

# BULLETIN *of the* North American Manx Association



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

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## MORE "MEMORIES SWEET AND TENDER"

It was very gratifying to know that my article "Memories Sweet and Tender" which appeared in the December Bulletin, gave so much pleasure to so many Manx folk. The Bulletin Editor has asked me to pen a further episode.

Whenever I have told my own children that we had no T.V. in our younger days, they can't believe that we could even exist without it. How dreary they think life must have been for us, but as the old saying goes "What you never have you never miss"!

The winter months were never dull. I remember we read a lot and books were obtained from the free school library. My brothers belonged to cubs and scouts, while I was a Girl Guide in the St. Olaves troop. Miss Mona Key was the Captain; she later became Mrs. William Lindsay and lived out the Jurby Road. Then we sang in Tom Molineaux's junior choir. Singing played quite a part in our lives. We gave concerts in Ramsey, Sulby, Peel, Cardle and many other places in the surrounding areas. As we became older we graduated to the mixed choirs and we had lots of fun enjoying the boys' company.

Every Saturday as children we were given a penny to go to Dyson's picture show at the Old Cross—I remember a Mr. Beaumont played the piano—and we thrilled to watch "Pearl White" and Tarzan. Sometimes we would walk all the way from Taubman Street only to find it was a "special" performance costing twopence, then the argument would start as to who would go home for the extra pennies.

The little Lickney (I wonder if that is the right spelling?) river just off Parliament Square gave us many happy carefree hours of play: we would paddle in the shallow water looking for small black eels. This part of town was all open and there was a small green where we used to play rounders.

The river wasn't always shallow. During the winter months heavy rains

would cause the river to rise and I remember vividly the morning when my brother almost drowned. I am credited with saving his life by running home for help—I would be about 7 years old at the time.

Where the Cinema now stands (I believe this has now been converted to a car show room) was a small field with lots of trees and I remember there was a little well in one corner. The field continued along the New Road which is now renamed Albert Terrace. At the end of Taubman Street there was also a vacant lot and every evening in spring and summer we could be found playing ball, rounders mostly, or hide and seek. Andrew Cubbon lived in the end house. He was a very jovial postman and he also must have been very tolerant as we would bounce the ball continuously on the gable of his house, but he never seemed to complain.

I can remember when Corlett and Cowley's timber yard at the bottom of our street was burned down. I can't recall just what year this happened but I can remember the excitement, the flames shooting high in the air and all that remained was charred wood.

To return to my Christmas memories, on Christmas morning my father would take us all down town to watch the hot-pots being served out to folk less fortunate than we were. They were prepared and cooked at W. H. Corlett's bakehouse in the little lane between Clague the ironmongers and Allen & Taubman grocers. I would feel so sorry for the people who would not be enjoying a roast goose dinner as we were in our house.

I remember paying into Miss Lizzie Kneale's Christmas Club: she kept a sweet shop next door to Clague the ironmongers and had such a wonderful variety of sweets, candy and home made knobs. Every penny I could save would be paid and recorded on a club card and if I realized the magnificent

sum of 2/6d I felt like a millionaire. But the biggest thrill would be spending it—the whole shop seemed to be at my disposal. I would be completely on my own, making my selections. Just thinking about this brings to mind the little white sugar mice with pink noses which appeared in the shops about Christmas time. It's years since I saw one. The simple things in life seemed to give so much pleasure in those days. It was even a thrill to be allowed to go down town to see the shops gaily decorated for the festive season, to stand outside Brew the butcher's shop in Bourne Place and gaze at the young pig in the centre of the window with an orange in its mouth and the geese and ducks (not too many turkeys) hanging in full feather all around the store.

I remember Philip Corlett the bellman. We would follow him around while he rang his bell and then announced a "Regatta at the Mooragh", a "Gala at the Ramsey baths" or an auction sale at Chrystal Bros. Mart. I also remember Neddy Kerruish who had a small fishing boat moored in the harbour. His wife kept a sweet shop on Parliament Street and as children we called her "Mammy tip the scale"—as she weighed a penny-worth of sweets she would tip her finger on the scale to see how many more it would take to balance.

Further down Parliament Street, old Mr. Gale had a boot repairing shop. It was a dingy little place with a smell of leather. I believe he was a great bird fancier too as I remember cages with linnets and canaries and their singing was a pleasure to listen to.

As far as religion, my parents were very tolerant to all denominations. Although christened and confirmed at St. Olave's Church, Ramsey, around the age of 14, before this as children we attended the New Connection; this building still stands off Parliament Square. Mr. J. MacCormick was in charge. He will be remembered as a

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1887

In "the good old days" as reported in the Manx press recently Mrs. Barbara Garrett, the licensee of the Creg Malin Hotel has a folder which was printed at the "Times" Office in 1887 for Miss A. Keeling, the then manageress of the Creg Malin Hotel.

The outside of this eight page folder gives a good view of the bay and Castle as seen from the Creg Malin Hotel, but the terms on the inside pages are most interesting.

