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I N T R O D U C T I O N

This phonology of Late Spoken Manx (hereinafter usually referred to as LSM) forms the third volume of *A HANDBOOK OF LATE SPOKEN MANX* (Niemeyer, Tübingen 1984), and is divided into two parts - the first dealing with a synchronic, the second a diachronic study. In the first part I have attempted to describe, so far as is possible (v. below), the sound system of the remnants of native Manx Gaelic speech as recorded (either on sound-recordings or in phonetic script) from the last generation of native speakers; the recordings used span a period from August 1909 to August 1972. Details of the recordings can be found in the Introduction to Vol. 1. The second part attempts to show how each of the sounds of 'Common Gaelic' developed in LSM; the starting point taken is the end of the 'Common Gaelic' period (c. 1250AD) before the break-up into the three Gaelic languages of Modern Irish, Scottish Gaelic, and Manx.¹ In this respect I follow Jackson who used the same starting point in his 'Contributions' (1955). Before discussing some of the problems encountered particularly when making the synchronic study, some details as to how the material was gathered and some observations made by the collectors could perhaps be looked at. There then follows an assessment of the material used.

The first ever sound-recordings of LSM, so far as is known, were made by Dr. Rudolf Trebitsch of the Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, from 5th - 8th August 1909. Trebitsch's visit to Man formed part of a survey by the Akademie of recording extant Celtic languages around that time. The Manx sound-recordings are to be found on ten phonograph cylinders (nos. 1072,

1. v. Jackson (1951).

1088-96) and are housed in the above Akademie. They were made of four speakers (v. Vol. 1:xv, xvi).

The first extensive sound-recording of native Manx Gaelic speech was made on 48 phonograph cylinders by Prof. Carl Marstrander, Dept. of Celtic Studies, University of Oslo, Norway, in late January/early February 1933 (v. Vol. 1: xvi, xvii). Information regarding his three visits to Man (in 1929, 1930, 1933) is almost exclusively to be found in a contemporary diary forming part of the contents of Vol. 5 of his Manx material now in the Manx Museum.² The diary is in Norwegian and was recently translated by Knut Janson of Dublin.

According to the diary, Marstrander's first (and most extensive) visit took place from mid-June to the second week in September 1929. Having arrived in Man via Newcastle, London, and Liverpool (stopping off in London to see the scholar Robin Flower), he began making a tour of the island on bicycle in a clockwise direction starting from Douglas. He would stop at various places on the way and enquire of the local people about Manx and who, if anyone, still spoke it or could remember some of it. He would either be told of the best person or persons to go to for material, or be informed that no one in the district spoke Manx at all. Sometimes those asked might say that their parents or grandparents spoke it, but that they did not. In this way Marstrander was able to build up a fairly accurate picture of the distribution of Manx speakers, or of those that had some Manx, in the island at that time.

One of the persons recommended to him was Thomas Taggart of Grenaby, Malew, whom he (first) visited on 16th June 1929. Of him he says (Di.:16) 'Thomas Taggart turned out to be a jolly old man with a great apostolic beard, and quite a talkative man with a brilliant sense of humour. His pronunciation appears to me to

2. cf. Vol. 1: xvi, xvii.

be inarticulate, not only in Manx but also in English (which, however, doesn't say much, because my knowledge of Manx is practically nil).³ He lisps a little bit; certainly he doesn't have all his teeth, and some of the words appear to stick in his beard. But as far as I can see his Manx is impeccable. He told me that he also knew several Manx songs of the sort you couldn't tell in public.⁴ I'm quite sure I can use the man; I have to keep him in mind, but at the moment I have to carry on my round'.⁵ It was also during this initial cuairt that he came into contact with Harry Kelly, Joseph Woodworth, and Thomas Crebbin, all of whom he later visited and obtained material from (v. Texts).

Marstrander, as we have seen on his own admission, had little or no Manx when he came to the island, and on his circuit he was looking for someone with whom he could work regularly to learn from and question. He found his ideal person on 21st June in Thomas Christian of College Street, Ramsey, whom he describes (Di.:47-8) as 'an excellent old man, a Nordic type through and through. Here I seem finally to have found the man to work with. His pronunciation is clear, the man is intelligent, patient, and understands that he can be of great service to scholarship by making himself available. He answers small test samples quickly and idiomatically'.⁶ Marstrander arranged to visit Christian on a regular basis to learn Manx from him, and he began his lessons with him the following Tuesday (25th June). He tells us (Di.:54) that he would work with him from ca. 10-12 in the morning and from 2-4pm in the afternoon and adds 'Christian without doubt knows a lot of Manx. But it is quite clear that even he is a long time without practice at speaking the language. He often

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3. Until he had (later on) learned Manx he judged the accuracy of the answers people gave him to his test questions from his knowledge of Modern Irish.
 4. For one of them v. Vol. 1: 390.
 5. In fact he went back to Taggart during his second visit.
 6. Potential informants would first be asked to translate simple sentences into Manx, then, if they were able, more difficult ones. One of Marstrander's favourite test questions to elicit the use of the conditional/past subjunctive in unreal conditional clauses was 'I would not have beaten him, had he not been a bad man'.

neglects the ordinary rules of mutation (aspiration [i.e. lenition], eclipsis), but maybe that is part of the development of the dialect he is speaking'.⁷ Marstrander apparently worked regularly with Christian till just prior to his departure in September.

Marstrander returned to Man the following summer, arriving (via Newcastle, London, and Liverpool - the route he took on all three visits) at the beginning of August. The purpose of his visit on that occasion was, acc. to his diary (p. 64), to investigate the southern dialect which he regarded (correctly) as differing 'to a significantly greater degree than what is generally thought from that in the northern part of the island'.⁸ During that second visit he worked mainly with Thomas Taggart, Grenaby; Edward Kennah, Ballaclery; Joseph Woodworth, Port Erin; Thomas Crebbin, Bradda; Harry Kelly, Cregneash, and from Peel with William Quane (Marstrander's main informant for the northern dialect, Thomas Christian, had died on 21st Feb. 1930). He found Taggart a difficult subject to deal with - 'First of all he is deaf and a continuous conversation with him is almost impossible. His memory is also weakened to a considerable degree. ...Yesterday we were shouting for a full four and a half hours, which I'm sure could be heard all over the parish - and we were both completely knackered when we were finished' (Di.:70-1). He regarded Kennah (Di.:68) as a trustworthy man, but noted that he did not speak Manx with ease. Better he found was Jos. Woodworth whom he noted (Di.:68) 'was clear and certain, and his Manx seems to be with him something more than just memories'. His best informant from the south, however, was Harry Kelly who (Di.:72)¹ appears to have an extraordinarily good knowledge of

7. Abandonment of mutation is a feature quite prevalent in LSM; v. Vol. 1 §§7-27.

8. As well as investigating the southern dialect it was also Marstrander's intention (Di.:64) to excavate an old 'keeill' (church) site 'in a very Norse district, and perhaps find a few runic crosses'. Marstrander was an acknowledged expert on Old Norse runic inscriptions. Bearing in mind that Man once formed (a major) part of the 'Norse' kingdom of Sodor (Man and the Hebrides) (till 1266) Marstrander's interest in Manx and his occasional outbursts of Norwegian/Nordic chauvinism (Di.:6, 47) have to be seen in this light.

