

# Manx Notes 507 (2020)

## “TEACHING THE MANX LANGUAGE”

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For the first time in its existence the Isle of Man Education Authority is giving active support to the teaching of the Manx language this winter. The prospectus of the Authority’s evening schools states that if sufficient students present themselves facilities will be arranged for the holding of Manx classes at centres in the following districts on evenings convenient to the students the names of the teachers are bracketed after the district:

Douglas (Miss E.J. Cormode).

Ramsey (Mr W.R. Radcliffe).

Peel (Mr C. Cashin).

Castletown (Miss F.E. Davidson).

Rushen (Miss K. Killip).

Laxey (Miss M. Killip).

Ballaugh (Mr D. Craine).

Applications for enrolment in these classes should be addressed to Miss F.E. Davidson, Schoolhouse, St Mark’s, or to any of the class teachers.

This step has been taken at the instance of the Manx Society, of which the Speaker of the House of Keys, Mr J.D. Qualtrough, is president, and the teachers of the language are giving their services free. It is hoped that sufficient support will be forthcoming to enable full advantage to be taken of the facilities which the Education Authority are prepared to provide.

“Teaching the Manx Language.” *Ramsey Courier* 2 October 1942: 3e.

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Between the Manx Language Revival of the 1890s and today’s boom in support and use of the language were those who in the bleak years inbetween faced indifference and often hostility in their enthusiasm for the language but who kept on regardless. The organisation of classes for learners was informal but here for the first time as the *Courier* pointed out there was a measure of (quasi-)official support for the language.

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