Bedrooms quoted at 2s. 6d; Private Sitting Rooms, 5s per day; Breakfasts, plain 1s 6d, with meat and fish 2s. 6d; Lunch, 2s; Dinners 3s 6d.

Visitor's servants, per day each, all found. 5s; Bedroom fires 1s per day; attendance, per day 1s; Baths, hot or cold, 6d; Salt water baths 1s 6d.

The Manx Railway Time-Table shows ten trains arriving in Peel each day in the summer, and a like number left Peel for Douglas every day, and

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plasterer and builder; he also for many years piloted the ferry boat across the harbour between the stone and wooden piers. He had a wonderful loud singing voice and the congregation joined heartily in the hymn singing. Mr. Frank Caine was I believe then Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Caine is still hale and hearty, living in Glen Auldyn now but for years he and his wife and family resided in Hanley Villas off North Shore Road.

The Christmas bazaar at the New Connection was a function I can still recall; we paid a shilling and received a lucky draw — it was the highlight of the whole year.

We also attended the Band of Hope in the old Salvation Army Hall in Church Street where we watched the magic lantern slides and would all join in the singing:

"I'm H-A-P-P-Y! I know I am

I'm sure I am,

I'm H-A-P-P-Y."

Then again we would go to the Seamen's Bethel on the Quay, usually around the Harvest Home time and we wouldn't miss the Monday night ceremony of the selling of the fruit. Captain Iddon and his daughter were in charge.

If anything special was being held

there were three trains each way every Sunday.

The local advertisers in the folder included Thomas Lawrence, the chemist, Robert Harrison, wholesale grocer, wine and spirit merchant and Edward E. Christian, draper.

There was also an advertisement for William Kelly, Michael Street, Peel, a tailor and draper and Mrs. Hale in Walpole House, on the Promenade, and the Derby Castle in Douglas were advertising an entirely new feature "Dancing by the Electric Light."

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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at other places of worship in Ramsey we didn't hesitate to attend; this is the way unity can be achieved even today with all denominations joining together freely in worship.

My mother was a wonderful cook, nothing fancy, but good wholesome meals. She would make a big pot of Manx broth (to be honest I hated it, but had to eat it). It would contain all the vegetables one could think of, carrots, turnip, leeks, parsley, cabbage, potatoes, onions etc. and barley. I know it was good for one, but I have never made Manx broth — I vowed I never would.

Her soda cakes or flour cakes made on the griddle over a red hot fire were delicious, buttered hot and spread with home made blackberry jam they were a meal fit for a king. They were made with buttermilk and every week one of us had to walk out to the Crossags farm for 2d. of buttermilk. This little lane off Lezare Road between the Golf Course brought one to the gateway leading to the farm. John Radcliffe and his brother and sister, Miss Radcliffe, owned the farm but I think they have all passed on now. I would hang on the gate waiting until the coast was clear, no cows in sight, and then I would run all the way to the farmhouse back door. If one thinks about this, farmhouse front doors in the Isle of Man were never used except maybe at funerals or special occasions.

Do I have to jog anyone's memory to remind Manx folk about the yellow carpet of daffodils which bloomed all around Lezayre and Milntown, the blue hyacinths at the foot of Skyhill, the smell of honeysuckle along the country lanes, the hedges ablaze with the colour of the wild roses, fuschia and hawthorne, and the gold of the cushag.

These familiar scenes stay with one always and for ever. To quote —  
"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself hath said:  
This is my own, my native land,  
Whose heart hath ne'r within him  
[burned,  
As home his footsteps he hath turned  
From wandering on a foreign strand"

So I leave you with these few lines from a poem I learned at school many years ago.

Hilda Penrice  
née Bridson.

## RESTORATION APPEAL FUND ST. GERMAN'S CATHEDRAL

"To be ignorant of what happened before you were born is to be forever a child. For what is man's lifetime unless the memory of present events is woven with those of earlier times?"

These words are as true today as when they were written and they express more fervently than any I know why the restoration of St. German's should be carried out. I have been re-reading the history of the Isle of Man and the church and I have been amazed at the number of times efforts have been made to restore St. Germans only to be thwarted by parochialism. In view of the spirit of change that is abroad and the world movement towards unity, I think we should try to put the trait of parochialism behind and think instead whether it would be good for the Island as a whole and not just for a part of it.

I have received many letters on the subject of the Cathedral and only three of them, all from the Island, have been against the restoration. The writers of two of these, a lady from Onchan and a gentleman from Baldrine, might have benefitted from the advice "They prosper who burn in the morning, the letters they wrote overnight", as both of them gave false names or addresses as my replies to them were returned 'Unknown'.

The great majority of the letters were, however, in favour of the restoration and I should like to quote from a few of them.

From Africa — The opposition forgets that all churches have at some time or another struck bad or low times — but Christianity does continue and the fact that it does is in no small measure due to the early church and places like St. Germans.

From Peel, Isle of Man — It is deplorable that moral effort is at such a low ebb in the Island at present. The Cathedral movement could be a shock and counterblast to the decline. Good luck and enthusiasm in your efforts to assist the movement.