Manx. I've still not been able to get to know him very well, but it would not surprise me that of all the speakers I have met he is the one who speaks best and most idiomatically.⁹ Made him tell me his "Life" in English; I'll take it down in Manx tomorrow morning [31.08.1930] at 9 o'clock'. Marstrander, however, experienced some difficulty at getting Kelly (initially) to honour his arrangements, for he noted (Di.:73) '..he is a difficult man to handle. When I called in this morning at 9 o'clock as we had agreed he had no time to spare. I'll have to come to a permanent arrangement with him'. He managed to get his vita (plus other information relating to fishing and farming customs and practices) from him nevertheless; v. Vol. 1: 324ff. Marstrander returned a little over 16 months later (in mid-Jan. 1933) to Man, this time with a phonograph cylinder recorder and a graph to 'determine the sonority, nasality, consonant and vowel sounds, pitch' (Di.:82). Neither machine was evidently working satisfactorily. There was something wrong with the stylus on the phonograph recorder which meant that at least 1/5 of the wax cylinder could not be used (Di.:81). In addition the machine could not be used when the temperature was less than 20 degrees centigrade, which in the Isle of Man in January was (at that time) difficult to attain, even indoors. Regarding the graph it was apparently difficult to get the oscillations to show on the paper, and thought he could improve things if he changed the nibs. At any rate, he admitted (Di.:82) that the machine could not be compared with the French one he had used previously in Brittany.

Nevertheless, in spite of the difficulties, Harry Kelly was evidently to be his star performer. He made contact with him on 24th January, and began recording him at the Station Hotel, Port Erin (to where he brought him) on the 25th. He made 29 cylinder recordings of Kelly (Di.:83) and finished work with him on 30th January 1933. He regarded the recordings, however, as being rather uneven. 'Kelly's voice is somewhat hoarse, is

9. An observation he confirmed when he met him the following day.

a bit squeaky and not very sonorous, but the result improves when he speaks relatively softly and has his mouth well close to the horn'.¹⁰ He had some success also with the graph, the main result being (Di.:83) 'faintly voiced media in dorcha are voiced; p, t, k considerably weaker aspiration than in Norwegian; [aun'] 'river', [daun'] 'deep' have a non-nasal vowel'. Before returning to Norway on 5th Feb. 1933 he made several (five) cylinder recordings in Peel of Quane and two of Cashen, two of Fayle,¹¹ and the last two of John Cain of Jurby. Of the latter Marstrander noted (Di.:85) 'John Cain confirmed completely the good impression I got of him in 1929. ...It is a pity I hadn't met him before. He would have been one of my main informants together with Christian, Woodworth, and Kelly'. From his diary we also learn that Marstrander had a fetish for acquiring old Manx Bibles and prayerbooks, whether he bought them or had his informants part with them, and would be put out if an informant didn't want to sell it! The regularity with which he mentions his acquisition of such books suggests that they were as important to him as the Manx he was eliciting from his informants. One example will suffice to show this: (Di.:28) 'Harry Kelly, 77 yrs. old, who lives at the bottom of the village on the right hand (south) side of the road. A nice old man with a clear pronunciation. The few sentences I gave to him to translate - they were quite simple - he managed without any difficulty. His father spoke practically only Manx. Kelly has a Manx Bible which Karran [also from Cregneash] has (he's the oldest of them), but none of them wanted to part with it. Taggart

10. Di.:81-2; of the 29 cyl. recordings made of Harry Kelly only 23 have (so far) survived, v. Vol. 1: xvi.

11. '..an impossible subject, hoarse and had a squeaky voice; and barked the words into the horn' (Di.:84). He noted also (Di.:83) that 'Quane's voice didn't turn out to be very good either for the recordings, and his knowledge of Manx is probably rather limited. He is not like Kelly and Cashen born with Manx, but has learned it, as he says himself, by listening to the old people when he was a boy. His pronunciation often varies for the same words, it seems to me'[29.01.33].

in Grenaby also has a Bible from 1819...'.¹²

Marstrander's main contacts in the Isle of Man during his visits were William Cubbon, then librarian at the Manx Museum, and J.J. Kneen, the Manx scholar.¹³ On 13th June 1929 the day after his arrival on his first visit Marstrander recalls in his diary (p. 6ff) 'Kneen's information about the conditions under which scholarly work is carried out here was particularly sad to hear. The English [i.e. Manx] Government couldn't care less. Kneen's own work is on a part-time basis', but recognized that his work on placenames was 'so important from a Norwegian point of view that it would be reasonable if the Nansen Fund acknowledged his work with a grant of a hundred pounds towards further collection of material'. On two other occasions Marstrander urged that Kneen be granted an award to allow him to complete his work on Manx placenames, e.g. (Di.:64) 'We ought to get Kneen a grant for two years, so that he can continue recording the placenames. This work has to be done within the next few years, because it would not be possible to obtain the Celtic pronunciation in a few years' time'.¹⁴ Kneen by profession was a sugar-boiler, a maker of Manx (mint) rock, who worked in his small business concern in Douglas. As Marstrander put it (Di.:52-3) 'Kneen has a small sweetshop in Douglas. He sits in a small room at the back of the

12. Marstrander, it seems, also liked to indulge in some mild boyish mischief. While at Kirk Michael on his cycle tour in 1929 he found the flat surface of a gatepost much too irresistible and carved on it in runes "I Carl erected this stone" (Di.:35). He hoped that no one would find it and take it seriously!

13. For a list of his publications v. Wm. Cubbon A Bibliography of the Literature of the Isle of Man 2 vols. (OUP 1933 and 1939). One of his main works is his Placenames of the Isle of Man in 6 parts (Douglas 1925-28), which Marstrander praised highly. For a critique of this work v. C.J.S. Marstrander 'Remarks on the Placenames of the Isle of Man' NTS vii (1934).

14. This perhaps was unduly pessimistic for that time, since there would have been a fair number of people around with a knowledge of the old placenames and an accurate pronunciation of them, even if they couldn't speak Manx. Marstrander's comments here would be more applicable today, when there is a dearth of old Manx people with a knowledge of such names living on the land.

shop, which has to do as his dining room, and makes sugar-sticks (Manx rock). The man who ought to be a professor in Manx at a university. Life is very hard for some'.¹⁵

Although in 1934 Marstrander regarded (incorrectly) that at that time there was only one person in Man who could properly be described as a native speaker,¹⁶ it was as a result of his visits, it seems, and the publicity they received in Man at the time that Manx Gaelic enthusiasts began combing the countryside in search of surviving native speakers. In consequence a Welsh visitor, Mr A.S.B. Davies of Moelfre, Colwyn Bay, using their discoveries was able to announce in the Bulletin of the Board of Celtic Studies XII 1946 (1948) 89ff. the names and addresses of twenty people who had spoken Manx from infancy. For reference they were:

1. Wilfred Wade, Sandygate, Jurby [also visited by Marstrander]
2. Charles Kneale, Ballagarrett, Bride
3. Mrs. [Annie] Kneale (his wife), Ballagarrett, Bride
4. John Tom Kaighin, Ballagarrett, Bride
5. John Kneen [The Gaau], Lhen Mooar, Andreas
6. Robert Fayle, Ramsey
7. Capt. James Kinley, Peel [thought by Lewis Crellin of Peel not to have been a native speaker]; orig. from Ballafesson
8. Mrs Clague, Dalby, Patrick
9. Miss Kaye, Onchan (of Glen Maye, Patrick)
10. Harry Boyde, Ballaugh
11. Edward [Ned] Maddrell, Glenchass, Rushen
12. John Maddrell (his brother), Port St. Mary
13. Mrs. [Eleanor] Karran, Cregneash, Rushen
14. Mr. Crebbin, Cregneash, Rushen
15. James Karran [bro. of Mrs. Karran], Cregneash, Rushen
16. Mrs. [Emily] Lowey, Kirkill, Rushen

15. This, perhaps, epitomizes the attitude (even today) of the Manx Establishment towards Manx Gaelic. Although official attitudes today regarding Manx are a lot better, particularly in the schools, than they evidently were in Marstrander's time, nevertheless (except for some superficial use of the language) there is at the time of writing, so far as is known, no real overall coherent positive policy on the part of the Manx Government or Establishment to promote or use Manx Gaelic at any level, academic or otherwise.

