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

JUNE 1970

SUCCESS TO FIRST N.A.M.A. CONVENTION IN ISLE OF MAN

CONVENTION PROGRAMME

Tuesday, June 30.

Advance Registration, The Majestic Hotel.

Wednesday, July 1.

9.30 am. Convention called to order, opening ceremonies, Invocation, Rev. J. C. Caley, N.A.M.A. Chaplain. Adresses of welcome.

Lt. Governor Sir Peter G. Gawne
STALLARD, K.C.M.G., C.V.O.,
M.B.E., M.A.

His Worship the Mayor Mr. Councillor E. C. Hamill, J.P.,

President, W.M.A. Mr. Harold S. CAIN, C.P.

Business session.

Lunch. No official arrangements

1.15 pm. Coaches leave The Majestic Hotel for an interesting tour of the South of the Island, afternoon tea.

Evening. Civic reception and Buffet, Reading Room, Villa Marina Douglas. Courtesy of the Borough of Douglas, with His Worship the Mayor and Town Council.

Thursday, July 2.

9.30 am. Business session and memorial service conducted by N.A.M.A. Chaplain.

Lunch. No official arrangements.

1.15 pm. Coaches leave the Majestic Hotel for a tour of the North of the Island including a visit to Bishop's Court at the invitation of the Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man, Rt., Rev. Eric GORDON, M.A., and tea at Laxey Glen Gardens.

Evening. Free evening.

Friday, July 3.

9.30 am. Business session, includes, reports of Committees. Time and place of the next Convention and the Installation of Officers.

Lunch. No official arrangements.

Afternoon. Free. (Ladies Auxiliary will be scheduling a meeting).

Evening. Banquet and dance. The Majestic Hotel.

(See page 3 for events after Convention)

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration forms have been mailed out to all members and those who are attending the Convention are asked to complete theirs and to return them, with the registration fee of \$12.50, to the Convention Treasurer, Mrs. Jean Glass, 1492 Constance Drive, Oakville, Ontario. For those who may wish to have partial registration the prices of the different functions are listed below. Tick off those you wish to attend and send the appropriate amount instead of the full registration fee.

Full registration	\$12.50
Partial Registration	
Registration Fee & Badge	\$1.00
Souvenir Book	\$1.00
Wednesday, South Tour & Tea	\$2.50
Thursday, North Tour & Tea	\$2.50
Friday, Banquet & Dance	\$6.00

CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOK

The response to the mailing of the letter requesting members and friends of the N.A.M.A. to sponsor advertisements, memorials, and patrons listings for the Souvenir Book to be issued in conjunction with the N.A.M.A. Convention to be held on the Isle of Man has been very gratifying. 113 members, societies and friends responded during the first two weeks after the mailing.

The book, consisting of 32 pages, is now being printed in Toronto and will be mailed in time for every subscriber to receive a copy before the Convention. Copies will, however, be available at the Convention.

The splendid co-operation of our advertisers, our kindred Manx societies and those who have subscribed to our patron's list to make this souvenir book a success is acknowledged with thanks.

*Robert Kelly,
Vice-President.*

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CONVENTION CHARTER FLIGHT

Final details of our flight plans on the Convention Charter are now arranged and here they are:

Departure — Outward Bound

Leave Toronto:

Saturday, June 27, 1970 6.30 p.m.

Arrive Manchester:

Sunday, June 28, 1970 6.30 a.m.

Departure — Homeward Bound

Leave London:

Saturday, July 18, 1970 12.30 p.m.

Arrive Toronto:

Saturday, July 18, 1970 3.30 p.m.

ENGLAND TO ISLE OF MAN CHARTER

We have been unable to get any firm commitment from those airlines who are licensed to fly into the Isle of Man and rather than delay this any longer I am proposing that we travel as follows: —

After arrival in Manchester, have breakfast and then go by chartered buses to Liverpool and take the 1.00 p.m. boat to Douglas. There will of course be scheduled flights from Manchester to the Isle of Man during the day but we would not be able to all travel on the same flight and may have to wait a number of hours in Manchester before it leaves.

The London Departure for the return trip was chosen to accommodate the majority of our members who will be ending their trip in London with two or three days of sight-seeing before the departure on the Saturday. For THOSE MEMBERS WHO ARE SPENDING THE WHOLE OF THE THREE WEEKS ON THE ISLE OF MAN, I would suggest that they arrange their departure at least the day before (Friday, July 17) from the Isle of Man and spend the night in London. If

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SUPPORT FOR MANX TEAM AT COMMONWEALTH GAMES REQUESTED

President Sam Penrice has received a letter from Mr. Curwen Clague asking if any members would like to support the Manx team at the British Commonwealth Games to be held this year in Scotland in late July. Donations may be sent to: Manx B.C.G. Association, Hon. Treasurer: Mr. A. Hill, F.C.A., Kensington House, Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

DOES THIS MEAN YOU???

There are some members who have still not paid their dues for the year 1969-70 which will be ENDING on July 31st., 1970. This is the last edition of the Bulletin for this year and with the September issue we shall be asking you to pay your membership fees for the year 1970-71.

