here," wrote Mr. and Mrs. Robert Looney, who have lived in Cody, Wyoming for more than 50 years. Other Manx people who followed the Looneys to the Western frontier town were Mrs. Looney's two brothers, her sister and family, John and Joe Lucas and their wives. George E. Mylroie a nephew of the Looneys, is a science teacher in Boise, Idaho; his brother is county agent at Pocatello, Idaho. The Looney's letter addressed to N.A.M.A. President Mylchreest and his wife, was in acknowledgment of greetings sent them by the Mylchreests on their recent Golden Wedding anniversary.

Celebrating her 40th anniversary at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, in March of this year, Miss Selene Crellin was presented with a diamond-studded service emblem by P.E.H. Leroy, a vice-president of the company. Selene joined the company as a clerk-typist and is now in the sales accounting department. Other Crellin sisters are Ann and Florence of Akron and Mrs. Henry Mylchreest of Cleveland, and there is a brother, Joseph in Akron. As we all know, the Crellin family came from Peel, and we are sure that not only Peel friends but all Manx people will join in congratulating Selene on her wonderful record of service. She lives at 1107 Delia Ave., Akron, Ohio.

During March, two of our Rochester friends, Mrs. Betty Christian of 31 Nellis Park, and Miss Mona Cannan of 129 Cady St., took a trip to Buffalo to see the Ice Show. Mrs. Christian had never seen a show of this type, and found it very thrilling.

Congratulations to Miss Eva Kneen of Birkenhead, England, who recently was appointed headmistress of Conway Street Secondary School for Girls in Birkenhead. Miss Kneen is well known to Manx people on this side of the water since her visit here in 1949 with her sister Lillian, who also is a teacher. Born in Douglas, Eva was educated at Tynwald Street School and Douglas High School, took her degree at Liverpool University and her certificate in Religious Knowledge at London University. Besides her many activities in academic and religious education, she has found time to take a prominent part in Merseyside Manx doings, and has produced and acted in Manx plays written by herself. Those who met "Lillian and Eva" at the 1949 Cleveland Convention can vouch for their talent and versatility in both acting and music.

A new member is Mrs. Ida Annett, Salt Prairie, Canada, who enjoys the Bulletin so much that she wishes she had known about the N.A.M.A. long ago. She was born in Kirk Maughold, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerruish who had a small farm at the foot of Barrule. In 1910, Mr. Kerruish and the oldest son, Harold, came out to Bisbee, Arizona, later moving to Nanaimo, B.C., where they were joined in 1913 by Mrs. Annett herself. She moved to Edmonton in 1919, and later to the ranch at Salt Prairie, her present home — a place about 20 miles north of Lesser Slave Lake, and pretty cold in winter — they had it 55 below last January. Mrs. Annett's family is now scattered through Canada and the States, and she has met very few Manx folk, but has lively recollections of tea parties at Laxey Glen Gardens, and Saturday jaunts to Ramsey on the electric railway. We are sure Mrs. Annett (nee Ida Kerruish) would like to hear from Manx people. Here's her address again — Salt Prairie P. O., Alberta, Canada.

Don Sinclair, that talented young Manx actor of Toronto, put on a very good variety show in February at the Red Chevron, a home for old War Veterans, some of whom served in the South African Boer War more than 50 years ago. Don was ably assisted by several members of the Toronto Manx Society and was highly complimented on the entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip C. Cowell, 2051 West 87th St., Cleveland, Ohio, have spent the past winter in Los Angeles with their son, Philip, who has resided there for some years, and whose wife passed away last fall. While on the Coast they have visited Manx friends, and spent several week ends with Mrs. Edwin Cottier and Noreen, 309 N. Buena Vista St., Burbank, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Cowell's family in Cleveland expected them home in May, bringing Philip with them.

Visiting the Isle of Man recently were Reginald Kissack, 3631 Campbell Ave., North Vancouver, B.C. who works in a logging camp, and his brother Sandy Kissack, who farms at Youngstown, Alberta. Reg has been in Canada for 30 years, Sandy for 26 years. They belong to the Kissack family of Sandygate, Jurby.