16. i.e. Harry Kelly; v. NTS vii (1934) 292.

17. Thomas Leece, Moaney Mooar, Malew
18. John Kinvig, Ronague, Arbory
19. Mrs. [Sage] Kinvig (his wife), Ronague, Arbory
20. Mrs. [Catherine] Watterson, Colby, Arbory [orig. of
Glenchass]

Some years ago (1977) the late Chalse Craine of Mwyllin Squeen, Ballaugh, - one of the Manx Gaelic enthusiasts - was telling me that he discovered John Tom Kaighin, John Kneen (The Gaaue), and Harry Boyde by accident when he was a bank official at the Isle of Man Bank in Ramsey during the mid-thirties. The above gentlemen, he was saying, used to come in once a week to his bank, and he had a notion that they might be native Manx speakers because of their age. On one occasion he chanced to speak to them in Manx, upon which his suspicions were confirmed. Mr. Craine also told me that The Gaaue was already in his eighties when he first met him in 1936, and that he had never seen a man so old. John Kneen, born in Nov. 1852, died in June 1958 aged 105 years.

So far as is known, Marstrander did not return to Man again till 1965, shortly before his death later that same year, on a private visit. For some reason he chose not to work on his Manx collection, but had it bound and donated it to the Manx Museum.¹⁷ It was not till 1948 that the next systematic sound-recording of Manx Gaelic was made.

On 23rd July 1947 Éamon de Valéra, then Taoiseach of Éire, paid an official one-day state visit to the Isle of Man,¹⁸ during which he was escorted to various places in the island by the then Director of the Manx Museum, Mr. Basil Megaw, and Mr. Ramsey B. Moore (then Attorney-General).¹⁹ One of the places visited by

17. on 2nd July 1951; v. also Vol. 1: xvi, xvii.

18. The main purpose of the visit was apparently cultural, and later (when opposition leader in Dáil Éireann) he made similar visits to Wales and Scotland.

19. Basil Megaw: personal communication 10.12.1976; v. also the Annual Report of the Manx Museum and Ancient Monument Trustees for the year ended 31st March 1948, p. 2.

de Valéra and his party was the recently reopened (in 1946) open-air folk museum at Cregneash (in the very south of the island), whose curator was Ned Maddrell, a native Manx Gaelic speaker.²⁰ De Valéra, according to the Manx Museum's Annual Report (31.03.1948), was much impressed by the Cregneash folk museum, and when he was told²¹ that no really adequate sound-recording had been made of the few surviving native speakers of Manx Gaelic,²² he said that, if it would be helpful, he would be glad to ensure that the best technical facilities and 'know-how' were made available for the purpose. After consultation with officials of Yn Çheshaght Ghailckagh (the Manx Language Society) this offer was warmly accepted by the Manx Museum Trustees.²³ In consequence de Valéra approached Prof. Séamas Ó Duilearga, Director of the Irish Folklore Commission (IFC), to arrange for the Commission to visit Man to make sound-recordings of the native Manx speakers that were then living. In an interview with Dr. Caoimhín Ó Danachair on this subject (27.05.1981) I learned from him that de Valéra was told that the Commission had no sound-recording unit at all. De Valéra ordered that one be obtained, and on 21st April 1948 Dr. Ó Danachair was sent on his own with the van containing the recording unit to Man on board the B & I cattleboat SS. Longford.

20. As it later turned out he was the last native Manx speaker (d. 27.12.1974). De Valéra and Ned Maddrell evidently got on very well together, and each began talking to the other in his own Gaelic language. Maddrell told me on the only occasion that I visited him (v. below) on 17.08.1972 that he began reciting the Lord's Prayer in Manx and de Valéra joined him in Irish about half-way through. He said also that Mr. de Valéra's visit on him was the one he cherished most.

21. Some believe that it was Ned Maddrell himself who urged de Valéra to do something about the precarious position of Manx in which it then was. This is possible, since Maddrell was away at sea at the time of Marstrander's visits.

22. Marstrander's phonographic recordings had presumably been forgotten about. In fact (23 of) the orig. cylinders were not rediscovered till 1976 (Magne Oftedal: personal communication, April 1978).

23. MM. Annual Report (31.03.1948) p. 2.

The boat arrived at the Battery Pier, Douglas, at about 6am on the morning of 22nd April 1948 and was met by Basil Megaw. The van had been placed in the ship's hold, and when it was winched out it was found, according to Ó Danachair, that the roof of it was completely covered in cowdung! Once on the quayside, he said, they drove via the back streets of Douglas to the Manx Museum where it was hosed down and cleaned.

The machinery his van contained included two recording decks set on a table immediately behind the front seats and powered by batteries recharged each night at the Museum. When out on field-work, said Ó Danachair, care was taken to park the van on level ground. The microphone was then positioned according to the requirements, depending on whether the interview was to be conducted indoors or not. The sound-levels would then be checked, and when all was correct the recording would begin. The sounds would be monitored through headphones. The second deck would be put into operation as the disc on the first deck was coming to an end. The recording arm would work from the centre outwards. In this way between 22nd April and 5th May 1948 the Irish Folklore Commission was able to collect on twenty six 12-inch double-sided discs just over four hours of recorded material.²⁴ The original disc recordings are housed in the archives of the old Irish Folklore Commission, now the Dept. of Irish Folklore, University College, Dublin. Copy-tapes, as well as the 35mm negatives of the photos of the informants were later forwarded to the Manx Museum. The IFC recordings were done with the active help of the Manx Museum Director Basil Megaw, the Museum staff, and members of Yn Çheshaght Ghailckagh (YCG), especially Çhalse Craine, John Gell, William Radcliffe, Leslie Quirk, Eric Cregeen, Shiela Cregeen, Mark Braide, Tom Braide, J.D. Qualtrough (Speaker of the House of Keys), and Arthur Karran. Dr. Ó Danachair returned to Dublin via Liverpool.²⁵

24. For details v. Vol. 1: xviii.

25. Ó Danachair interview 27.05.1981.