From New Zealand — I do think that we should look at this in a national spirit and everyone to whom Mannin Veg Veen is home should respond to the call.

From Ramsey, Isle of Man — I sincerely hope that this matter which is LONG overdue is brought to a successful completion.

From Sidney, Australia — What a pity that people living on the Island don't

take more interest in this traditional landmark. They still have to wake up to the fact that History makes a country and builds up character. This is why one can hardly get a booking on a ship from here, all wanting to go to see England with all its history as Australia has hardly any.

From Winnipeg — I think the idea wonderful and hope there is a ready response so that the cathedral effort is a huge success.

From Cheshire, England — I have been over the ruins of St. Germans many times and pictured how they would be if restored as they should be, and I hope that one day the restoration will be well and truly carried to completion.

From Vancouver — From what I saw and heard, religion in the British Isles has sadly deteriorated and the realization of this might shock the British people into action and I think it possible that the restored Cathedral might do the same in the Isle of Man.

The late David Craine said that there are two places of historical interest in the Isle of Man which no Manxman with a spark of imagination can contemplate without some stir of emotion. They are St. Patrick's Isle and the Tynwald at St. John's.

We as exiles from our homeland are only at liberty to express our opinion. This is a privilege, given us by our birthright as Manxmen, of which we should avail ourselves if we are to live up to the motto of the North American Manx Association "To preserve whatever is left to us of ancient heritage".

J. Victor Joughin,  
Chairman,  
St. Germans Cathedral  
Restoration Appeal.

### MANX AMERICAN AND CANADIAN MEMBERS

Kindly contact any officer of the N.A.M.A. and tell him what your grown up children, especially those born in Canada and the U.S.A., wish to read in the bulletin.

What items of interest do they want to read about?

What do the graduate members of the Breakfast Club require to bring them back into the fold?

### A LITTLE BIT OF THE ISLE OF MAN LANDED IN WISCONSIN ONE DAY...

"Laxey is a charming old lead miners' village on the Irish Sea Coast of the Isle of Man ("Laxey, veg-veen, thou art a Queen," said the poet. "A gem in the Island's bright crown"). But Laxey Church was thousands of homesick miles from there, in the rolling, lead-rich hills of Iowa County. It was built in 1855 by the men of Man who brought Laxey's lead-mining skill to the New World in 1853, and it is said to have been the earliest organized Manx church in the U.S. All that remains now is the marker and the little graveyard where the first Cowleys, Kewleys and Skillicorns lie. Near Linden, Wisconsin, it's on Iowa County Trunk B about a half mile west of County Trunk Q."

Miss Mary L. Hodgson of Fergus Falls, Minnesota, received this account of Laxey Church from a niece in Madison, Wisconsin. Miss Hodgson has seen the old graves in Mineral Point near the abandoned village of Laxey where some of her early relatives are buried, and has been told that there do not seem to be any descendants of the old lead-miners there. She wonders if any other members of the N.A.M.A. might know more about it.

### MEMBERSHIP

In the Resolution passed at the recent North American Manx Association Convention in Chicago, and reported on page two of the October 1963 Bulletin, any member who has not paid their dues for the 1963-64 will be removed from the mailing list after the Christmas issue as our income is not sufficient to pay for the publication.

We hope that all past members have now sent in their dues so that they can continue to receive the Bulletin. If any of you know of any other Manx person, or anyone of Manx parentage, who would be interested in our Bulletin, please forward their names, or have them join us by forwarding their \$2.00 to:

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3356 West 95th Street,  
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# NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

## EDMONTON

Edmonton Manx Society held their children's Christmas party on December 15th. The children present had a good time and were glad to see Santa arrive from the north pole with gifts, nuts and candy for them all.

The annual banquet was held on January 25th. and a smorgasbord was enjoyed by all present. The remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and a sing-song.

The annual meeting was held on the 12th. of February and the 1963 slate of officers were re-elected by acclamation.

### President

Mr. C. H. Quilliam

### Vice-President

Mr. C. Callow

### Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. C. Quilliam  
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Edmonton, Alberta.

C. Quilliam,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society is carrying on its regular monthly meetings at the Hall, 1010 Gerrard Street East, and those who attend find the social evenings and 'Li'l Cooish' and refreshments make for a pleasant evening.

At the December 27th. meeting the Society gave the members a free treat by providing a turkey and ham supper. A goodly number sat down to nicely decorated and well laden tables with turkey, ham and desserts, after which there were games and dancing. January 28th. was a short business meeting followed by a showing of pictures taken by Frank Williamson on his recent visits to the Isle of Man. February 28th. was an open meeting with card games being played. Euchre, cribbage and bingo prizes were donated as well as refreshments.

The annual summer picnic will be held on June 13th. (Saturday) at Centre Island, a short sail across the Bay, and then lots of fun at one of Toronto's most beautiful parks. Visitors and friends will be welcome.

Frank Williamson,  
Secretary.

## VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society had a most successful children's Christmas Party on Friday, December 13th., with about 35 youngsters taking part. On New Year's Day the annual Dinner and Dance was held. The weather was favourable and about 170 people attended. After dinner the entertainment took the form of a sing-song led by Bill Mudie with solos by Basil Belfie, then raffle prizes were presented before the rest of the evening was given over to dancing and talking.

The airflight project so expertly organized by Mrs. J. Kneale and her daughter, Mrs. James Birrell, seems to be well off the ground now as all seats are taken. It is scheduled to leave Vancouver at 12 noon on April 13th. on a direct flight to Manchester via the Polar route. The Vancouver Manx wish all concerned good weather and a happy landing.

The election of officers took place on February 4th. and the result is as follows: —

### President (protem.)

Mr. J. Cannell

### Vice-President

Mr. T. Watterson

### Treasurer and Recording Secretary

Mr. Angus Gillon

### Corresponding Secretary

Mr. L. McDonnell

### Committee

Mr. J. Birrell, Mrs. R. Motion,  
Mrs. G. H. Meredith, Mrs. J. Witsten,  
Mr. John Witsten, Mr. A. Fulton and  
Mr. Eden Costain.

Leslie McDowell,  
Secretary.

## WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx Society had their Xmas tree and party on December 21st. and quite a good crowd turned out for the affair. The children enjoyed the party and Mr. John Corkish made a very good Santa. Mr. H. Caley brought along some films which were enjoyed by young and old.

The Society is hoping to hold its next meeting very soon.

Eileen Killen,  
Secretary.

## CHICAGO

While the Chicago Manx Society has been fairly inactive during the winter months some of the members have not. Walter Stevenson with the aid of his daughter Myrra Johnson, presented his programme "The Isle of Man" recently at the People's Church. Dr. Preston Bradley, Pastor, gave Walter some fine newspaper publicity.

Charles and Pauline Corrin spent Christmas with their daughter and family in Lexington, Kentucky. The Corrin's make a trip to Kentucky whenever one of their six grandchildren celebrates a birthday and have just returned home from a birthday party.

Dorothy Ebin would like to acknowledge the beautiful Christmas letter and greeting card she received from Mr. Kneale, President of the New South Wales Manx Society in Sidney, Australia. The Chicago Society also received greetings from him. Dorothy has moved recently and her new address is: 25E Chestnut Street, Chicago 11, Illinois 60611.

The Chicago Society have several plans in the making for events in the future but as they are not yet complete they will report on them in the next Bulletin.

"You can smile if you can't say a word; You can smile if you cannot be heard; You can smile if its cloudy or fair; You can smile any day, any time, anywhere." And so, friends, Keep smiling!

Emily Kelly,  
Secretary.

## MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society held their annual Christmas Dinner on December 6th. at the Queens Hotel. Miss Lindsay Penman, accompanied by Miss L. Choiniere, entertained the party with her singing of Scottish songs and ballads, leading community singing and also giving selections on her harmonica. The rest of the evening was spent in games and competitions.

On February 28th. the Society is holding a "Bin Jane" Supper and social evening.

J. Victor Joughin,  
Secretary.

# OUR OWN PEOPLE

Mrs. Bertha M. Kiel has just returned from a 7½ month trip around the world. Last June she spent a week in Peel visiting her aunt, Mrs. George Gawne, and daughter, Vivienne.

The natives of Peel are calling Queens Drive, a new development in Peel, Beverly Hills because of the Manx Americans returning to live there, especially two or three families from California.

Mr. Ernest Briars of 1163 Jay Street, Rochester, N.Y., writes that he and the late Alfred Looney of Rochester were schoolmates of John Wilfred Callow at the old Wesleyan Day School just off Parliament Street in Ramsey. He received a Christmas greeting from Mr. Callow saying that he was now a resident of the Home of Rest, Grove Mount, Ramsey, Isle of Man, and would be glad to hear from any of his old friends in America.

According to the "Hamilton Spectator," (Canada) the Isle of Man is a delightful place in which to spend a holiday. No visitor to Britain should return home without exploring the Island, with its magnificent beaches and its wonderful scenery.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Caveen would like their friends to know that they are now living at 510 Dawes Road, Apt. 109, Scarborough, Ontario.

Manx folks in the vicinity of Olathe,

Kansas (30 miles out of Kansas City) might be interested to know that the young pastor of the Baptist Church is the Rev. Walter Nicholson. Walter is the grandson of the late Peter Waterson, Past President of the Chicago Manx Society, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nicholson, of Oak Park, Illinois.

The Cleveland Main Public Library will shortly have a copy of Canon Stenning's book "The Isle of Man" courtesy of Miss Margaret Kelly, Superior, Wisconsin, who is donating it.

Mrs. T. Watterson of Peel, has had her grand-niece, Miss Marilyn Allen of Sydney, Australia, spending a month with her. Marilyn and a friend, plan to spend some time working in England and travelling around. She is presently working in London, England.

Mr. Jack Crellin of New York City, is very proud of the "Three Legs of Man" sticker which he displays on the travel trailer, located at Panther Lake Trailer Park, Andover, New Jersey.