If you haven't already done so SEND YOUR \$3.00 NOW TO:

Mr. C. E. Creer,
Treasurer,
14228 Union,
Orland Park, Ill. 60462.

INTERNATIONAL MANXMEN

The following interesting article, which was sent in by Mrs. Robert Cowin of Westlake, Ohio, appeared in the Isle of Man Times of April 3rd., 1970: —

"There are more Manx People scattered around the world than there are on the Isle of Man itself. But how strong are those ancestral links which bind them to the "mother country"?"

From most corners of the globe come reports that attendances at World Manx Society gatherings are dominated by the older folk — a danger sign if ever there was one that the international Manx communities could, in another generation, lose contact with the Island and be absorbed into their adopted countries with little trace of their ancestry.

What a pity this would be — and what a loss for the Isle of Man as a whole! For these "exiled" Manx make excellent ambassadors — spreading the Island's reputation and claims to self-determination throughout the globe.

Second and third generation Manx born possible thousands of miles from sight and sound of the Island may not enjoy Manx citizenship but they are Manx nevertheless by ancestry and can legitimately lay claim to being such.

What a wonderful thing it would be if their interest in the Island could be awakened, nurtured, and given an opportunity to grow into something as powerful as those who remember life on our shores.

The international Manx communities should not be allowed to die. They should be cultivated and encouraged to blossom, perhaps, into an international society of friendship.

First and foremost what is needed is a medium by which all the communities can be linked together and which can help them to associate them-

selves with the central identity of the Isle of Man.

A very real sense of "belonging" needs to be established — and this is where the "Weekly Times" can help.

As from this week the editor is placing the columns of the newspaper at the disposal of the international communities in the hope that they can use them to come closer together in an effort to establish a permanent worldwide link-up.

The editor is prepared to allocate whatever space is necessary for the development of an "International Manxman" feature, carrying news and ideas from Manx Societies abroad or even Manx individuals who are not linked with organized societies at this stage.

The idea would be that Manx people everywhere should write to us with their news — what sort of work they are doing and where and so on — Manx pen-pal relationships could be developed between people in Australia and Canada, for example, and all the time the "Times" could educate the communities on current affairs within the Island and its past history.

Several Manx Societies have energetic Press secretaries who send us reports of their meetings. And more of these will be welcomed. But even more so will be stories about Manx people themselves with photographs if possible.

Ideas on developing this concept would be welcomed too so that the "Times" could be used as a sounding-board for the development of international "Manxism".

Well . . . that's the challenge.

Whether "International Manxman" is a success or a failure will depend on public interest and whether the younger generation of Manx people around the world really care about retaining a lasting relationship with their mother country.

We hope it succeeds. Do you?

MANX DICTIONARY

The Manx Gaelic Society has recently fulfilled a long felt need, namely publication of CREGEENS MANX DICTIONARY. This book has been out of print for some considerable time, and those interested in the mother tongue have been seriously handicapped as it was practically unobtainable except at public auctions where they fetched up to £17 each.

The cost of this new book is 25s for a paper back edition and 35s for a superior bound edition plus postage and may be obtained from Mr. J. Shimmin, "Saaghyr", Bradda, Port Erin.

(Copied from the Ramsey Courier, November 17, 1969)

LADIES AUXILIARY TEA

The Ladies Auxilliary to the N.A.M.A. will hold a 'Tea' on the afternoon of Friday, July 3rd. The time and place will be announced during the Convention and we hope as many as possible of the ladies attending the Convention will make it a point to be there that afternoon. There will be a short meeting when annual dues will be collected. Those not able to attend the Convention may send their dues to me any time from August on. The dues are \$1.00 for two years.

Ethel S. Christian, Treasurer,
528 Seacrest Drive,
Keene Park,
Largo, Florida, 33540
Alice Garrett, President.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Planning a convention can be a frustrating, time consuming, and at times a discouraging task, however all these things seem worthwhile when a convention is brought to a successful and happy conclusion.

Our 1970 Convention taking place this summer on the Isle of Man has presented difficulties and delays and a great amount of work for all those involved, both the N.A.M.A. committee members and the W.M.A. I know that all of those who are fortunate enough to be on the Island July 1st, 2nd and 3rd, will certainly be able to enjoy and appreciate the work and effort of all those who have played their part and have given so freely of their time on behalf of us all.

My family and I are looking forward to meeting so many of our N.A.M.A. friends, also a great number of old friends and relatives on the Island.

How wonderful it will be to smell the fresh Manx air, to see the green hills of Ellan Vannin once again, Ramsey "shining by the sea", the sunsets at Peel, the horse trams on Douglas Promenade, Bradda Head, the scenery of Port Erin, Port St. Mary and Castletown, not forgetting Castle Rushen, quaint Laxey, and the hills, valleys and glens. A jewel set in the Irish sea.

See you soon,
Sam Penrice,
President N.A.M.A.

DRAW PRIZE DISTRIBUTION AND DONATIONS

Tickets have been sent to all Societies and Association members and the Convention Treasurer reports a good response. The money already received together with several donations has assured the Convention of working funds and we hope by the end of the Convention to have a surplus to be transferred to the N.A.M.A. general account.