As a direct result of the IFC's visit to Manx, the staff of the Manx Museum's Folklife Survey (MM)²⁶ set about making their own collection of native Manx speech on paper tapes (provided by Prof. Francis J. Carmody, University of California, Berkeley, in July 1949) between early 1950 and autumn 1952.²⁷ According to Basil Megaw,²⁸ the first set of tapes were made by YCG volunteers Wm. Radcliffe, Charles Clarke, Walter Clarke, Leslie Quirk for the Folklife Survey on a machine borrowed from Prof. Carmody. The Museum was then later equipped with a tape recorder provided by one of the Friends of the Manx Museum to make recordings for preservation in the Folklife Survey archives.²⁹

Also following on from the example of the IFC Yn Çheshaght Ghailckagh began making its own series of sound-recordings on paper tapes from late 1951 to mid 1953 (v. Vol. 1: xix). Those mostly involved with interviewing the speakers and recording them were: Douglas C. Faragher, Walter Clarke, Wm. Radcliffe, Leslie Quirk, John Gell, and Charles Clarke. The recording machine used, a "Soundmirror", was bought and provided by John Gell,³⁰ and the recording sessions would take place usually on a Sunday afternoon. The recordings of John Kneen were usually undertaken in Wm. Radcliffe's house in Ramsey, as Kneen had no electricity in his own house out at Ballaugh Curraghs. The recordings of Harry Boyde were made at the Mannin Infirmary, Braddan, where he spent the last few years of his life (d. 02.02.1953). In most cases speakers were interviewed individually in their own homes, usually by two or more interviewers. On one occasion (09.10.1952) three speakers, viz. Tommy Leece, Ned Maddrell, Mrs. Sage Kinvig, gathered in the house of Tommy Leece at Kerrookeil, Malew, with five interviewers, viz. Walter Clarke, Doug. Faragher, Tom Braide, John Gell, and Robert L. Thomson, and the rapport and excitement engendered by all present produced some very interesting material.

26. The Manx Folklife Survey was set up in May 1948 and put into operation some six months later on the appointment (on 01.10.48) of Eric Cregeen; v. MM Ann. Rep.31.03.1949.

27. v. Vol. 1:xviii-xix. 28. Pers. comm. 29.04.1976. 29. *ibid.*

30. The Manx Museum apparently refused permission sought by YCG volunteers to use its machine.

Apart from a few private recordings (v. Vol. 1: xx), no further systematic sound-recordings of native Manx speech, so far as is known, were made before August 1972 when Prof. Kenneth Jackson, Dept. of Celtic, University of Edinburgh, sent David Clement of the Linguistic Survey of Scotland (Gaelic section) (LSS) to Man to see what he could get from Ned Maddrell, then the only surviving native speaker,³¹ and also from Ewan Christian of Peel, a semi-native speaker.³² Clement came again in August of the following year, but found that Ned Maddrell's hearing had deteriorated to such an extent, that he was unable to elicit any information at all from him, even though Maddrell himself was willing enough to give it.

In addition to the sound-recordings of native Manx Gaelic speech, as outlined above, recordings in phonetic script were made by Sir John Rhys (between 1886 and 1893)³³ and Marstrander (1929-1933) (v. below) and later by Francis J. Carmody, Heinrich Wagner and Kenneth Jackson (v. below).

On 27th December 1974 Ned Maddrell, the last reputed native speaker of Manx Gaelic, died and now lies buried in the graveyard of Rushen parish church. As with other members of Yn Gheshaght Ghailckagh I attended his funeral service, at which not a word of Manx was uttered or sung. This, I understand, was the wish of his immediate family, though I suspect not his. On Ned Maddrell's death native Manx Gaelic speech passed into history.

Assessment of the material used

1. The Vienna Recordings

These recordings are very scratchy, and were they not accompanied by texts provided by the informants themselves (though

31. His predecessor Mrs. Sage Kinvig having died on 13th April 1962.

32. For details of these recordings v. Vol. 1: xix, xx. For details about Ewan Christian v. below.

33. Published in his 'Outlines of Manx Phonology' in Manx Soc. xxxiii (1894); also published separately the same year. It has not been used here owing to difficulties of interpretation.

written out in Trebitsch's own hand) of their own material they would be very difficult to make out. My phonetic renderings of the passages used are therefore tentative at best. In addition there is no connected speech on them, only read or recited material, and consequently they have been used sparingly. For details of the material not used v. Vol. 1: xxii footnote 11.

2. The Marstrander Recordings and Collection

The 23 surviving wax cylinders³⁴ from an original total of 48 (v. Vol. 1: xvi) are also scratchy, but are much more intelligible than the Vienna Recordings. However, even here some parts are quite difficult or well nigh impossible to make out, and Marstrander's own phonetic version of these have been most helpful. Because of the faulty equipment he was evidently using (v. above) the material sought is elicited in separate sentence form, each sentence being repeated on average three or four times. Consequently the overall presentation is somewhat jerky with little flow, and therefore not a good example of natural connected speech. Nevertheless from the point of view of pronunciation the material is useful.

By far the greater part of Marstrander's recordings exist in phonetic script contained in four³⁵ ms. volumes spanning some 2635 pages. Vol. 1 contains some 725 pages of material mostly from Thomas Christian. With the exception of one or two rhymes the material consists of readings from the Biblical books of Jonah, Proverbs, Lamentations, Jeremiah, Song of Solomon, Joel, from two manuscript sermons, from A.W. Moore's Folklore of the Isle of Man (London 1891) and Carvallyn Gailckagh (Douglas 1891), and the tract Carrey yn Pheccagh. The same volume also contains the phonetic transcriptions of the phonographic cylinders made of Harry Kelly. The bulk of the contents in vol. 2 (containing c. 760 pages) includes the original material from Thomas Christian printed in the Texts of Vol. 1 of the 'Handbook', plus more readings from the Manx Bible. Vol. 3 (containing

34. 22 of Harry Kelly, 1 of J.J. Kneen (not a native Manx speaker, therefore not used).

35. For details of these and the contents of the fifth volume v. Vol. 1: xvi, xvii.

c. 710 pages) concentrates on material gathered from Joseph Woodworth, Harry Kelly, much of which is original; there is also some Bible reading from Woodworth. The rest of the volume is taken up with phonological notes of Kelly's and Christian's Manx. Vol. 4 (made up of c. 440 pages) contains mainly original material from Thomas Taggart, Edward Kennah, Thomas Crebbin, William Quane, Caesar Cashen, Mr. Fayle (Sulby), Thomas Quayle, and John Cain, with Bible readings, recitations or readings from some of Aesop's Fables from Taggart and Quane.

The volumes themselves are made up of a series of exercise books containing the material in phonetic script, usually written (either in ink or in pencil) on the right hand page, the left hand page usually given over to notes on the speaker's pronunciation, lexical items used, etc. However, when gathering the books for binding (for presentation to the Manx Museum) Marstrander (or whoever) grouped them more according to the speaker, rather than having regard to the chronological order. Thus, for example, his taking down of Harry Kelly's vita (which from his diary (p. 73) took place on 31.08.1930) appears in vol. 3, while the transcriptions of the phonograph cylinders of the various speakers (made in late Jan./early Feb. 1933; v. above) appear in vol. 1.

The phonetic transcription of Christian's original and more informal contributions in vol. 2 appears to be slightly less settled than that of his Bible readings in vol. 1, particularly for the vowels³⁶ (though this may reflect the variance of pronunciation on the part of the speaker which Marstrander had noted elsewhere; cf. for Quane above), e.g. he writes [ɔ], sometimes [ɛ] or [ɛ] to represent [ɛ] (also long varieties of the same). Occasionally [ɔ] may represent [æ] to judge from phonetic renditions of the same words elsewhere, e.g. ta 'is, exists' always appears as [tɔ], [tɔ], which could represent [tæ(:)] or [tɛ(:)] (or [ta(:)]). However, [ɔ] in Marstrander mostly represents [ɛ] and has been transcribed as such in every case in the 'Handbook'.