Mrs. Hannah Pittard of 21 Waterloo Road, Ramsey, Isle of Man, is an exchange teacher at Lampson Street School, Victoria, B.C.

New members of the Vancouver Manx Society are Mr. and Mrs. Lawson and family, from Douglas, Isle of Man, who arrived recently to join Mrs. Lawson's mother, Mrs. Kinrade. Another new member is Haydn Cubbon, who left Peel about six months ago for Calgary, Alberta. Not liking the cold winters in Calgary, Mr. Cubbon went on to Vancouver, and is delighted to be among the Vancouver Manx, whose meetings he enjoys very much. He was an outstanding footballer at Peel.

Mrs. Leslie Brice of Chilliwack, B. C. is a new member of the N.A.M.A. and an interested reader of the Bulletin. As a child, she used to go with her family to spend summer holidays in Peel, from their home in Northern Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Brice visited the Island in 1947.

On Sunday, April 4, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wood, 4131 Southwood St., So. Burnaby, B. C. entertained at their home, several newcomers recently arrived from the Isle of Man. Also invited were the President and the Vice-President of the Vancouver Manx Society and their wives, — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cain and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie McDonnell.

Our good friend and interested reader, Stan Cannell of Whakatane, New Zealand, writes that he has been out there for 33 years. His wife, Hilda, comes from Aberdeen, Scotland, and they both enjoy farm life. During the recent visit to New Zealand of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, Stan and Hilda went with friends to try and get a glimpse of them, and saw them as they were leaving Moose Lodge for Rotorua. Stan's farm has a good Manx name—"Tynwald."

Mrs. Jennie Kelly, 24812 Oak St., Lomita, Calif., has written to Mr. Skillicorn, our Treasurer, telling about the visit of two Manx ladies who called on her after seeing her picture in the Los Angeles Times. These ladies wanted information about their relatives, the Vondy family, from Ramsey. They had an uncle, John Vondy, whom they had not heard from for a long time. Perhaps anyone acquainted with any of the Vondys will write and give the information to Mrs. Kelly. Or, send it to the Bulletin Editor and we will insert a paragraph about them in the next issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurel K. Abell and their granddaughter, Barbara, of 1897 West 74th St., Cleveland, took a trip to Warrenton, Ill., during the April 12 week end to visit their daughter Lois and family—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Baughman and two children. The date, April 12 was the birthday of both Mr. and Mrs. Abell, so the occasion formed a grand family celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Clucas and family of Toronto paid a visit to Cleveland during the week of April 19 as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly, 21009 Clare Ave., Bedford, Ohio.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

A son was born on March 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McConnell, Bisbee, Arizona. In keeping with the day, he was named Patrick Michael McConnell.

A daughter, Cynthia Katherine, was born in March to Mr. and Mrs. Earel Mylroie Belford of Paxton, Ill. Grandmother is Mrs. Katherine E. Belford, who came from the Isle of Man and lived in Galva before moving to Paxton.

A son, Kenneth Charles, was born on February 25 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christian of 1111 Marine Drive, West Vancouver, B.C., who already have two other children, Mary, 9, and Johnny, 7. Grandmother is Mrs. Mildred Christian of the Executive Committee of the Vancouver Manx Society.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Laney (nee Margaret Cubbon) of Seattle, Washington, have married during the past year.

Their daughter, Margaret Jane, and Duane L. Wiggins of Joseph, Oregon, were married on June 10, 1953 in the First Methodist Church of Seattle. Miss Sallie Laney was her sister's maid of honor. Robert Wiggins, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. A reception after the wedding was held at the Women's University Club in Seattle. Following a honeymoon at Lake Louise in Canada, they now are living in Joseph, Oregon.

On January 30, 1954, the Laney's son, William Bryan Laney, Jr., was married at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Patricia Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Morgan of Racine, Wisconsin. The parents of the bridegroom went to Ann Arbor for the wedding, and Mr. Laney, Sr., served his son as best man. The reception was held at the bride's Sorority House. After a short honeymoon, the young couple returned to Ann Arbor, where both are completing their courses at the University of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Laney, Sr. spent several days in Racine, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, before returning to Seattle.