Mr. Hal Linker with "Wonders of the World" is showing on T.V. — or has shown on the West Coast — two instalments of pictures of the Isle of Man. Mrs. Lillian Tipper reports that this is not a home movie and would have to be sponsored to be shown in other areas.

Dennis Bell, C.A., has been made a partner in the Accounting firm of Sam-

son, Belair, Côté, Lacroix and Associates with E. H. Knight & Co., Montreal. Denis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Penrice are planning their summer holidays by taking a trip to the Isle of Man in June.

Fred Williamson, his daughter, Marion, and Arthur Lorrigan are planning a trip next June, visiting England, Scotland and the Isle of Man.

The "Montreal Star" reports that there is a shortage of men in the Isle of Man. According to the latest figures there are 26,091 women and 22,060 men.

Mrs. C. J. Hatch, formerly Miss Ida Caine, from Iowa Falls, sent in an article from the Saturday Review of Literature by the critic, H. C. Benet, in which he states that it is a pity that most people only know the Manx poet, T. E. Brown, by "A garden is a lovely place, etc." in the Oxford book of Verse. In his opinion Brown is a good poet to rediscover and he mentions the London edition, 1901, of T. E. Brown, with the introduction by W. E. Henley, as being particularly good.

## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A reception was held on Sunday, March 8th., to honour Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clucas of Laramie who were celebrating their Golding Wedding anniversary. Mr. Clucas, a native of St. Mark's, Isle of Man, arrived in Cody in 1907 to ranch with his brother and Mrs. Clucas, who met Joe in Douglas where her family maintained the Shaftsbury Hotel, came out to marry him in 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Clucas were both at the Chicago Convention in 1963 and thoroughly enjoyed meeting old Manx friends and making new ones. As Mr. Clucas says "A visit is as good as a trip home. if its a visit to a Manx Convention". Mr. and Mrs. Clucas are now ready to start out on their next 50 years of married life.

## SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Sam Penrice and his wife, Hilda Esther Bridson, will be celebrating their Silver Wedding anniversary on April 8th. They were married in 1939 at St. Olave's Church, Ramsey, Isle of Man, by the Reverend Halford Young. They are at present living at 36 Princess Anne Drive, Georgetown, Ontario, Canada.

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### GALVA

The Galva Manx Society met with guests from Peoria on Sunday, December 1st., and after much discussion it was not considered feasible to sponsor the 1965 Convention so near the site of the 1963 gathering. Those who attended in Chicago reported a most enjoyable time and felt that the Chicago folks did a royal job of entertaining their guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Callin of Mineral Point, Wisconsin, spent the weekend with the Harold Kermodes in Galva and attended the party. "Sandy" and Harold were schoolmates in Laxey and were re-united in Chicago at the Convention. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shimmin will entertain the group in their Peoria home in April.

Hilda Collinson,  
Secretary.

### SAN FRANCISCO

The Christmas party held at the Wawona Hall was a pleasant evening and enjoyed by all who attended. A dancing school provided the entertainment and the little tots that performed were very good. Ridge Craine acted as Saint Nick and distributed the presents to one and all.

The January meeting was well attended at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb. Corlett with Evelyn Corlett sharing the hostess duties. Plans are underway for the Queen's Birthday Ball which will be held on June 13th this year. This gala affair is sponsored by the British Commonwealth Association of San Francisco and the two Manx delegates. Mrs. Amy Satterlee and Miss Noreen Cottier, will be participating at the Ball as Hostesses.

Noreen Cottier,  
Secretary.

## The "GAY TWENTIES" IN MONTREAL

Early one morning in July 192 — a crowd of us were waiting at the terminus of the Montreal and Southern Counties Rail Road for OUR car to arrive. Picnics in those days were very popular and very well patronized. Looking over the crowd as it increased as departure time drew near we wondered if the one car we had chartered would be sufficient. It wasn't. But as soon as we had crossed the river (via Victoria Bridge) the men congregated at the back end of the car for smoking, gossiping and story-telling.

This trip was typical of Manx "Tynwald Day" picnics in "the Twenties": — Belocil, Otterburn Park, Chambly, Fort Chambly. Besides the kiddies races etc., a regular feature was THE football match of the year (that is — English football or "Soccer"). There was a heavy run on Sloan's liniment for days after (only days??). However, one year one of the players — no longer with us alas! — came fully prepared for all aches and pains by applying liniment before he left home. The more he perspired the more the liniment stung and it got so painful he couldn't finish the game. In those days we even had a trophy — a silver cup — which the winning team Captain kept for a year. Someone finally kept it for good!

Evelyn Waugh says — "Memories . . . are my life — we possess nothing,

certainly, except the past." Not if one has children and grandchildren to build the future. I wonder if the young folks we did our best to entertain at the picnics, Christmas parties and "Tay fights" (I beg your pardon — "The Annual Tea and Concert") remember any of it now?

Scrounging around wholesale houses for bargains in gifts for the picnics and parties (getting them home on the street-car was something else again!), the ladies working from early afternoon on the day of the Annual Tea and still there after the Concert to help clean up; was it worth it? Aye — every bit of it.