36. For an analysis and discussion of Marstrander's phonetic system v. R.L. Thomson (1976: 255-63).

It is clear from the material collected by Marstrander that his informants, such as Thomas Christian and Harry Kelly, had a firmer command of the language, with a wider knowledge of idiom, than had later speakers recorded by IFC, MM, YCG, though even with Marstrander's informants the abandonment of lenition, for example, was not so uncommon (as Marstrander himself had noted; v. above). It is clear also from the material that his informants were much more in contact with the old traditions and folklore of the Isle of Man (as witnessed in the Texts) than later speakers, which suggests that in the forty years or so between the earliest informant recorded (and used in the corpus), i.e. Thomas Moore (b. 1835/6) and the latest, i.e. Ned Maddrell (b. 1877) the old traditions and lore (as well as the language) were becoming lost and forgotten.³⁷

3. The Irish Folklore Commission, Manx Museum, and Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh Recordings

The IFC recorded material comprises some sixty different items ranging from long conversations to stories, recitations (from memory) of some song fragments, one or two hymns, to versions of the Lord's Prayer. The speakers involved in the conversations were (from the North) John Kneen and Harry Boyde, John Kneen and John Tom Kaighin, and (from the South) Ned Maddrell and Tommy Leece.³⁸ The speakers would be brought together for the purpose of the recording, and some interesting material from this interaction was collected. However, the distance between the various speakers' homes was in most cases sufficiently far enough away to prevent ordinary day-to-day contact which would have produced a different sort of relationship between them (i.e. one of more familiarity), rather than one of formality on the occasion(s) of the recordings. That is to say, that had the speakers been on more familiar terms with each other, more idiom and Umgangssprache would probably have been elicited than (at times) the somewhat stilted and more reserved speech actually recorded; in the case

37. It is the writer's intention to investigate the social and economic factors, etc, which led to the decline of Manx Gaelic with a view to publication at a later date.

38. Also Ned Maddrell and Emily Lowey on PR. 1 recorded by a Mr. Gelling of Liverpool (c. 1947).

of the Kneen-Kaighin conversations there is an almost total domination of the scene by John Tom Kaighin! However, given the scarcity of speakers living at the time nothing else could have been done. One result of such encounters was that Ned Maddrell and Tommy Leece apparently met each other fairly regularly afterwards, so that at the only get-together of speakers recorded by YCG (on 09.10.1952; YCG.32-33) the atmosphere was one of informality. The Manx Museum recordings are similar to those of IFC with the exception that they lack recordings of conversations between speakers.

By the very nature of the work of the Irish Folklore Commission and the Manx Museum their recordings of native Manx speech are of necessity geared to the collection of folkloristic and folk-life material. Therefore, any linguistic approach designed to obtain a phonology of the language simply did not apply. That was undertaken by others.

As can be seen above, many of the volunteers involved with the various sound-recordings were the same people - members of Yn Çheshaght Ghailckagh. The policy with the IFC and MM was to let the native speakers themselves talk, and the interviewers only to come in either to prompt the speaker whenever he/she would get stuck or to lead the speaker(s) on to another topic. It is unfortunately the case, however, on some of the YCG recordings that the interviewers have allowed themselves a little too much tape-recording time!

The material recorded by YCG is similar to that of IFC and MM, but there is much more of it - in fact roughly twice as much as the IFC and MM collections put together. The interviewers here had the advantage of knowing the speakers much better, and some speakers, such as John Kneen and Ned Maddrell, became their friends and would be visited a lot more often without a tape recorder. This contact enabled the interviewers to get to know the reservoir of material the speakers had, e.g. anecdotes, stories, folklife information, etc, and so when the recording sessions would take place the interviewers knew what to elicit. In this way they were quite successful, so that in the case of John Kneen, for example, they were able to obtain extensive

information about such things as smithing, farming, turf-cutting, building sod-houses, as well as his fund of stories and anecdotes. The IFC, MM, and YCG recordings, in spite of some short-comings, provide by far the major part of the sound-record collection of native Manx Gaelic speech that we possess. It is due to their foresight at a time when native Manx speakers were thin on the ground that we are greatly indebted to them for preserving on record the remnants of Chengey ny Mayrey Ellan Vannin.

4. The Carmody, Wagner, and Jackson Collections

In July 1949 Prof. Francis J. Carmody visited the Isle of Man and recorded on tape material from five native speakers (v. Vol. 1: xxi), on the basis of which he published an article entitled 'Spoken Manx' in ZCP xxiv (1954):58-80. The article takes the form mainly of a brief overview of the morphology of LSM, and the examples he cites are given in his own brand of phonetics and accompanied by a version in standard Manx orthography. In addition to the five native speakers he also makes use of a Captain Kinley who apparently was not a native Manx speaker (v. p. xviii above), and whose Manx at times is suspect, e.g. cha b'leayrym 'I don't (can't) see/couldn't see', usu. cha b'leayr dou (cf. ScG. cha bu léir dhomh) lit. 'it was not clear to me' (unless the phrase has become verbalized, cf. vollym (cf. ScG. ba mhath leam) in Dictionary); dooyrt eh mish 'he told me' for dooyrt eh rhym's indicates (unless it is a slip) that he was unaware of the normal form (exx. on p. 67). Leaving aside Kinley's contributions the material, so far as it goes, gives a fairly accurate rendering of LSM as it then was. As Carmody's informants are also those of Wagner and Jackson (and mostly of the IFC, MM, YCG), there is nothing new in his material that is not in these collections. For this reason I have not used the article.

From the information provided in A.S.B. Davies's list of speakers (v. p. xviii/xix above) in BBCS Dr. (now Prof.) Heinrich Wagner of the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies spent three weeks in the Isle of Man (two of them with Miles Dillon) during the summer of 1950. Like Marstrander he too

noticed distinct differences between the northern and southern dialects and he classified his material thus (v. Wagner (1958: Vol. 1; 1969: Vol. 4)). Contrary to the general layout of the Atlas, in which the material gathered from the various points is arranged according to a 1175-item questionnaire (with or without additional vocabulary and texts), the Manx material (point 88) appears in alphabetical order under English headwords. Wagner told me that this arrangement was decided upon, as he had difficulty applying the questionnaire owing to the imperfect memory of his informants. The material is presented in sentence form, thus giving the realization of each word as it naturally appears in connected speech. But the individual lexical items have to be marshalled into some sort of order before any phonological study can be made of them. There are one or two puzzling phrases in the collection that deviate from the norm, e.g. [tə lɑ:m l'e] ɛrə 'vɑ:njə]N 'there's a lot of froth on the milk'. [lɑ:m] is normally [rɑ:m], [rəm] ram 'a lot' and [l'e] 'froth' is probably kesh [ke], with [l'] influenced likely from [l] in [lɑ:m], or (as Wagner put it in the Introduction to vol. 1 of LASID, p.xxii) 'an accurate acoustic reception was seldom forthcoming'. Nevertheless, in spite of some odd forms, Wagner's material contains vocabulary and idiom not encountered on the sound-recordings, or even in other collections, and therefore provides an added value to our understanding of Late Spoken Manx.