On March 27, Miss Catherine Grace Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace N. Brown, 117 Willock Road, Pittsburgh, Pa., became the bride of Edward Hanby Connall, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Connall of Chicago. The wedding took place in Brentwood Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and was attended by a number of Manx people, some of whom came from distant places to be present. The bridegroom's parents come from Douglas, Isle of Man; the bride's father is from Laxey.

Miss Doris Robson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robson, Cambridge, Ill., was married in February to Robert Friend. The bride's grandparents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John (Jack) Shimmmin, were residents of Galva, and came from the Isle of Man.

Thomas M. Cain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Cain of Galva, Ill., was married in February to Miss Mary Lou Johnson, also of Galva. Mr. Cain is a great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Corkill who came to Galva from the Isle of Man nearly a hundred years ago. On his father's side, he is a grandson of the late Tom Cain, also a native Manxman.

Married in Vancouver recently were William C. Cowell, son of the late J. R. Cowell, one-time member of the House of Keys for Ramsey, and Jean Millar McCrindell, recently of Johannesburg, South Africa. They are living at the Maxine Hotel, 1215 Bidwell St., Vancouver.

A striking pen drawing of Centenary Methodist Church, Beachwood Village, Ohio, appeared in the Cleveland Press of Saturday, March 13. This little church on the outskirts of Cleveland is described in the footnote as "one of the few really old buildings in Beachwood . . . The white frame church next to the village hall on Fairmount Blvd. at Richmond Road has 51 members, was founded by immigrants from the Isle of Man, and once a year is the scene of gala reunion for Manx people from all over Greater Cleveland." The "reunion" of course is the annual Manx Church Service, usually held in June, when Cleveland Manx drive out to Beachwood to attend afternoon service in the little old church where Manx pioneers worshipped. The church has been improved and modernized in recent years.

In the March Bulletin, in reporting the death of Miss Ellen Kewish of Leroy, Ohio, it was stated erroneously that her mother was a daughter of the founder of Painesville. "The fact is," writes Mrs. W. H. Kewish of Madison, Ohio, who is a sister-in-law of Miss Ellen Kewish, "that my mother-in-law's great-grandfather, Eleazer Paine, was a nephew of General Edward Paine for whom Painesville was named."

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

At the regular meeting of the San Francisco Manx Society held on March 20, most of the evening was spent in talking about the 1955 Convention. Hosts were President and Mrs. H. S. Corlett, 1031 Noreiga, and as the evening was a terribly stormy one they were fortunate in having 18 in attendance. Several fund-raising parties have been held for the Convention — whist drives at the homes of Mrs. Finette Hall, Mrs. Alf Caldwell, and Mrs. Vincent, who was assisted by Mrs. H. P. Callister. The two last-mentioned ladies also collaborated on a paid luncheon held in the Callister home.

The San Francisco Manx are greatly encouraged by assurances of support from the Manx Societies in Los Angeles and Vancouver. Both of these groups are making plans to help towards the success of this first Pacific Coast N.A.M.A. Convention.

At a meeting arranged for June 24, our San Francisco friends expect to have as guests, Dr. J. J. Moore and Ralph Creer, both of Chicago, who will show their films taken in the Isle of Man last year.

LOS ANGELES

Mrs. Mary Caine Ward, who has served the Los Angeles group for 23 years — 20 of them as secretary — has resigned on account of illness in the family. She says she has enjoyed the many fine contacts made, and the opportunity of helping people, both here and abroad. We congratulate Mrs. Ward on her long and useful term of office, and thank her for her interest in the Manx Bulletin, to which she has been a faithful contributor of interesting and informative news.

