

# Manx Notes 471 (2020)

“MANX SKETCH AT HILLBERRY”

(1934)



“[Photograph caption] Manx Sketch at Hillberry,” *Isle of Man Examiner* 16 February 1934, 1c–d.

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About twenty members of the Rose Mount Wesley Guild spent a enjoyable time on Tuesday when they visited the Hillberry Wesley Guild. The proceedings, which were held in the new Sunday School, began with a welcome to the visitors expressed by Mr Caesar Kaighin, and subsequently the Rose Mount Guilders gave a concert under the chairmanship of Mr A.C. Teare, of Douglas. Items were given by Miss Lily

Radcliffe, Miss Enid Lord, and Messrs G. Smith and E. Mitchell, and a very laughable Manx sketch entitled “Auction Gossip” was given by Misses E. Cubbin, A. Corlett, M. Crawley, D. McGlashen and I. Stone. A number of choruses were also given by the visitors. Refreshments were afterwards served by the Hillberry ladies under the supervision of Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Kaighin, and games brought a very successful meeting to a close.

“Hillberry,” *Isle of Man Examiner* 16 February 1934, 15f.

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Little studied are events such as the one reported here which feature a “Manx Sketch,” comic playlets that gently mock features of Island life—real or stereotyped—but by doing so provide a reinforcement that the Isle of Man has an identity all of its own. Incidentally, this photograph appears under the one reproduced in the previous *Manx Note*.

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