Any family — especially a large one such as the Montreal Manx Society — has its internal squabbles. When these degenerate into quarrels, then the family starts to break up. This happened in the Society and the break was very painful. It was just about recovering its vitality when it was overwhelmed by the great "Depression" (does anyone remember that now?) of the Thirties.

How the younger folks came forward to help revitalize — one might almost say resuscitate — the Society, in preparation for the 1940 Convention, is another story.

Meanwhile, names, faces, personalities, incidents, crowd our memory of the Montreal Manx Society of the nineteen-twenties.

Oldtimer  
Montreal.

## GIFT FROM AMERICA

The Manx press reported recently that Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Coole of Port Erin received a beautiful book as a Christmas present from their American cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Braddan Coole of Kansas.

Entitled "Coins in China's History," it is an exhaustive pictorial reference of the shape and substance of coins used from 1122 B.C. until modern times. Each one is allotted to its particular dynasty or kingdom.

The book is a scholarly and artistic production and is undoubtedly a standard work on the subject. Two editions were published in China in the 1930's and this revised edition was brought out last year by Inter-Collegiate Press Incorporated of Kansas.

Mr. Arthur Braddan Coole, M.A., M.S., is a Minister at Lenexa Methodist Church, Kansas. He was formerly As-

sociate Principal of Peking Academy and Field Treasurer of the Methodist Church in China.

Born in that country he dedicates his book to "My Father and Mother who helped me get a start with this hobby and to My Wife who has patiently encouraged me in this work."

His father, the Rev. Tom Coole, emigrated in the 1880's and worked as a missionary in China. He preached at the anniversary services at Ballabeg when he was in the Island on holiday in 1922. His other son, Douglas, was also a missionary.

The family coat-of-arms printed on the title page of the book shows Chinese emblems surrounding the Three Legs of Mann. A copy of the book which is bound in white with a coloured picture of a pagoda and the title in Chinese characters has been sent to the Manx Museum.

## THE JOURNAL OF THE MANX MUSEUM

The contributions to the new issue of the Journal of the Manx Museum cover a wide range of Manx studies and will be of interest to readers of the Bulletin.

It is three hundred years since William Christian, Illiam Dhone, was shot for his part in leading the Manx rising against the Countess of Derby and it is interesting to see that this tercentenary year should be marked by the presentation to the Museum of an embroidered cap worn by the Manx hero. The presentation was made by Colonel John Christian, of Rendcombe, Gloucestershire, a descendant. Very few embroidered caps of this age survive at all and in an article "The Cap of Illiam Dhone" the Director of the Museum, Mr. A. M. Cubbon, discusses the origin and history of the cap worn by Illiam Dhone himself. A photograph of the cap appears on the cover of the Journal.

There is a short note on the Manx-built vessel "Euterpe" (later renamed the 'Star of India'). An iron ship of over one thousand tons the 'Euterpe' was launched in Ramsey just a hundred years ago and after a useful life sailing the seven seas she has finally become a Maritime Museum at San Diego, California.

Among the other interesting topics are the Franciscan Friary founded at Ballabeg in 1367; the story of the temporary railway in West Baldwin built for the construction of the Injebreck reservoir; the excavation of a Viking house site at the Braaid; the Cough in the Isle of Man and an account of a diary kept by a Manx farmer of Napoleonic times.

Anyone who would like to receive this annual publication should write to the Manx Museum, Douglas, Isle of Man, enclosing six shillings sterling to cover the cost of the annual postal subscription.

## BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

Mrs. Mylrea Shimmin (D.A.) Tripp of Belvidere, Illinois, sent in the following item from Ripley's Believe It or Not: —

John Kelly (1750 - 1809) of the Isle of Man who translated the Bible into Manx, saved his manuscript when he was shipwrecked in the Irish Sea by holding it above his head while he floated in the water for 5 hours.

### THE ISLE OF MAN IN POETRY

Mrs. Barbara Cowley, two of whose poems appear below, is a Yorkshire-woman born and bred, from Harrogate. Her husband, who is an engineer, is a Peel man, and his father — 83 on St. Patrick's Day, is one of Peel's Grand Old Men.

She has two children, both grown up — David lectures at Ardmore College, Auckland, New Zealand, and Judith teaches English at Ankara College in Turkey. It is only since they both went abroad in 1962 that Mrs. Cowley has tried her hand at writing.

She has taken a keen interest in Manx folk-lore and has tried to picture life as it must have been lived long years ago. Having travelled around quite a lot she finds that to her, albeit not a Manxwoman, — this beautiful Island is now "Home", and whenever she goes away she comes back thankfully to its shores.

#### PEEL HILL

Lie on the Hill  
In the afternoon glow  
And wish you had lived  
Long years ago —  
To have watched the ships  
Sail in between  
The Hill and Castle . . .  
(No more seen)  
Yet Smugglers' whispers  
Still are heard  
And ghostly sails  
Are proudly furled :  
As sun sinks low  
The slow, soft, tread  
Is but the footstep  
Of the dead . . .