At a meeting held on April 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregg, San Marino, Calif., the following officers were elected to serve the Society in 1954:

President.....William Caley
Vice-President.....Robert Gregg
Treasurer.....Joe Rodger
Secretary.....Miss Noreen S. Cottier
309 N. Buena Vista St.,
Burbank, Calif.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Ward for her loyal service as secretary for so many years. Several plans were discussed for helping the N.A.M.A. Convention to be held in 1955 in San Francisco, as the Los Angeles Manx are eager to assist their fellow Manx-Californians in their noteworthy undertaking.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx have been very busy people, getting ready for their Annual Spring Concert scheduled for May 8. A splendid program was arranged by Mrs. Hornell Fulton, with some of the children taking part. Movies of Australia were to be shown — and no doubt the Secretary, Mrs. Wood, will tell us more about this concert for the next Bulletin. Proceeds from the concert were to go to the Benevolent Society, and proceeds from a prize distribution held that night to the San Francisco Manx Society in support of the 1955 Convention.

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

The Manx of Northeastern Ohio held their February meeting at Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Quine's home, 50 E. South St., Painesville, with about 30 members present. The short business session was followed by interesting talks by Mr. and Mrs. Hall of Painesville, who had been stationed in Syria. They showed colored slides of that country, and also modeled clothing worn by the Syrian people, having with them quite a large wardrobe of both men's and women's attire. Trinkets and other articles made by the natives were displayed, and the unusual program provided a very interesting evening.

The March meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Killey, 59 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville. About 32 members sat down to a very good supper. The subject of Manx history came up, and as there are no books of the sort in the local library, the President, Mr. Quine, appointed a committee to take up the matter with the librarian. Two members present, Mrs. Dessie Harrison and Leo Crellin, were honored as being charter members of the Leroy Grange, formed 50 years ago. Speaker of the evening, Commander Henry Muller of the U. S. Coast Guard, gave an interesting talk on the duties of the Coast Guard Service, including their work in teaching the public the art of sailing boats in deep water, and inspecting boats and gear.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

The February meeting of the Detroit-Windsor Society was held at the home of the Honorary President, John Stephen, and his son, Art. Mr. John Stephen is confined to his chair, but was delighted to have the Manx come to his home. He has served the Society well.

The March meeting was held in Windsor, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mercer, 1544 Hall Avenue. Everyone enjoyed a very happy evening. The Society's next meeting will be an outdoor affair in early summer.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

For only the second time in a great many years, the Mona's Relief Society cancelled its monthly meeting on account of weather. This was the meeting scheduled for March 2, cancelled because of the heaviest snowfall of the winter, which came as a surprise and made driving very hazardous.

A very pleasant evening was enjoyed at the meeting held on April 1 at 15905 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, on the "West Side." Following a short business session, a card party occupied the remainder of the evening. Beside the usual table prizes, there were several attractive door prizes. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. G. B. Garrett, Mrs. S. Brown, Miss Mildred Corris and the Misses Mona and Betty Cowell, all West Side ladies.

Coming Events for Cleveland Manx

CHURCH SERVICE

On Sunday, June 6, the Combined Manx Societies of Cleveland will hold their Annual Church Service at the Centenary Methodist Church, Fairmount Blvd. and Richmond Road, the Rev. Claude Wood, Pastor, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Orten Reed will be the soloists. All Manx people in Cleveland and vicinity are invited to attend the service, to bring their picnic baskets and stay for a real Manx sing-song in the evening. The ladies of the church will provide tea and coffee.

CLEVELAND MANX PICNIC

The Annual Picnic of the Combined Manx Societies of Cleveland will be held at Euclid Beach Park on Saturday, August 28. Make a note of the time and place, and make a special effort to be there and enjoy an afternoon and evening of real pleasure among your Manx friends.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

At a meeting held on March 24 at the home of Mrs. J. Crossan, the Vancouver Manx Ladies decided to make the following donations: Tranquille Sanatorium, \$25.00 . . . Cancer Fund, \$25.00 . . . Children's Hospital, \$25.00 . . . Sailors' Home, \$15.00 . . . Children's Preventorium, \$25.00. It was also decided to hold a bazaar in the fall, with Mrs. Sam Cain in charge of the tea; Mrs. Killip and Mrs. Biddell in charge of aprons; Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Halsall, home cooking; Mrs. Gelling and Mrs. Hunt, fancywork; Mrs. Killey and Mrs. Witsten, woolsens. The President, Mrs. Crossan, will help "all around." After the business part of the meeting was completed, the hostess served a most appetizing tea.

