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“DANISH FISHERMEN LEARN MANX HYMN” *

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On a recent date, Mr H. Browning Button, of Birmingham, lectured on “Beautiful Manxland” to the Anglo-Danish Association at Esbjerg. There were about 50 members of the Society present, who listened with keen interest to the lecturer’s account of the origin of the Island’s symbol, the Scandinavian traditions and relics, and his description of a series of artistic lantern slides representative of the varied interests of the Island.

In reply to questions at the close of the lecture, Mr Button was able to give practical information as to the best way to reach the Island from London, approximate cost, *etc.*

The Danish audience, all of whom understood English, were particularly interested in the Manx music the lecturer played on the piano, and by request, he repeated the Fishermen’s Evening Hymn two or three times.

Esbjerg is an important fishing port, and one of the members is going to teach the Danish fishermen to sing the Manx tune.

“Danish Fishermen Learn Manx Hymn. Lecture on Manxland at Esbjerg.”
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As ever, one of those pieces found only by chance. One wonders if the fisherfolk of Esbjerg still have the Manx Fishermen’s Evening Hymn in their repertoire.

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