In addition to the oil painting of a Manx scene and the replica of the Manx sword of state many other valuable prizes have been donated on the Island. These include Manx travelling rugs, cushions etc. Due to the difficulty of carrying prizes and gifts to the Island, donations of cash would be more acceptable. Donations may be sent to the Convention Treasurer — Mrs. Jean Glass, 1492 Constance Drive, Oakville, Ontario.

Extra tickets may also be obtained from the Treasurer at the above address. PLEASE RETURN STUBS AND MONEY PROMPTLY AS TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

DEEP SEA TREASURE HUNT

The history of the Isle of Man published by Waldron in the early eighteenth century is fanciful rather than factual as the following tale will tell. Perhaps he was the victim of the Manx sense of humour!

"There was", says Waldron, "about half a century ago, a project started for searching for treasures in the sea; accordingly, vessels were got ready, and machines made of glass, and cased with a thick tough leather, to let the person down who was to dive for the wealth. It happened that one of these ships came near the Isle of Man, and the mariners have heard that persons of consequence had formerly sought refuge there, thought there could not be a more likely part of the ocean to afford the gain they were then in search of. The machine was therefore let down, and the person who had undertaken to go on this expedition descended. A vast length of rope was hauled out, but the diver still signalling for them to increase the quantity, they continued to do so, till they found themselves out of cord, their whole

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Author of Ellan Vannin

While browsing through a "Book of Manx Poetry" recently, your correspondent was interested to find a story there on Eliza Craven Green, the author of Ellan Vannin which has become one of our national songs.

Eliza Craven Green came to reside in Douglas in the year 1824 when she was, though very young, a leading actress in a theatrical touring company performing in the old Athol Street theatre. She, at that time, regularly contributed to the Poet's Corner in the Manx Sun. Her volume, "Sea Weeks and Heath Flowers", was published in Douglas in 1858. The author was known to say that her insular poems were written in early life and they enshrine all the golden memories of youth.

The following is one of her "insular poems" —

*"I sang thy valleys and thy Beauteous
[Shore;
The far off nations listened to the
[strain,
And Strangers, loving evermore
The fairy island thron'ed in the main;
And, my heart kindled, as they
[praised thy tone
Wild Harp of Mona 'for thou wert
[my own".*

Sent in by Emily Kelly, Chicago.

CONVENTION GOERS ARE INVITED

TO W.M.A. EVENTS

The World Manx Association, which has been most helpful to the N.A.M.A. in the organizing of the Convention, has scheduled events for the three days following and has extended a very warm invitation to N.A.M.A. members to attend. The events which are outlined below are sure to be most enjoyable.

Saturday, July 4.

Evening. Convention party will be the guests of the World Manx Association. Details at a later date.

Sunday, July 5.

Afternoon. A combined outing of the W.M.A. and N.A.M.A. to North of Island with tea and then to Maughold Parish Church for Evensong when the Lord Bishop will preach.

Monday, July 6.

Morning. Tynwald ceremony.
Afternoon. 3.00 pm. The Annual W.M.A. Gathering at the Majestic Hotel.

TO PEEL VIKING FESTIVAL

Mr. Dick Craine, Highview Road, Douglas, the producer of the Peel Viking Festival has extended an invitation to members of the North American Manx Association who will be on the Island on July 9th. to be participants in the Pageant. Mr. Craine is willing to arrange a rehearsal for July 7 or 8 so that you won't have "stage fright" on the night of the pageant. What a wonderful opportunity! If you are interested write a brief note to Mr. Craine giving him your name, address, age (approximate) and the address where you will be staying on the Island!!!

Miss M. Teare, Secretary, Peel Viking Festival, has suggested that those members who do not wish to participate, but would like to see the Pageant could have a 'block booking'. If you are interested in this, then please write direct to Miss Teare, "Dream Lhergy", Marathon Road, Douglas, Isle of Man, advising her of the number of seats you require, giving your name, address and the address where you will stay on the Island. Don't forget of course to point out that you are attending the N.A.M.A. Convention.

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

BISBEE

The March meeting of the Bisbee Manx was held at the Gertrude Quill home and all were happy that Mrs. Quill was able to entertain the group. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Quill, had some very novel games which were really enjoyed by all. There was a white elephant auction for which Mrs. Quill had furnished each guest with 30 pennies to start bidding, and each guest was allowed to take home any amount left after bidding or what his item in the white sale brought. Needless to say this was the highlight of the evening.

A card from the South Africa Manx Society which had just been received that month was passed around for all to see.

It was decided that the Society would join the Mayor's Council of Arts and Humanities, an organization which has as its goal a project to put Bisbee on the map to try to attract industry and retirement population to the area. The town is a copper company town and with the expected closing of the pit in the 70's something has to be done to keep the place going.

The April meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chick when guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering and Mr. Art McKeeby. A wonderful social evening was enjoyed and as usual a generous repast and 'tay'.

Mr. Arnold Corrin and his wife are visiting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wood have just returned from a trip to Havazu, Arizona, where Mrs. Wood who is Grand Organist for Eastern Star, helped to institute a new Chapter.