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

"Our San Francisco friends are working hard to give us the fine Convention we are looking forward to in 1955. We hope you have started budgeting, so that when August 1955 arrives you will be ready to join the caravan and enjoy that trip West. If you have never seen the beauties presented on the route to San Francisco you have many delightful treats ahead.

"The Ladies' Auxiliary is doing its bit to help the Convention Committee, and needs the support of the women. If you have not paid your dues, please send your half-dollar to Miss Alice Garrett, 976 Monroe Ave., Apt. 10, Rochester 20, N.Y. — or hand it to another officer if there is one in your locality. She will be glad to send it on. Last year showed our largest membership to date, with quite a few new members coming in from the West — now let us see if we can make this year even better. Several projects for increasing the balance in the Treasury are under consideration, and you will hear more about this in the next Bulletin.

"Again — better start planning for the San Francisco Convention — you don't want to miss it.

Mrs. H. Mylchreest,
President

Miss Alice Garrett,
Sec'y-Treasurer
976 Monroe Ave., Apt. 10
Rochester 20, N. Y.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx are happy in having a bigger and better Society now than they have had for many years. New faces constantly arriving from the Isle of Man help to bring this about. Another factor is the recent merging of Aeglagh Vannin (The Young Manx) with the parent Society. The two groups agreed to try out the idea for a while, and it has proved so very successful that the merger has been made permanent. Another innovation up there is the "Toronto Manx Bulletin," published monthly, a lively, newsy sheet which the members will surely enjoy. Congratulations, Toronto, on your progressive spirit!

For its Annual Picnic in June, the Society will take a boat ride across Lake Ontario to Niagara.

Fred Caveen, the President, is busy with his commendable and most unselfish task of advising prospective immigrants from the Isle of Man, meeting them on arrival in Toronto and helping them to get settled. This is indeed a labor of love. Fred and his wife and the Williamsons are already talking about going to "that fabulous city of San Francisco" in August, 1955, and feel they are almost certain of being able to make the trip.

BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx had to cancel their February meeting because of illness of several members, but got together in March at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Corrin, 606 Congdon Avenue, Warren, with a good attendance. Business of the evening was election of officers, and by unanimous vote, all on the existing slate were re-elected to serve for another year. The members were very glad to welcome a guest, Archie Kerruish of Chicago, who thoroughly enjoyed himself and hoped to stay long enough in the district to be able to attend the April meeting, scheduled to be held at the home of Mrs. Maggie Kelly. Bingo was played, with plenty of prizes, and there was a "Pig in Poke," won by Mrs. Robert Skillicorn. Refreshments were plentiful and excellent.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Manx met at Mr. and Mrs. Clark's home on March 6, when they had a fine turnout of members and enjoyed a very pleasant evening, which included games and excellent refreshments. Mrs. Betty Christian entertained the group on April 10 and this meeting will be reported on later.

GALVA

The Galva Manx Society had a meeting scheduled for April 30, which will be reported on later. The Secretary, Mrs. Clyde Collinson, says that all eyes are turned toward the town's Centennial, to be held the latter part of July, and members of the Galva Manx are hoping to see many Manx friends among the visitors.

News from Regional Directors

Richard Corkill, our Regional Director in the Detroit, Michigan area has sent us the following message:

"Twenty-five years of N.A.M.A. history are now behind us. What the future holds is up to each individual. We must go forward and our motto should be 'Each one gain one.' With this as our goal, our Association will become a great organization and we shall go to San Francisco for our first Western Convention with the largest membership yet."

There certainly is food for thought in Dick's suggestion. Let us all see what we can do to get "one" additional member before the 1955 Convention in San Francisco.

In the March issue of the Bulletin, we were able to print a number of messages from our Regional Directors who are scattered throughout the North American Continent. It is our wish to continue to publish such items in the future and shall appreciate it, therefore, if the Regional Directors will keep this in mind and forward to the Secretary such material as they may have from time to time.