For a period of a fortnight during the Christmas/New Year of 1950/51 Prof. Kenneth Jackson collected material in Man from Wagner's informants plus Tommy Leece (v. Vol. 1: xxii) and published it in his Contributions (1955). His material largely consists of individual lexical items drawn up under various phonological headings, thus giving the development of a particular sound in 'Common Gaelic' into its Manx reflex. But the lack of prose pieces makes it difficult to assess the realization of each lexical item as it occurs in connected speech. His organization of the material is in fact the opposite to that of Wagner. In view of the abundance of material of native Manx speech now available, Jackson's view (1955:4) that claims for North/South dialectal differences do not stand up to examination cannot be endorsed.

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The timing of his visit to Man over the Christmas period when people visit each other and when bad weather may prevent accessibility to remoter areas, and the fact that probably his best informant Ned Maddrell was indisposed (in hospital) till the last day of his visit (Jackson (1955:v, vi)) was perhaps not conducive to a satisfactory collection of material as one would have hoped for. It is unfortunate that Jackson was not able to return to Man shortly after, even if only to work through the questionnaire with Ned Maddrell.

Jackson's main informant, as he himself admits (1955:2), was Mrs. Eleanor Karran of Cregneash, with whom he worked right through the questionnaire. For one reason or another he was not able to do the same with his other informants, consequently they only play a supporting role with the relatively small amount of information that they provide. His phonology, therefore, is essentially descriptive of the southern (Cregneash) dialect with additional information from other parts. In so far as it goes Jackson's phonology of Manx, nevertheless, provides a valuable insight into the sound system of LSM.

5. The Linguistic Survey of Scotland Recordings

The material collected by the LSS exists on four polyethylene tapes (v. Vol. 1: xix, xx) recorded on an Uher (Report 4000) machine. The first recording session took place on Thursday, 17th August 1972 in Ned Maddrell's house in Glenchass, near Port St. Mary. Present at the recording session were David Clement of the LSS, Walter Clarke of the Manx Museum, and myself. Our visit took place three days before Maddrell's 95th birthday, and on this the only occasion I met him he had white hair and a short white beard, and had some difficulty in seeing. His diction was perfectly clear, and he was more than willing to help us. The information elicited included a number of lexical items sought through a questionnaire similar to that used by Jackson more than twenty years before. Some short stories and anecdotes were also collected. It is clear from the material elicited that Maddrell knew (a lot) more Manx than the IFC, MM, YCG recordings imply (even though there Maddrell is alert and fluent). Had he been systematically worked on at a much earlier date, it is very

probable that much more material from him would have been available to us for analysis. Clement returned to Ned Maddrell the following day on his own and obtained additional material, some of it in English.³⁹

The other informant recorded by the LSS was Ewan Christian of Peel, an energetic 65-year old. The first recording session took place in his house at 58 Patrick Street, Peel, on Thursday, 24th August 1972, with David Clement, Lewis Crellin (a close friend of Christian's) of Peel, and myself. Ewan Christian was chosen as a subject, as (Ned Maddrell apart) he was the only other man in the Isle of Man, so far as we knew, who had learned Manx at an early date. He told us he first learned Manx from two old ladies in the same street when he was about five years old, and later from farmers and fishermen in and around Peel. In the recording sessions Jackson's questionnaire as such was not used, but stante pede he would reel off the Manx names of various birds and fish, sometimes giving the Peel variant. The information was elicited mainly by Lewis Crellin who knew what Christian could offer. Without being asked Christian would relate a couple of stories in Manx about incidents in and around Peel. Ewan Christian was literate in Manx and could recite long tracts from the Manx Bible. One suspects that some of his vocabulary was derived from literary sources, and at times his grammar was a bit shaky (probably from lack of practice). But nevertheless, it was quite clear from his pronunciation that he had learned the language from native speakers at an early date in his life, and in that respect his contribution is valuable. He was apparently great friends with Ned Maddrell, and they would visit each other fairly regularly.

39. Ned Maddrell was by far the 'youngest' of the native speakers recorded, and he was exceptional in that most of his contemporaries of his generation were brought up without Manx. Maddrell was born at Corvalley, near Cregneash, and because of the size of his family he was farmed out to relatives when he was about two and a half years' old. In fact he was brought up in Cregneash by an old aunt, Paaie Humman (Margaret Taubman) who had little or no English.

I myself made some private recordings of Ewan Christian in May and August 1978, and visited him on occasion after that (without a recording machine) till 1983. The material collected was similar to that of the LSS, with additional vocabulary plus some traditional songs and chants in English. Ewan Christian died in Douglas in mid-January 1985.

In preparing the synchronic section of this phonology certain difficulties were encountered right from the very start. One was the very nature of the corpus itself. With the exception of the small collections made by Jackson and Clement (where the questionnaire adopted was geared specifically for a (diachronic) phonological analysis), the remaining collections (in transcription)⁴⁰, from a linguist's point of view, can only be regarded as a mass of phonetic data, which has to be 'processed', i.e. put into some sort of order, before any phonological sense can be made of it. In 'normal' circumstances, i.e. when one's informants are still living, one can go back to these people in order to have any doubts over interpretation cleared up, or gaps in the phonological data filled. However, in the case of LSM, since a) all the informants have now died, and b) the material had already been collected before the present writer (except for the LSS collection) had started work, the corpus, finite as it is, has to be dealt with as it stands, whether the data be

40. It is clear from reading Marstrander's diary that the purpose of his visits was to collect as much data as possible to gain a fairly accurate idea of the pronunciation and sound system of LSM. However, it is also clear from looking at the material that from a phonological point of view the system he used, i.e. having his informants read or recite large tracts of Manx, or supply original material (stories, etc), was somewhat haphazard. There seems to have been no questionnaire used to obtain examples of the various sounds of LSM. Although, as we have seen above, he made extensive notes (in vol. 3 of his coll.) on the sounds of Christian's and Kelly's Manx, his thoughts here seem only to have been tentative; and when he had committed them to print (v. Marstrander (1932)) it is noticeable that his transcription is broad, at times too broad, the analysis is limited in scope, and the comparisons are made with Norwegian phonemes which, as Jackson had already experienced (1955:5), restricted its usefulness.

complete or not. In this regard this phonology could therefore be looked on, and perhaps better described as "Additional Contributions to the Study of Manx Phonology".

Another problem encountered was the heterogeneity of the corpus, drawn as it is from several sources and containing in the final analysis four different phonetic transcription systems: namely, those of Marstrander, Wagner, Jackson, and Broderick. Although every attempt has been made to regularize them to conform to the phonetic system as outlined in Ch. 1 of Vol. 1 of the HANDBOOK (qv), nevertheless the interpretation has led, perhaps, to an unusually high number for the realizations (particularly) of the various vowel phonemes, - realizations which in all probability would have been much lower in number had one person alone been responsible for the entire phonetic transcription.