Mr. Cecil Corrin, Mrs. Ivy Dillon, Mrs. Don VanCamp and her son, David, will be going to the Isle of Man to attend the Convention. They leave June 16th. and will visit London and Amsterdam before going to the Island where they will stay with their cousin Albert S. Corrin of Alexander Drive, Douglas.

*Ivy Dillon,
Secretary.*

GALVA

Galva has no activities to report. Members are saddened to report the loss of Edward Collister, a faithful member and a founder of the Galva Manx Society.

*Hilda Collinson,
Secretary.*

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

The Southern California Manx Society during the past three months has enjoyed pleasant meetings together at the homes of several of our members and we have been happy to greet several new friends to our group and to welcome them to become members of our Society.

We have had discussions about the coming N.A.M.A. Convention to the Isle of Man in July of this year and several of our members and their families are planning to attend. With the many activities and entertainments being planned for this first N.A.M.A. Convention to the Homeland it should be a great success and a very happy time for all.

At our last meeting on March 14, 1970, held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James C. Caley, we elected new officers for the coming year.

Mr. William K. Caley

President

Mr. Malcolm Kinley

Vice-President

Mrs. Ellen Bain

Secretary and Treasurer

Our next meeting is to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Corkhill of Glendale, California. It will also be a Bon Voyage celebration for those going to the Convention and, for those of us who are unable to attend, we will be waiting for their return to hear all their stories of the happy time on the Isle of Man.

Our Society extends greetings to Manx friends visiting California from other States — get in touch with us at any time.

*Ellen Bain, Sec'y-Treas.
3034 E. Broadway,
Long Beach, Calif. 90803.*

WINNIPEG

The final meeting of the Winnipeg Manx Society will be held on May 23rd., 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Quirk will be on the Island for the Convention, also Mrs. May Vigfusson.

It is hoped to hold the annual picnic in July.

*Dinah M. Inge,
Sec'y-Treas.*

ROCHESTER

It looks as though Rochester would have a good delegation attending the convention in Douglas.

We are looking forward to meeting old friends and relatives.

WILL YOU BE THERE?

*Alice Garrett
Regional Director*

CLEVELAND MANX

(formerly Mona's Relief Society)

A Send-Off Party is planned at our June meeting for those Clevelanders who will be attending the N.A.M.A. Convention is the Isle of Man. We wish for them — and all other folks going to the convention — a safe journey and a happy time in the Island. We know the convention will be a success. Our thoughts will be with you all in Douglas — come that first week in July!

Sometime in August (place and date not yet arranged at this writing) we will be having our annual picnic. Should anyone be visiting in Cleveland that month and be interested in coming to our picnic, please contact our president, Richard Kelly. Phone: 944-5807.

*Marge Krach
Publicity*

THE L'L PEOPLE

Born — March 7th., 1970, a son, James Thomas, to Kathryn and James Frank. The proud grandmother, Mona Kerruish Frank, is a member of Chicago Manx Society.

The April 1970 edition of the National Geographic magazine has an article: — The Vikings, by Howard Lafay and Ted Spiegel, which begins on page 492. Readers might like to know that there is reference to the Isle of Man on page 515.

MEAISH

Did you know that there was a Manx measure used for counting herrings? Mr. T.C. Southward of New Zealand sends this account of it.

A Meaish consisted of 620 herrings or five Manx hundred and is made up as follows:

Tally = 1
Warp = 3
Long score = 24
Manx hundred = Five long score plus warp and tally
or 120 plus 1 plus 3 = 124
Meaish = Five Manx hundred or 620

MANX BLUE?

We have heard of Kelly green. But what is Manx blue?

What color is it and where can it be found?

The Chicago Daily News Want Ad section of April 16th., featured Dunebuggies Manx-blue in color.

Can anyone answer the question?

Emily Kelly, Chicago.

CONVENTION CHARTER FLIGHT

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any of these members require overnight accommodation to be booked for them, please advise me AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and I will have this arranged through our Canadian Agent who will notify you direct for the booking.

It is expected that by the time the Bulletin is published we will have a full booking for the charter flight, however it is usual, our Agent advises, to have one or two cancellations, so if you find that you are able to make that journey home, call me at 416-451-9889 or write and if there are any vacancies I will book you in.

Finally, don't forget, all members who are travelling to the Convention — regardless of the way you are going — to do the following things before you leave if your home or apartment is going to be unoccupied:

1 - Let someone know — a close relative or neighbour — that the place will be unoccupied and if possible leave them a key.

2 - Let them know where in Europe you can be contacted, i.e. leave your itinerary with them in case of emergency.

3 - Cancel your newspaper, and milk and bread deliveries.

4 - Don't leave the house looking as

though it is unoccupied — leave a couple of lights on.

DON'T FORGET —

Your passport — check to see that it hasn't expired

The same with your vaccination certificate

(The date you check is not the date you leave but the date you return.

Both documents must be still valid on that date !!)

If you are travelling on the charter don't forget your N.A.M.A. card and make certain that it is NOT your 1970/71 card as this would not indicate your membership has been valid for 6 months or more. Your 1969-70 card is the one to bring.

