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“THE AUDIENCE WERE HIGHLY DELIGHTED  
WITH THE ENTERTAINMENT” \*

1901

On Thursday, an entertainment was given in the Ballabeg new chapel by Mr Swales, with his Edison’s phonograph, which is the largest on the Island. The audience were highly delighted with the entertainment. The solos, “The Better Land” and “Soldiers in the Park,” were encored; and the playing of the “Hallelujah Chorus” was simply grand. At the close a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr Swales for the very excellent programme he had provided. Mr Swales is always pleased to give a similar entertainment for any charitable or philanthropic object.

“Ballabeg.” *Isle of Man Weekly Times* 9 March 1901: 7f.

1909

A most enjoyable evening was spent on Wednesday in connection with the winding up of the winter session of Arbory young men’s reading room. The entertainment, which took the form of a social, tea, and concert, was much appreciated by a goodly number of members and friends. The following ladies presided at the tables: Miss Gell and Miss I. Cubbon, and Miss Clarke and Miss Kinvig.

After tea a short programme was gone through. The chairman of the reading room (Mr T. Moore, Ballaglonney) being indisposed, the chair was occupied by Mr F. Cubbon. The following were the items: Phonograph selections, Mr J. Maddrell; recitation, Mr W.H. Gell; phonograph selections, Mr Maddrell; solo, Mr J.J. Corrin; recitation, Miss Gell; phonograph selections, Mr Maddrell, solo, Mr W.H. Gell; phonograph selection, Mr Maddrell; solo, Mr J.J. Corrin. After the usual votes of thanks, the most successful meeting of the session was brought to a close.

“Arbory.” *Isle of Man Examiner* 3 April 1909: 3e.

The coming of the phonograph into the musical life of the Island as shown here in Ballabeg Chapel in 1901 and in the Arbory Young Men’s Reading Room in 1909.

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