#### THE LITTLE BEACH

When walking on the rocky shore  
In winter twilight falling —  
I saw the stormy white capped waves  
— And heard Fenella calling —  
The wind shrieked through the Castle  
[gate  
And no bird was a-flying —  
As I crouched low and hid from sight  
— And heard Fenella crying —  
The baleful moon sailed up above  
And ghostly bells were ringing  
When suddenly, with gladdened heart —  
— I heard Fenella singing!

## JUNIOR COLUMN

### THE THREE LEGS OF MAN

The famous THREE LEGS DEVICE seems to have been adopted in the thirteenth century as the armorial bearings of the native kings of the Isle of Man, whose dominion also included the Hebrides — the Western Isles of Scotland. After 1266, when the native dynasty ended and control of the Island passed briefly to the English Crown, the emblem was retained, and among the earliest surviving representations are those on the Manx Sword of State, thought to have been about the year 1300 A.D. The Three Legs also appeared on the Manx coinage of 17th-19th centuries, and are still in everyday use in the form of the official Manx flag.

Why the Three Legs were adopted as the royal arms of the Manx Kingdom is unknown. Many heraldic emblems had no "meaning" whatever, and were chosen merely because they were distinctive. This may have been the case with the Three Legs, though the emblem as such — like the cross and the swastika, to which it is related — has a long history reaching far back into pagan times. It was originally a symbol of the sun, the seat of Power and Life. In ancient times the emblem was particularly connected with the island of Sicily (probably because of its triangular outline), but the Sicilian "Legs" were always naked, and general-

ly displayed Medusa's head at the central point.

A rather similar device was popular amongst the Celts and Norsemen in North-Western Europe, and in view of this it has been suggested that the Manx Three legs were a heraldic modification of a native badge or emblem. Support for this theory may be seen in the appearance of the "triskele", or simplified "Three Legs" emblem, on coins of the Tenth Century Norse king, Anlaf Cuaran, whose dominion included Dublin and the Isle of Man; and it is probable that the later Manx kings were a branch of the same dynasty. Some folk tales expressly connect Manannan, the Celtic Sea-God (whose home the Island was supposed to be) with the Three Legs, or a fiery wheel, but these tales are not early in their present form, and may have been invented after the adoption of the Island's heraldic emblem in the Thirteenth Century.

All the early examples of the Manx "Legs" show them as if running sun-wise (i.e. clockwise), and to that extent the heraldic symbol of the Island still retained an essential feature of the ancient pagan sun-symbol. Although sometimes drawn anti-clockwise, that is singularly inappropriate.

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#### WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE!

What would YOU like to read in your Bulletin? Are there any changes you would like to make or have you any new ideas which would appeal to other readers? If so, please write to the Editor, who will be very pleased to consider any ideas or news items which you think would be of interest.

strangers, of course, though they should be of a different nationality.

My nephew and his wife, now in Canada, are carrying on the tradition. Last year, a Red Indian family and a Chinese family were asked to share their Christmas celebrations."

#### Beetle Mania is not so new!

The counterpart of the screaming girls at "pop" music shows of today was to be found among ladies who scrambled for the cigar butts of Liszt nearly a century ago when he was a music idol.

This was pointed out recently by Mr. Harry Pickard, the noted Manx conductor.

#### KINDLY ACTS OF MANX

Miss N. Q. Brantham of Essex recently reported in the magazine "Woman":

"My father was a Manxman and he taught us two kindly habits: always to lay 'the stranger's place' at meals and to have 'a stranger within the gates' on Christmas Day.

These people need not be absolute

Extra copies of the bulletin can be obtained from the Editor, 5015 Clarendon Avenue, Montreal 28, P.Q., at a cost of 25 cents Post free.



## OBITUARIES

**CAIN**, Miss Eleanor, a longtime resident of Vancouver, passed away on December 20th., 1963 at the age of 90. Miss Cain came from Port Erin and has numerous relatives in the Isle of Man including Mrs. Stanley Gell, Mrs. Percy Costain and Mrs. McCombe, all of Port Erin; and also a brother in South Dakota, Ada Cain in Cobalt, Ontario, and three neices in the United States.

**CALLISTER**, Ruth Lovell, wife of the late Herbert C. Callister, died on January 11th., 1964. Mrs. Callister is survived by her daughter, Irene; four grandchildren, and two brothers, Paul and Charles Lovell. She was a sister-in-law of Harold Callister of Chicago and her husband, Herbert, used to attend many Chicago Manx affairs.

**CHAPLOW**, John W., of 7518 20th Ave. N.W., Seattle, died on November 11th., 1963 aged 76. Mr. Chaplow was born in the Isle of Man and came to Seattle in 1908 from England. He is survived by his wife, Corinne; a daughter, Mrs. Sylvia Griffin, Fairbanks; a brother and a sister in England, and a granddaughter.

**CHRISTIAN**, Mrs. Joseph of Vancouver, died on November 22nd., 1963. Mrs. Christian, a member of the Vancouver Manx Society, is survived by her husband, Joseph; a son, John; and two daughters, Mrs. H. Weber and Mrs. L. Holmes of Burnaby, B.C.