Charter Flight Members — your tickets, baggage labels, etc. will be mailed to you in lots of time before you are due to leave home. Don't forget to make your booking early if you are flying into Toronto from another city and your return booking from Toronto at the same time.

Happy landings!

*Stan Shimmin,
Convention Chairman,
53 Fallingdale Crescent,
Brama'lea, Ontario.*

CONVENTION HOTEL TARIFF

The Majestic Hotel which will be the N.A.M.A. headquarters during the Convention has worked out the following special tariff for Convention delegates: —

Inner rooms 45/— per person per day

Outer rooms 50/— per person per day

Room with bath 55/— per person per day

5/— per day should be added to the above charges for single occupancy

5/— equals approximately 63 cents

If you haven't already done so, and intend to stay at the Convention Hotel (The Majestic Hotel), send your booking direct to them VIA AIR MAIL as the accommodation remaining is very limited.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

Among the Florida Manx who are hoping to attend the Convention are Mrs. Annie Jackson and Mr. Willie Quine of Lake Worth, and Mrs. Peterson of St. Petersburg who left the Island about 69 years ago when a small child and will be making her first journey back to attend the Convention.

Cleveland folk attending the Convention in I.O.M. will be Dick and Katherine Kelly, Edith and Linorah Cox, Margaret Yetman Glunt and her daughter, Bessie Auty and her niece from Chicago, and Elinor Cain. The Harry Kelly's have had to cancel their plans to attend but expect to be returning shortly from Florida. Their daughter Florence and son-in-law are to fly down to drive them back.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brown of London, Ontario, who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. They recently enjoyed a vacation in Barbados.

Myrra Stevenson Johnson and her family from Chicago are eagerly awaiting the Convention. They expect to meet cousins they have never seen before. One cousin, Charlie Southward, will be there from New Zealand, another, Elsie Swanson, plans to be there from South Africa and a third will come from Heswall in the English Lake District. When the Convention is over Charlie Southward plans to return to New Zealand by way of South Africa to meet his cousins there.

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NEWS OF MANX SOCIETIES

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CHICAGO

Due to the miserable wintry weather and the distance our members have to travel, the Chicago Manx Society members have had no activities whatever during the cold weather. We do, however, wish to take this opportunity to convey greetings and best wishes to all Manx friends attending the N.A.M.A. Convention in the Isle of Man this summer.

The Society is planning on holding its 97th Anniversary Supper at the home of Florence Watterson and her sister, Dorothy Nickelson, on Saturday, May 16th., 1970.

We have again been invited to participate in the 1970 Chicago Holiday Folk Fair the weekend of October 31 and November 1. The Folk Fair includes exhibits and foods of many ethnic groups and is a very popular attraction. The Chicago Manx Society has represented the Isle of Man for the past 9 years.

*Robert Kelly, President
Emily Kelly, Secretary*

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society held a meeting at the Westbury Hotel on Saturday, April 25th. The rain poured down but that did not dampen the spirits of the Manx people.

The meeting opened with the singing of Ellan Vannin and a silence was observed for members who have passed from this life. The president, Mr. Stan Shimmin, welcomed old members and quite a few new ones as well. A great deal of business was dealt with; the convention news and events for the coming season were discussed. The atmosphere of the hotel and the congeniality of the people made for a successful meeting after which tea, coffee and cookies were served. The Manx then had time to talk over old times and to discuss coming events:

Strawberry tea at Mrs. E. Holts

2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

36 Fairglen Crescent, Weston.

Manx Picnic at Terra Cotta Park

Saturday, July 4th. at 1.30 p.m.

For further information phone: —

Dot Hall 463-8144

Eileen Mitchell 284-1236

Dot Foster 293-4262

Dot Hall, Secretary.

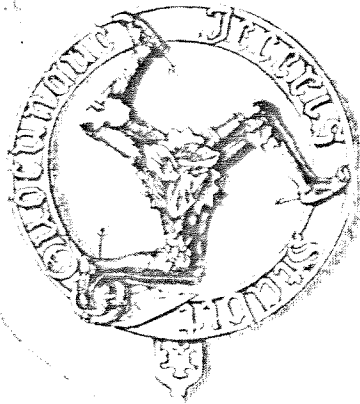
HARPER'S VIEW OF THE OF MAN - - - 1875

PART I

Harper's New Monthly Magazine published in March, 1875, an extremely interesting article on the Isle of Man and it is proposed to publish it in the Bulletin in instalments beginning with Part I in this issue.

Mr. Edward Sayle of Arlington, Virginia, who sent in this article made copies of the original illustrations and it is hoped to be able to reproduce these also.

There is a patch of land in the stormy Irish Sea called the Isle of Man, about which many traveled and untraveled Americans know scarcely more than its name. On a sunny day the highlands of Ulster, in Ireland, and of Galloway, in Scotland, are visible from its western shore, and from the summit of Snaefell Mountain busy little England is seen fretting in the golden haze far across the sea. It is not much greater than Staten Island in area, and an ambitious Californian might look upon it as a fair-sized ranch. But small as it is—a mere speck on the map of Great Britain—it has a government of its own, with a House of Parliament, a people infused with noble blood, and a thrilling and eventful history. Hawthorne found it out while he was a consul at Liverpool, and has praised it in the delicious prose of his *English Note-Books*; Scott gathered material for *Peveril of the Peak* from its romantic scenery and legends; and Wordsworth commemorated a visit to it in a sonnet. But it is not in these few literary associations that its chief interest lies.