Going to Kinsale for the Fishing

Mrs. A. T. Wood, Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society, wonders if many of the Peel "gobbags" among our members remember the excitement of the Peel fishing fleet getting ready in March to go to Kinsale to fish. She quotes the following letter from her brother, William H. Moore of Seattle, Wash., in which he reminds her of those days. It will wake an answering thrill in many Manx hearts.

"I have been thinking about Peel," writes Mr. Moore, "and how the boats used to get ready for Kinsale, and how busy Peel was in the middle of March getting the boats rigged up. What a thrill it gave me as a boy, when we used to get a rope on the nickeys, with the Three Legs of Man on the mizzen mast and the big lug on the foremast, and the waves dancing in the Harbor. The boys and the men would pull on the rope, the skipper at the tiller, and around the Harbor head on sail, across the Bay down toward the Stack rocks. Then they would lower the sail and put it over on the port side, the wind would fill the sail, and away she would go aback of the Castle and on for Kinsale. What a sight! It thrills me yet!

"I think of moonlight evenings, with lots of boats leaving the Harbor, and girls and their sweethearts down on the quay to see the boats leave. How they would sail those nickeys and luggers, 30 hours to the Old Head of Kinsale. Kinsale itself was seven miles from the Head lighthouse.

"I remember Billy Mylrea, Willie Christian the skipper of the 'Ocean Belle,' Richy Rodgers of the 'Lilly,' and Tommy Quirk, skipper of the 'Golden Plover' — and there are many others I remember well. You remember when I went as a cook on a nobbie. Willie Collister was skipper. Father sent a telegram asking Willie Collister to release me, I was needed at home. I came home with Tommy Quirk, skipper of the 'Golden Plover' (Pl. 77) — he said I could come home with them. They fished on Monday night, we left on Tuesday evening, and got into Peel on Friday evening. I did not earn anything that fishing season, and the nobbie I had been on did not get home to Peel till August. The other two seasons were better with me, with James Clinton on the 'Emily,' and with Susan Quirk's father's boat, the 'Golden Stream.'" (Susan Quirk is now Mrs. S. Quayle of 54 - 7th Ave., New Westminster, B.C. — comment by Mrs. Wood.)

Mr. Moore ended his letter by hoping that "all this writing about Peel boats doesn't bore you." "It didn't — says Mrs. Wood, who goes on to say — "When we arrived in Peel two years ago, there wasn't a nickey, lugger or nobbie to be seen in Peel Harbor." So do times change.

Mrs. Wood adds that Bill Moore left Peel 50 years ago, wanted badly to go back during War days, but couldn't get transportation, and is now working for American Can Company.

OBITUARIES

CALLOW, William (Harry), of 5706 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, died on January 17. He leaves his wife, Sylvia; two sons, Robert and John, and two brothers, Edwin and John, the last-named being a Past President of the Mona's Relief Society.

CHAMPION, James William, of 608 Columbia Ave., White Rock, B.C., died on February 12, aged 66. He leaves his wife, the former Elsie Cross of Peel, Isle of Man; two sons, James of Burnaby and Gordon of Victoria, B.C.; a daughter, Mrs. A. Henderson of White Rock; a brother and two sisters in England. Mr. and Mrs. Champion have lived in White Rock, B.C. for 35 years. Mrs. Champion's father, Mr. Cross, was machinist for the Joughin Net Factory in Peel.

HASTIE, Thomas M., aged 79, died on March 13 at his home, 543-B, Tombstone Canyon, Bisbee Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, William T. of Dover, N. J., and Ralph of Bisbee; three daughters, Miss Maud Hastie of Bisbee, Mrs. George Fletcher of Bryan, Ohio, and Mrs. James Loper of El Paso, Texas; grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Hastie came to America from Foxdale, Isle of Man, in 1905, and had lived in Bisbee since 1907.

