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“VICTORIA STREET MANX TEA”

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“[Photograph caption] Victoria Street Manx Tea,” *Isle of Man Examiner* 16 February 1934, 1c–d.

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A most successful Manx tea and concert was held in the Victoria Street Methodist Church schoolrooms yesterday evening. An excellent meal was served under the supervision of the following ladies: Mrs R. Bridson, Miss Shimmin, Mrs J. Coole and Mrs Edwin Cowley, Miss C. Coole and Miss M. Kinley, Mrs J.R. Killip and Mrs R.W. Cain, Mrs W. Shimmin and Mrs L. Costain, Mrs and the Misses Cowin, Miss E. Bridson and Miss Ethel Callister, Misses A. and D. Craine, Mrs Corkill and Misses Corkill, Misses E. Skillicorn and G. Teare. The catering was in charge of Miss Mabel Collister, Miss Oates, and Mrs P.M. Shimmin (secretary), and a toffee stall was in charge of Mrs John Holmes, Mrs Riley and Mrs J. Cannell. During the interval Mr W. Leslie Edees, A.R.C.O., A.R.M.C.M., played selections, and there was community singing. In the evening, Mr P. M. Shimmin (Town Clerk) presided over the concert, and the Purt Iern Cushags entertained with a fine performance of Mr

J.C. Cannell's play, "Over the Hill," and assisted by Messrs T.A. Coole and M. Duggan, gave variety items.

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"Manx Tays" as they were billed were once a very popular event in the Island. Often they featured the reconstruction of the interior of a typical Manx farmhouse or cottage if there was a stage available in the venue and the serving of food once on the tables there—*bonnag*, soda bread, barley cakes, amongst other food, and served up by the women dressed in period costume.

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