The history of its varied fortunes and the ancestry of its superstitious people have a peculiar interest, dating as they do from the thrilling age when the Norsemen were mighty in the West.

In its greatest length the island measures about thirty-three miles, and in its greatest breadth about thirteen. Its circumference is seventy-five miles, excluding the sinuosities of the bays; and it contains a superficial area of about one hundred and thirty thousand acres, or two hundred and three square miles. Enjoying the benefits of the Gulf Stream, the climate is singularly mild and genial, and there are few other places in the world where the difference between winter and summer is so slight. The mean temperature of summer is usually about 56.17°; of autumn, 46.97° of winter, 40.90°; of spring, 44.70°. There is plenty of rain, but very little snow or frost. Fuchsias grow to the height of ten or twelve feet out-of-doors and are found, a mass of crimson blossoms, in the poorest gardens. As to the healthfulness of the climate, you should see the native girls, rosy-cheeked, plump, active, and gleeful, and the men, who are as stalwart, muscular, and handsome a race as ever breathed sea-air.

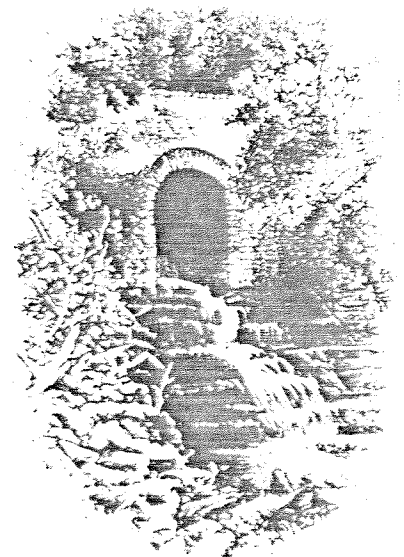
For the most part the coast is rocky and wild, hoar with the foam of the turbulent sea that surrounds it, and indented with capacious harbors and innumerable creeks; but in the north the land sinks into a low pasturage, and meets the water on the glistening pebbles of a smooth beach. The interior includes nearly every kind of natural scenery—heather-clad balsamic hills, plains as richly cultivated as the downs of Surrey, wide reaches of prickly gorse as drear as Yorkshire moors, and the prettiest of cascades. The enchantment of Northern land dwells in its subdued light and on its mist-crowned heights.

An old statute-book relates how a wizard king first ruled in the island, and enshrouded it in vapor. An Irish glossary written by an old king of Munster corroborates the statement, adding that the wizard was also the best pilot in the west of Europe, and was called Mannan MacLleirr, or the Son of the Sea—a name which he extended, in part, to his kingdom.

Caesar called the island Mona; Pliny, Monabia; Orosius, Menavia; Bede, Menavia Secunda; the Saxons, Mannie; the Welsh, Monan; the Irish, Menaud; the Scandinavians, Mon; and the natives still call it Mannin. From all that these eminent ancients have said only one thing is certain, and that has no reference to MacLleirr. The Scots inhabited the island at an early date, and in 520 a.d. a nephew of King Arthur came from Wales and conquered it. Then for many years it was in a tumultuous state, and was successively held by the Scots again, the Welsh, the Northumbrians, and other of the Anglo-Saxon nations.

In 870, when Roderic the Great was King of Mercia, he conferred the sovereignty of the island upon his son Anaraut, and it was during the term of the latter that the vikings included it among their conquests. These old heroes were the victims of lawless and blood-thirsty dispositions, and had withdrawn from their allegiance to Harold Haarfager. The more peaceful and penitently inclined emigrated to Iceland, out of the reach of the offended king, where they established themselves in prosperity and honor. But the others settled nearer home, and occupied the Isle of Man, from which vantage-ground they continued to make things lively for their fatherland. Harold was not long in following them. "But when he had come westward as far as Man," says his saga, "the report of his exploits on the land had gone before him; for all the inhabitants had fled over to Scotland, and the island was left entirely bare both of people and goods, so that he and his men made no booty when they landed."

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BALLURE BRIDGE

TIMES HAVE CHANGED

Visitors to the Isle of Man this summer will find little resemblance in their modern hotel or boarding house to the one described in the advertisement below which appeared towards the end of the last century:

ALBERT HOTEL,
RAMSEY,
ISLE OF MAN

This old-established and extensive HOTEL is patronized by the Nobility, Clergy, Gentry, Commercial Travelers, and Visitors to the Isle of Man. The BED ROOMS are well-aired, and fitted up with every regard to health, comfort and convenience.

The SITTING ROOMS command views of the Bay, Harbour, and the lofty hills of Cumberland.

In the COFFEE ROOMS, Visitors will have every attention: a liberal table with moderate charges.

The WINES, SPIRITS, etc., are of the finest quality, with BASS'S and other ALES.