JENKINSON, J. Wilson, of 2219 - 39th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., died on April 9 after a long illness. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Miles Magargel (Margaret Sue) of Washington, and four grandchildren; two brothers, Fred of Liverpool and Walter of London, England; and a cousin, Mrs. Harold Coles of Cleveland, Ohio. His only sister, Miss Lillie Jenkinson, died in Cleveland early last year. Mr. Jenkinson's parents were Thomas Jenkinson of Foxdale and Margaret Cretnoy of Marown, Isle of Man. He came to the States around the turn of the century and was employed in the U. S. Government service for many years; was a former Vice-President of the N.A.M.A. and served as Regional Director in Washington. His devotion to the Manx people on this continent and his untiring efforts on behalf of N. A.M.A. membership are well known. He attended Manx conventions regularly until illness made it impossible.

COLLISTER, Ernest, aged 56, died in March in Wyoming, Ill., near Galva. Surviving are three brothers, Harold of Galva, Herbert of Wyoming, and Lawrence of Jacksonville; two half-brothers, Will of Galva, and Ralph of Florida; and one sister, Mrs. Marie Cone of Kewanee, Ill. Mr. Collister was born in the Galva district, a son of Caesar Collister from the Isle of Man, and his wife, Anna.

MERIDEW, Lilla Kelly, died in Brantford, Ont., Canada on October 30, 1953. Surviving are her husband, William; a daughter, Dorothy, of Brantford; a brother, Harry Kelly, of Liverpool, England, and a cousin, Mrs. Edwin Cottier of Burbank, Calif. Mrs. Meridew was born in Peel, Isle of Man. She taught in the Wesleyan Day School there, and later taught in England and in Canada. She attended the first Toronto Convention, 1929.

MYLCHREEST, Ena, died on February 20 at Close Leece Farm, Patrick Road, St. John's Isle of Man, aged 67. She leaves her husband, William H., and four daughters, Bertha, Nellie, Amy and Edith. Mrs. Mylchreest was the former Ena Gell of Glenmoye, and is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Caesar Gell of Vancouver.

REED, Raymond Francis, age 58, passed away in Olympia, Washington on January 4, 1954. Surviving are his wife Bessie (nee Cubbon); two sons, Raymond Francis, Jr. and Ronald Cubbon Reed; and one daughter, Elizabeth Jane Reed. Mrs. Reed is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cubbon, formerly of Port St. Mary, Isle of Man.

SMITH, Sydney, aged 84, died on January 21 at the home of his son, James, 36 Glenmanor Drive, Toronto. He leaves his wife, Emily (nee Beecroft); four sons, James, Horace and Sydney of Toronto and William of Sudbury, Ont.; two sisters, Mrs. M. Boulton of Ramsey, Isle of Man and Ingoma Smith of Vancouver, B. C. Mr. Smith came to Canada from Ramsey in 1913, and his home during recent years was in New Liskeard, Ontario. His father, James Smith, probably was the first locomotive engineer in the Isle of Man; his mother was Elizabeth Brew of Laxey.

QUILLIAM, Victor, of Liverpool, England, died about April 1 after a short illness. He leaves his wife, Elsie; a son, Leonard; five sisters; two brothers, Tom, and Walter who returned to Liverpool last November after many years residence in Cleveland.

SCARFF, Fredric J., of 4146 East 123rd St., Cleveland, died on March 1. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters, Mrs. Amy Schwertle and Mrs. Raymond Cox; three sons, Thomas, Donald and William; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers, William in Cleveland and John in the Isle of Man. Mr. Scarff was born in Douglas, Isle of Man.

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

OIE-VIE!

By "Cushag"

Oie-vie, oie-vie, machree,
My villish veen, oie-vie!
The boats are tossing at the quay.
The tide is rising high.
Oie-vie!

I go till break of day,
To glean for you, machree,
Where silv'ry shoals of skeddian play,
The Harvest of the Sea.

While I'm away, machree,
And you are lapped in sleep,
There's One will watch for you and me,
Whose Path is on the deep.

Fear not the rising wind,
Oie-vie, oie-vie, machree;
For He will have us in His Mind,
Who stilled the raging sea.

Fear not the dark'ning night,
For in His Hand we lie,
Who steers us through from dark to light,
Oie-vie, ma veen, oie-vie!

The day will break, machree,
And home my heart will fly;
To see you on the sunlit quay—
Till then, ma veen, oie-vie!

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