Dun Dealgan Purchase Fund

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himself had a thorough knowledge of his mother-tongue. To us his loss is irreparable. He was always so sane and sound in his advice, and had the wisdom which comes from knowledge and experience. As a lover of Manx music he did most valuable work, and was a recognised musical critic, and many beautiful traditional Manx airs owe their preservation to him.

We hope to publish during the coming year a Manx primer, founded on the Berlitz system, by Mr. J. J. Kneen. It is an admirable primer, entirely in Manx, and will be a great help to students. It will be brought out at a popular price. An excellent Manx translation of part of the *Pilgrim's Progress*, by the late Mr. James Callow, a M.L.S. member, has appeared in the *Examiner*, and will shortly be published in booklet form. The translation is very good, smooth, and idiomatic—'right good Manx.'

It is interesting to note that, for the first time, lectures on the modern Celtic revival are being given in connection with the Paris University. Some correspondence has taken place between our Society and Monsieur Morvan Goblet, the lecturer, who is President of the Economical Section of the Union Regionaliste Bretonne, and himself a Breton. In one of his lectures he gave a sketch of the movement in our Island, for which we were glad to be able to furnish him with some information, and which has since been published in *La Revue*. Such a course of lectures as this in so important a centre as Paris must be regarded as a great encouragement by those who have the Celtic movement, or any particular branch of it, at heart.

It is very much to be hoped that the following appeal will meet with a hearty response from those to whom it is addressed :—

'DUN DEALGAN' PURCHASE FUND

Dundalk, 1911.

DEAR SIR or MADAM,—In the month of January last year a blow was struck for Irish History and Archæology. 'Dún Dealgan,' latterly known as Castletown Mount, Dundalk, an ancient Celtic stronghold, where Cuchulain was born and where he lived, has been secured to the use of the public. We ask Irish men and women, archæologists, historians, and students of folk-lore, at home and abroad, to subscribe towards the repayment of the purchase money and towards its upkeep.

Dún Dealgan is an imposing fort overlooking the town and bay of Dundalk. This fort, the birthplace and home of Cuchulain, the Irish Achilles, the peerless hero of the Red Branch Cycle, whose great deeds, compressed into so short a life, are still ringing down the years, as they have done since before the Christian era, this still dominant Dun, dominant yet hoary with years, and withal practically undefaced, has been rescued from private ownership, from the possibility of partial or complete disfigure-

ment, and is now—if it is your wish—to be maintained for ever, free from the Goth and free to the Gael. Is it your wish?

Dún Dealgan was offered for sale in the Chancery Court in Dublin, and the undersigned, fearing that, as the house on its summit had been closed and untenable for some years, it might be bought for a small sum, and perhaps completely damaged, guaranteed £200, and placed a tender in the names of Redmond Magrath and Harry G. Tempest. The tender was accepted, and the deposit has been advanced by five of the signatories jointly. The balance must be shortly lodged to complete the sale.

It is proposed to vest the Dún with the Co. Louth Archaeological Society, to be preserved to the use of the public, as a headquarters and museum, if it can be arranged, or in any other way which may be found on consideration to be the best. Provision will be made that, should the Society ever become extinct, the trust will still be carried on. It is hardly necessary to state that no commission, or anything of the kind, will be paid to any of those interested, and no expenses will be charged against the purchase fund other than mere out-of-pocket ones.

It will take a sum of £1000 to clear the purchase money, and by investment ensure the proper repair and preservation of the Dún, and we call on all Irish people with confidence, both those in Louth and beyond it, in Ireland, and beyond the seas, in true patriotism to subscribe the amount twice over if it were necessary.

Will you do your share? Please do not put it off.

Yours faithfully,

HENRY BELLINGHAM, Bart., Pres. Co. Louth A.S.

MARY WHITWORTH, Vice-Pres. do. do.

HARRY G. TEMPEST, do. do. do.

Hon. Sec. to the Fund.

IRISH TEXTS SOCIETY

At the Annual Meeting of this Society, held at 20 Hanover Square, London—Mr. Samuel Boyle in the chair—the Hon. Sec., Miss Eleanor Hull, presented the Thirteenth Annual Report, which stated that the first of the three volumes of Rev. John Mac Erlean's edition of the *Poems of David O'Bruadair* appeared at the beginning of this year, and formed the Society's publication for the year 1908. Although still unavoidably in arrears in the publication of their volumes, the Council are doing their utmost to bring them up to date, and it is hoped that the speedy completion of the remaining two volumes of this work will enable them to achieve this result. The Editor has already made considerable progress with his second volume, which he hopes to send to press almost immediately. The first volume, now issued, deals with the poems of O'Bruadair down to the year 1666; each poem being prefaced by an introduction dealing with