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THE REVIVAL OF THE MANX LANGUAGE (2) THE ISLE OF MAN EXAMINER (24 DECEMBER 1898)

The effort to revive Manx as a spoken and written language is meeting with much encouraging success. In all parts of the country young people are eager to acquire a knowledge of the mother tongue, while the older folk have been stimulated to impart a knowledge of the Gaelic to their juvenile and uninstructed acquaintances. It is very pleasant, too, to be assured that a very important factor in this awakened interest is the Manx column of the *Examiner*. The contributions published in the native language are eagerly read by hundreds, and it is really astonishing what a large number of people yet understand Manx. Recently the preacher in a southside Wesleyan Chapel, read the lessons in Manx, and the congregation appreciatively sang a Manx hymn. At country concerts, too, it has become the fashion to give songs and recitations in Manx, and altogether the outlook for the patriotic band engaged in the conservation of the language is most promising. Perhaps who may not have to wait long ere there will again be Sunday afternoon services in Manx held in the Victoria-street Wesleyan Church, and it may be that in the near future a thorough knowledge of Manx will be a *sine qua non* for admission to the ministry of the Manx Church!

“The effort to” *Isle of Man Examiner* 24 December 1898: [4]f.

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