The SMOKE ROOM, which has been newly erected, is the largest and best ventilated on the island. It commands an extensive view of the Bay, and is well supplied with English and Manx Papers.

COACHES TO & FROM DOUGLAS
& PEEL

BATHING VANS BELONGING TO
THE HOTEL READY AT ALL
TIMES OF THE TIDE

HIP AND SHOWER BATHS

GENTLEMEN stopping a week or more, 4s. 6d. per day for Board, Lodging and Attendance. Passengers by the MONA'S ISLE and other Steamers, have a fine view of the house on approaching the Bay.

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As soon as Harold had retired the vikings returned to the island, and killed an earl to whom he had intrusted the government. A second earl whom the king sent to subdue them was also killed, and his wife and daughter were sold as slaves. The island then became a pirates' lair, and the children of Harold, by condoning the vices of the vikings, managed to hold the throne of Mona for several generations.

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DEEP SEA TREASURE HUNT

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stock being too little for his capacious requisition. A very skilful mathematician on board, observed he knew by the quantity of line he must have descended below the surface of the waters more than twice the number of leagues that the moon is computed to be distant from the earth. But having no more cord, they were obliged to haul the diver up. On being taken out of the machine, he appeared much troubled at his journey being so short, and observed, that could he have gone a little further, he should have discovered things well worth the search. 'After,' said he, 'I had passed the region of fishes, I descended into a pure element, clear as the air in the serenest and most unclouded day, through which, as I passed, I saw the bottom of the watery world, paved with coral, and a shining kind of pebbles, which glittered like

the sunbeams reflected on a glass. I longed to tread the delightful paths, and never felt more exquisite delight than when the machine I was enclosed in grazed upon it. On looking through the little windows of my prison, I saw large streets and squares on every side, ornamented with huge pyramids of crystal, not inferior in brightness to the finest diamonds; and the most beautiful buildings, not stone, nor brick, but of mother-of-pearl, and embossed in various figures with shells of all colours. The passage which led to one of those magnificent apartments being open, I endeavoured, with my whole strength, to move my enclosure towards it, which I did, though with great difficulty, and very slowly. At last, however, I entered a very spacious room, in the midst of which stood a large amber table, with several chairs round the same. The floor of it was composed of rough diamonds, topazes, emeralds, rubies, and pearls. Here I doubted not but to make my voyage as profitable as it was pleasant, for could I have brought with me but a few of these, they would have been of more value than all we could hope for in a thousand wrecks; but they were so closely wedged in, and so strongly cemented by time, that they were not to be unfastened. I saw several chains, carcans, and rings, of all manner of precious stones, finely cut, and set after our manner, which I suppose had been the prize of the winds and waves. These were hanging loosely on the jasper walls, by strings made of rushes, which I might easily have taken down; but, as I had edged myself within half a foot reach of them, I was unfortunately drawn back through your want of line. In my return, I saw several comely mermen and beautiful mermaids, the inhabitants of this blissful realm, swiftly descending towards it; but they seemed frightened at my appearance, and glided at a distance from me, taking me, no doubt, for some monstrous and new-created species."

THIS ENCHANTED ISLAND

*"If once you have slept on an island
You'll never be quite the same;
You may look as you looked the
[day before
And go by the same old name.
You may hustle about in the street
[and shop.
You may sit at home and sew,
But you'll see blue water and
[wheeling gulls
Wherever your feet may go.
You may chat with the neighbors
[of this and that
And close to the fire keep,
But you'll hear ship whistle and
[lighthouse bell
And tides bear through your sleep.
And you won't know why and you
[can't say how
Such a change upon you came,
But once you have slept on an island
You'll never be quite the same."*

*From: Taxis and Toadstools,
by Rachel Field.*

I don't suppose the author was specifically talking about the Isle of Man but I do think this is a feeling many, many of us have after visiting the I.O.M. — don't you?

*Edna Cowin,
Westlake, Ohio.*

N.A.M.A. CONVENTION MAJESTIC HOTEL DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN

For seven years Ruth and Ellen Carlson, proprietors of the Glen Orry Manx Cattery, have shown their beautiful cats and kittens at the Chicago International Folk Fair but for the past two years the dates have conflicted with those of Cat Shows. This year the cats were at the Cat Show in Madison, Wisconsin, for the same days as the Folk Fair.

OBITUARIES

AGNEW, Mary (Molly) wife of the late John Patrick Agnew of Douglas, Isle of Man, passed away suddenly on March 20th., 1970. She was a member of the N.A.M.A. and always took an active part in the Montreal Manx Society. She is survived by her 5 children; John, his wife Corrine and their three daughters of Pierrefonds, Que.; Arthur, his wife Edna, two daughters and a son of St. Sauveur des Monts, Que.; Frederick, his wife Isobel, two sons and a daughter of Dorion, Que.; Patrick, his wife Laurette, three sons and one daughter of Pierrefonds, Que., and her daughter, Nancy and son-in-law Patrick J. Rooney and Mary-Catherine with whom she lived at 11 Caille Avenue, St. Bruno, Que.