An additional problem was the situation regarding the native speakers themselves. With perhaps the exceptions of John Tom Kaighin and Mrs. Annie Kneale who both lived (in different houses) on the quarterland of Ballagarrett in Bride,⁴¹ the other speakers, even in Marstrander's time, were not living in communities where Manx was the everyday language, but isolated from one another like scattered rocks surrounded by a sea of English.⁴² The natural result was that they became more proficient in English and less so in Manx, and though they would be native speakers of Manx (brought up with the language in an all-Manx speaking environment), not living in a vibrant Manx speaking community anymore they would (in Manx Gaelic terms) be living in a vacuum, speaking only to themselves. Not having anyone close by to speak Manx to on a regular basis (with the exception of occasional language enthusiasts) they would of necessity lose that natural correcting mechanism from others whenever they would make a mistake, say, in pronunciation or

41. Though to judge from Mrs. Kneale's Manx it is quite clear that she had been without practice for quite some time, and probably would have spoken to Kaighin in English, whenever she met him.

42. The last all-Manx speaking community in the Isle of Man, according to local knowledge, was apparently Cregneash, surviving as such till the 1920s.

grammar. In consequence their uncertainty of the normal pronunciation(s) of a particular lexical item - i.e. normal in the context of their community when it would have been all-Manx speaking - would result in a widening of the (hitherto) accepted range of possibilities for the pronunciation or the articulation of a given sound, or set of sounds or utterances. For example, noght 'tonight' may have a restricted range of realizations centring, perhaps, around [nɔ:x]. The fact that we have a range from [nɔ:x]S (i.e. with an /a:/ phoneme (qv)) and [nɔ:x]S (with an /o:/ phoneme (qv)) from the same area (i.e. around Port Erin/Port St. Mary) suggests that here the range of possibilities for an accepted pronunciation has become wider.⁴³ This widening of the band may also manifest itself in varying vowel quality for the same utterance in the same area, e.g. anmagh 'late' [Imnax]N, [ɔnmɔx]N, [ɛmnax]N; the range here involves overlapping of the realizations of three separate vowel segments, viz. /i/, /u/, /e/, in the same (nasal) environment.⁴⁴

The situation regarding the consonants is a lot more stable, especially in initial and final positions, but intervocally instability (or variation) can take place, e.g. shassoo 'standing' [nə'hɑ:su]N, [sɑ:zu]N, [ʃa:ðu]N, [ʃa:ɔ̃u]N, [sa:ɔ̃u]S. Here it will be noticed that the realizations of /s/, viz. [s], [z], [ð], can also overlap with those for /d/, viz. [ɔ̃], [ɔ̃̃], [ð]. Similarly in the same village (Cregneash) there can be different pronunciations for the same word, e.g. cabbal 'chapel' [kabaɪ]HK, [kavaɪ]NM (the difference in the age of the two speakers here being about 25 years), or differing pronunciations of the same word by the same speaker, e.g. cabbyl 'horse' [k'a:bəl], [k'a:vəl]JK.⁴⁵ In some cases an English rendering can directly interfere with the usual Manx form, e.g. glion

43. unless the differences reflect very localized dialectal variations. It is the intention of the writer to go into greater detail on several problems arising out of this phonology in a series of forthcoming articles.

44. For notes on the metathesis of NM v. II:§90.5.

45. For a list of the native speakers v. Vol. 1: xxvii, xxviii.

'glen' [gl'aun], [gl'ɔdn]; also [glɛn] with the Eng. value of the vowel, cf. E. 'glen' [glɛn].

In circumstances such as these, where variation is more often the rule than the exception, a classical phonemic analysis as seen in Ternes (1973) is not really applicable to LSM, and it has either to be adapted or considerably modified, or abandoned altogether and something else put in its place, to make some sense of the messy picture of LSM. The spread of phonetic realizations arising from different fieldworkers and the breakdown of communicative competence means that a satisfactory assignment of particular sounds to appropriate phonological units is difficult and has given rise to a number of instances of overlapping realizations (as seen above) which may be more apparent than real. A "phonemic" analysis is therefore perhaps not the best description for the synchronic section of this phonology, but a grouping together of "phonological units". If on occasion I have resorted to using historical information to set up the phonological units, it is because I feel the very nature of LSM has dictated it. This phonology, therefore, may perhaps be regarded as a diachronic analysis with a synchronic prefix attached to it.

The phonetic system used in this work is based on the IPA with certain modifications of the sort used regularly by Celticists (v. also Vol. 1, Ch. 1). However, because of the lack of a couple of symbols on the phonetic golfball-head used for this work, one or two additional modifications also appear, viz. for [ĩ] I write [ÿ], for the open diacritic ɨ I use ɨ. In the diachronic section I regularly use the phonemic rendering of the vowels in the rubrics, rather than clutter up the page with the plethora of their phonetic realizations. I take this course purely in the interests of typographical simplicity.

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STRESS

§1. A general overview of the situation regarding stress in LSM is given here. A fuller discussion on the intricacies and the historicity of stress in LSM can be found in Part Two.

The normal position for the main stress is on the first syllable in words that can be stressed¹. However, in certain circumstances the main stress falls other than on the first syllable:

1. Derivative suffixes containing long vowels can take the stress, e.g. (nouns) -ane /e:n/, -aag, -age /e:g/, -eyr /e:r/, (verb-nouns) -ail, -eil /e:l'/. However, when the vowel of the suffix is short, e.g. -an /an/, -ag /ag/, -al /al/, then the main stress remains on the initial syllable.
2. The prefixes aa- /a:/ 're-', mee- /mi:/, neu- /n'u:/ 'not, un-' can attract the main stress to them, e.g. aa-loayrt 'keep on telling' /'a: lo:rt/, aa-lhieeney 'refilling' /a:'liəne/ (Note here equal stress on the prefix and on word initial syllable), mee-hushtagh 'not understanding' /mi:'hus't'ax/, /'mi: hus't'ax/, neu-follan 'unhealthy' /n'u:'folan/, neu-deyr 'cheap' /'n'u: de:r/.
3. The vocalization of labial spirants in medial position producing long vowels by crasis in (originally) unstressed syllables take the main stress, e.g. tarroogh 'busy' /ta'ru:x/ Ir. tairbheach.
4. Loan-words, in the first instance from Anglo-Norman/Middle English, show final stress associated with length, e.g. bodeil 'bottle' /bo'de:l'/, A.Norm. bouteille. Forward stress is also seen in the loan-word tombagey /tom'ba:gə/ 'tobacco'.

1. Certain lexical items, such as particles, etc, are invariably unstressed.

CONSONANTS

§2. The consonant phonemes of LSM may be illustrated as follows:

	lab	dent/ alv	palat	palat/ vel	velar	glottal
voiceless stops	p	t	t'	k'	k	
voiced stops	b	d	d'	g'	g	
nasals	m	n	n'		ŋ	
laterals		l	l'			
vibrant		r				
voiceless fricatives	f	s	s'	(x')	x	h
voiced fricative	v					
semivowels	w		j			

§3. Minimal or near minimal pairs. N = Northside; S = Southside.

p - t	/pe:l/S 'sheepfold' : /te:l/S 'adze'
t - t'	/te:/N 'tea' : /t'e:/N 'hot'
t' - k'	/t'au/N/S 'side' : /k'au/N/S 'throw'
k' - k	/k'u:n'/S 'calm' : /ku:n/N 'narrow'
b - d	/bauər/S 'deaf' : /dauər/S 'unhappy'
d - d'	/d'erə/N 'second' : /d'erə/N 'end'
d' - g'	/d'u:/N/S 'today' : /g'u:/N 'drinking'
g' - g	/g'ol/N/S 'bright' : /gol/N/S 'going'
m - n	/ma:/N 'field' : /na:/S 'second'
n - n'	/ni:/S 'nine' : /n'i:/S 'thing'
n' - ŋ	/d'in'/N/S 'of us' : /t'iŋ/N/S 'sick'
l - l'	/s'o:l/S 'sail' : /s'o:l'/S 'sails'
f - s	/fe:s/N 'weak' : /se:s/N 'method'
s - s'	/su:l'/N/S 'eye' : /s'u:l/N/S 'walking'

kip 'strap' /ki[p^h]/

tap 'quick' /ta[p^h]i/; v. also §4 below.

