

# Manx Notes 96 (2007)

“I OFTEN THINK OF YOU AND BUT VERY FEW BESIDE YOU”

A CHECKLIST OF LETTERS FROM  
EDWARD FARAGHER TO KARL ROEDER

- 1889? (1) [25 December] (MS 2146/6 A)
- 1896 (2) 8 June (MS 09495, Box 4); (3) 25 June (MD 269); (4) 28 July (MS 1246/1 A); (5) 14 August (MS 2146/3 A); (6) 18 September (MS 11064, Box 2) & (M277/12/1-147); (7) 31 August\* (M277/12/1-91); (8) [?] September (MS 09447); (9) 2 October (MS 1246/2 A); (10) 26 October (MS 1246/3 A); (11) 2 November (MS 1246/4 A); (12) 17 November (MS 1246/5 A); (13) 8 December (MS 1246/6 A); (14) 21 December (MS 11064, Box 2)
- 1897 (15) 19 January (MS 11064, Box 2); (16) 28 January (MS 11064, Box 2); (17) 8 February (MS 11064, Box 2); (18) 26 February (MS 1246/7 A); (19) 10 April (MS 11064, Box 2); (20) 18 April (MS 09447); (21) 10 May (MS 09447); (22) 26 May (MS 1246/8 A); (23) 28 June (MS 1246/9 A); (24) 13 September (MS 1246/10 A); (25) 10 December (MS 1246/11 A); (26) 27 December (MS 1246/12 A)
- 1898 (27) 16 March (MS 09447); (28) 30 July (MS 1246/13 A) (29) 2 November (MS 2146/4 A)
- 1899 (30) 4 January (MS 1135 A); (31) 2 March\* (M277/12/1-56); (32) 3 April\* (M277/12/1-55); (33) 1 August (MS 11064, Box 2); (34) 11 August (MS 11064, Box 2); (35) 17 September (MS 11064, Box 2)
- 1900 (36) 5 December (MS 09495, Box 6); (37) 10 December (MS 09495, Box 6); (38) 19 December (MS 2146/5 A)
- 1901 (39) 1 April (MS 09447); (40) 23 February (MS 1246/14 A)
- 1902 (41) 14 April (M277/12/1-141)
- 1907 (42) 20 December (M277/12/1-141)
- 1908 (43) 14 April (M277/12/1-141)

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**Sources:** Manx National Heritage Library: MS 1135 A; MS 1246/1-14 A; MS 2146/3-6 A; MS 09447, Karl Roeder Papers; MS 09495, Sophia Morrison Papers, Boxes 4, 6; MS 11064, J.J. Kneen Papers, Box 2; MD 269. Manchester Central Library, Manchester City Archives: M277/12/1-55, 56, 91, 141 (x3), 147. **Note:** \* Written in Manx.



“I dont expect to live very long in this world but I will not be sorry to get to my rest yet I often think of you and but very few beside you.” So wrote Edward Faragher to Karl Roeder on 14 April 1908.<sup>1</sup> He was to die in June of that same year and his phrase is made the more poignant as this is the last extant letter between the pair. Judging from the letter written by his son to Canon Kewley from the middle of May, Faragher had lapsed into the final phase of illness and so it is possible that his letter to Roeder is indeed his last one.

Faragher is paying a testament, in more than one sense of the word, to the relationship that existed between the pair of them, one that had certainly begun (using the dates of correspondence) by 1896 but which it is possible to conjecture had started at least in 1889. As ever, it is difficult to decide how much of the correspondence between the pair is lost rather than extant; judging by the letters surviving from 1896 and the following year of 1897, and compared to the other years, a considerable number have not survived. Nevertheless, a remarkable number of forty-three, known to date, are available for study.

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<sup>1</sup> See letter [43].