COLLISTER, Edward, aged 80, of Galva, Illinois, died on April 22nd., 1970, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dennis Busch. He had been in failing health since September.

He was born December 11, 1889, on the Isle of Man where he received his education at St. Marks. He came to the United States at the age of 16 in 1905 settling in the Galva community where he was engaged in farming. He retired in 1948 and moved into Galva.

He married Fern McKane on Feb. 24, 1924, at Kewanee. She preceded him in death on Sept. 18, 1959. Surviving are the daughter, Mrs. Dennis (Margaret) Busch of Northbrook; one brother, Frank Collister of Galva; one sister, Mrs. Emma Radcliff

OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mr. Tom Kelley of Lacombe, Alberta, Canada, writes that he read with interest the reporter's account of a visit to the Isle of Man in the last Bulletin. Mr. Kelley was born in Laxey and lived there until coming to the United States in 1907 and he would just love to be going back to attend the Convention and to show his Canadian wife the Island, however, at the age of 85 these things are not possible. The Bulletin article reminded him of a Sunday school outing to Castletown by four horse coach and of a visit to Castle Rushen.

He sends best wishes for an enjoyable and successful Convention.

of the Isle of Man. He was also preceded in death by his parents and a number of brothers and sisters.

DOWNWARD, Mona Annie died suddenly in her 74th year at Newmarket, Ontario, Canada. She was the daughter of the late John Thomas Quilliam of Peel, I.O.M., and Catherine Elizabeth Dodd also of Peel; the wife of the late Joseph Gordon Downward and the mother of the late Mona Patricia and the late Flying Officer Alan Quilliam (R.C. A.F.); sister of the late Dawson Quilliam. She is survived by her brother, Alan Quilliam, of Santon, I.O.M., her two sons, Clinton of Bramalea, Ontario, and Gordon of Don Mills, Ontario, and her seven grandchildren, Janet, Danny, Kim, Alan, Pamela, Andrew and Caroline.

She emigrated from I.O.M. in 1929 and returned for brief visits in 1937 and 1962. Both she and her husband were very active in the Toronto Manx Society for many years. Both her husband and her son Alan served in the armed forces during World War II and made frequent visits to the Island while stationed in England.

HOWARD, Annie of 1940 East Tremont Avenue, Bronx, New York 10462, passed away on January 21st, 1969. Mrs. Howard was born in Ballaugh in the Isle of Man and was for many years a member of the N.A.-M.A. She is survived by her husband, John W. Howard.

KELLEY, Eleanor May (née Joughin) 78 years, passed away March 4, 1970, at her home Rt. 4, Box 429P, Albany, Oregon. She was born in Douglas, Isle of Man, June 9, 1891, and came to the United States in 1930 with her Uncle, William Joughin. She had lived in Nebraska and Colorado, and in 1958 made her home in Albany, Oregon. She was a member of First Methodist Church and W.C.T.U. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mona J. Paben, Albany, Oregon, and four grandchildren. Mrs. Kelley was very active in the Nebraska Manx Association while a resident there.

KELLY, Phillip Edward, died March 30th., 1970. Mr. Kelly was born in Laxey, Isle of Man, on August 31, 1876. Mrs. Kelly, the former Annie Lewin, preceded him in death. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Mona Burn-

worth of Confluence, Pa., a member of the N.A.M.A.

KELLY, J. Charles, 84 years old, of Luther Home at Marinette, Wisc., passed away on March 26th., 1970. He was born Nov. 27, 1885, at Crosby on the Isle of Man and came to America in 1911. Mr. Kelly married Agnes J. Kewley in 1921 and she preceded him in death in 1958. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lillian Kelly and brothers Cesar and George Kelly. His survivors are one sister Mrs. Essie Walton, on the Isle of Man, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Effie Kelly, of Racine, Wisc., as well as several nieces and nephews. Although Mr. Kelly was blind he made the trip to the Isle of Man with the 1962 Home Coming group and returned home again in 1966.

LUCKOW, Mona Quayle with her husband Elmer, and his brother William and wife Gertrude, were in a fatal car accident on the Illinois Highway on Sunday, April 5th., 1970. William Luckow and his wife were killed in the crash and Elmer and Mona taken to hospital where Elmer is still in critical condition. Mona passed away on April 22nd., without regaining consciousness. She was a cousin of Dorothy Watterson Nickelson and Florence Watterson, members of the Chicago Manx Society.

MOUGHTIN, Mabel (Caine) of Cleveland, Ohio, died March 27th, 1970. She was the wife of the late Joseph, mother of James D., Margaret Standish, Bernard, Kenneth and Mona Dahl, grandmother of six, great-grandmother of seven, sister of Robert Caine, Nellie and Edith of the Isle of Man, and Herbert Caine.

MILLS, Dorothy Herold, passed away on Thursday, April 16th., 1970, in Wilmette, Illinois. Dorothy was the beloved wife of Glen Mills, fond mother of Barbara Brown, also Joanne Spiegel. Dorothy was a first cousin of Emily Kelly, secretary of the Chicago Manx Society, and was a member of the Society. Memorial services were held on Monday, April 20th., at the Presbyterian Church in Wilmette.

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