**CLUCAS**, Edward W. or Eddie as he was known to all, was buried on Saturday, February 8th., in Chicago. He was in and out of the hospital several times in the past year or two. He came to Chicago from Peel in 1910 and leaves a widow, Mildred; a daughter, Mona; and a son, Edward.

**COWIN**, Gertrude M. (née Kennish), of 3264 West 114th Street, Cleveland, died on January 17. She leaves her husband, Ralph W. Cowin; a son, David Teare; two daughters, Mrs. Doris Cleator and Mrs. Audrey Hughes; grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. May Cowley of Douglas, Isle of Man, and Mrs. Ethel Brown of Cleveland. Mrs. Cowin came from Douglas to Cleveland many years ago, and was a loyal member of the Cleveland Manx group and of the N.A.M.A.

**CRAINE**, Miss Elizabeth of 420 Grand Avenue, Waukegan, Illinois, died on October 5th., 1963. She was a sister of Miss Marion K. Craine of Chicago, Illinois.

**KARRAN**, Mrs. Sarah A. of passed away on April 12th., 1963. Mrs. Karran was a member of the N.A.M.A. She was a sister of Eleanor M. Waterson.

**KENNAUGH**, Mrs. Elizabeth passed away on December 8th., 1963 in Denver, Colorado, after a short illness. She was born in Foxdale on December 13th., 1874. Her husband, Caleb Kennaugh, and daughter, Mrs. Mona Hull of Denver, survive, also several grandchildren.

**LOONEY**, John Thomas, aged 81 years passed away in an Enid Hospital on Monday, November 25th., 1963. Services were held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, November 27th., conducted by the Rector, the Reverend Paul R. Kendall. Mr. Looney came to the U.S.A. in 1909 from Kirk Maughold, I.O.M., and was married in 1914. He leaves his wife, Lilly; two daughters, Mona (Mrs. Joseph Shopin) of Gig Harbour, Washington, and Lillie Belle of Fairmont, Oklahoma; a son, Mark H., of California; four grandsons and two granddaughters, to mourn his loss.

**MESS**, William F. of 125 S. Maple Avenue, Itasca, passed away suddenly on February 16th. at the age of 76. He was buried at Elm Lawn Cemetery where his wife was buried in 1945. He leaves his son, Kenneth, with whom he lived; a daughter, Helen (Mrs. Norman D. Clucas), and two grandsons, Doug, and Jim.

**MYERS**, Lucien B. of Sugar Loaf, Orange Co., N.Y., died on February 7th., 1964 at the age of 82. He was the husband of Eleanor Annie Myers (Nellie Bell of Port St. Mary). Mr. Myers lived in the Isle of Man for several years from 1925 on and was well known amongst the Masonic Fraternity there.

**QUIRK**, Louis A. of Bothell, Washington, died on November 17th., 1963 aged 73. He was born in Peel, Isle of Man, and came to the United States from Canada in 1916 moving to Bothell in 1946. He is survived by two sons, William J., Seattle, and Louis R., Poulsbo, Kitsap County; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth L. Nicholas, Bothell; two sisters, Mrs. Essie Quayle, Peel, Isle of Man, and Mrs. Elizabeth Skelly, Calgary, Alberta; two brothers, Williams and Allen, Peel, Isle of Man, and six grandchildren.

## MANX WEDDIN'S

The marriage took place recently of Miss Margaret Ann Lloyd, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Lloyd of Seattle, Washington, to Mr. Duane Ross Wienker. The ceremony was performed in the Richmond Beach Congregational Church at 8 p.m., October 25th., 1963. Guests at the wedding included Mrs. Dorothea Wienker, mother of the groom; Mrs. Frank Moore, grandmother of the bride; immediate families of the bride and groom and a few close friends.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. At present they are making their home in Bellingham, Washington, where the groom is attending Western Washington State College, from which he will graduate in June.

## THE LI'L PEOPLE

Born — to Mr. and Mrs. G. Forster (née Dorothy Caveen) a daughter, Jeannine, a sister for Michelle.

**WAKEFIELD**, James of Vancouver, died on February 7th., 1964 at the age of 24. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wakefield.

**WATTLEWORTH**, Charles Brian of St. Helena, California, died on Saturday, December 14th., 1963. He was born in Peel, Isle of Man. He is survived by his wife Dorothy; a daughter, Eloise (Mrs. J. Richard Brown); two grandchildren, Abigail and Alexander Brown; and one sister, Miss Mary Wattleworth of Peel, Isle of Man.

**KANEEN**, Douglas William, died on February 24th., 1964 after a short illness. He was born in Manchester on March 30th., 1906. He leaves his wife, Ena, and son, Brian Douglas. In Canada 6 years past January, in Dougie's own words six of the most wonderful years of his life and he only wished he had come 10 years sooner. He was formerly with the Isle of Man Times and since in Canada with Dosco Ltd. He was a member of the Montreal Manx Society who will greatly miss the humorous anecdotes which he told so well.