2. In the consonant cluster /sp(r)/, whether initially or medially, there is no noticeable post-aspiration of /p/, as is to be expected. I therefore do not mark it.

spe 'spoon' /s[p]e:dn/

spre 'struggle' /s[p]ret/

asp 'bishop' /a:s[p]it/

But in /p/ + C there can be devoicing of the first part of the consonant.

plag 'oats' /[p̥]lagad/

plea 'speaking' /[p̥]le'd'e:l/

pra 'potatoes' /[p̥]re:sən/

3. In intervocalic position and in external sandhi /p/ may be realized as a geminate (with post-aspiration), viz. [p^h].

cropp 'crops' (fr. E) /kro[p^h]ən/

freayll shapp ayn 'keeping a shop there'
/fril's'a[p^h]u:n/

4. In intervocalic position /p/ may vary with /b/ and /v/, i.e. the realizations of the segment overlap with those for /b/ and /v/.

tap 'quick' /ta[p^h]i/, /ta:[v]i/

scap 'escaping' /skə^h[p^h]e:l/, /skə^h[β]e:l/,
/skə^h[v]e:l/.

- §5. /t/ 1. /t/ is a voiceless dental stop. In initial position and to a lesser extent medially and finally /t/ is heavily aspirated, viz. [t^h]. There is no noticeable velarization or labialization of /t/.

a. Initially

tar 'bull' /[t^h]aru/

thi 'house' /[t^h]ai/

strulley 'rinsing' /s[t̪^θ]rolə/
sterrym 'storm' /s[t̪^θ]irəm/
sthie 'inside' /s[t̪^θ]ai/

b. Initially in proclitics

dt̪y warree 'your grandmother' /[[t̪^θ]ə wa:ri/
dt̪y vummig 'your mother' /[[t̪^θ]ə vumig/

c. Medially

brattag 'flag, rag' /bra[t̪^θ]ag/; v. also §2.
coontey 'thinking' /ku:n[t̪^θ]ə/

d. In medial position /t/ can be realized as [θ]
 after /s/.

Sostyn 'England' /sə:s[t̪^θ]ən/, /sə:s[θ]ən/
fastee 'shelter' /fə:s[t̪^θ]i/, /fə:s[θ]i/

e. Finally

brat 'mat' /bra[t̪^θ]/
kayt 'cat' /ke[t̪^θ]/

f. Finally after /l/, /n/, /r/

loayrt 'speaking' /lo:(r)[t̪^θ]/
mohlt 'wether' /mol[t̪^θ]/
punt 'pound' /pun[t̪^θ]/

g. Medially and finally after /x/. Often /t/ is not
 realized after /x/; v. also II:The Dentals.

briaght 'asking' /braiax[t̪^θ]/, /braiax/
cooinaghtyn 'remembering' /ku:n'ax[t̪^θ]ən/,
 /ku:n'axən/

2. Intervocally /t/ may vary allophonically with /d/

brattag 'flag, rag' /bra[t̪^θ]ag/, /bra[d̪^θ]ag/,
 /bra[ð]ag/
lhiattee 'side' /l'a[t̪^θ]i/, /l'a[d̪^θ]i/, /l'a[ð]i/

§6. /t'/ 1. /t'/ is a voiceless affricate. It is phonetically
 realized as a single unit containing a palatalized
 [t'] and [j] in combination, viz. [t'j]. It is
 found initially and medially, sometimes finally -
 usually in loanwords.

- a. In initial position
cheet 'coming' /[tʃ]it/
chiass 'heat' /[tʃ]a:s/
ghaglym 'gathering' /[tʃ]aglɛm/
- b. Internally in intervocalic position
atçhim 'fear' /a[tʃ]im/
litçheragh 'lazy' /li[tʃ]ərəx/
mitçhooragh 'mischievous' /mi[tʃ]u:rax/
- c. Internally with a consonant
palçhey 'plenty' /pa:l[tʃ]ə/
berçhagh 'rich' /bər[tʃ]ax/
- d. Finally
sorçh 'sort, kind' /so r[tʃ]/ (fr. E.)
2. /tʃ/ without affrication, viz. [tʃ], is found internally and finally, rarely initially.
- a. Intervocally and after /l/
faitagh 'shy' /fe[tʃ]əx/; also /fo[tʃ]ax/
geayltyn 'shoulders' /gil[tʃ]ən/
- b. Internally before /nʹ/
taitnys 'delight' /ta[tʃ]nʹəs/
- c. Internally after /sʹ/
clashtyn 'hearing' /klasʹ[tʃ]ən/
cashtal 'castle' /kasʹ[tʃ]al/
geaishtagh 'listening' /ge:sʹ[tʃ]ax/
 But note with bashtey 'baptizing' /ba sʹ[ɪ^θ]ə/
 with non-palatalized /t/.
- d. Finally after a vowel; here it can sometimes be realized with weak affrication, viz. [tʃʰ].
thooit 'thatched' /tu:[tʃʰ]/, /tu:[tʃʰ]/
ceaut 'thrown' /kʹau[tʃʰ]/, /kʹau[tʃʰ]/
- e. Finally after /l/ or /lʹ/
caillt 'lost' /kelʹ[tʃʰ]/
bwoaillt 'struck' /bulʹ[tʃʰ]/, /bul[tʃʰ]/

- f. Finally after /n/ or /n'/
buinnt 'reaped' /bon[t']/
jeant 'done' /d'en'[t']/; also /d'en[t^h]/
- g: Initially, with or without weak affrication.
traaue 'ploughing' /[t']reu/, /[t'^h]re:u/; usu.
/[t^h]re:u/. Here [t'] might be regarded as a free
variation of /t/, since original palat. TR in Late
Manx had become depalatalized; cf. also II: The
Dentals.
- h. Initially following /s/ or /s'/.
stiagh 'into' /s[t']ax/ /s'[t']a:x/

§7. /k'/ 1. /k'/ is a voiceless palato-velar stop. It is articulated with noticeable aspiration and is phonetically realized as [k'^h]. The relative presence of a voiced palat. off-glide is naturally more obvious (i.e. longer) before a back than before a front vowel. I therefore do not indicate it. /k'/ is found in all positions.

keeill 'church' /[k'^h]il'/; v. also §2 below.
kiart 'right' /[k'^h]a:t/
kiune 'calm' /[k'^h]u:n'/
markiaght 'riding' /ma:[k'^h]ax/; v. also §2 below.
Gaelg 'Manx Gaelic' /gil'[k'^h]/; v. also §2 below.

2. /k'/ varying freely with /k/
keeill 'church' /[k'^h]il'/, /[k^h]il'/
cass 'foot' /[k'^h]a:s/, /[k^h]a:s/
cadley 'sleep' /[k'^h]adlə/, /[k^h]adlə/
cabbyl 'horse' /[k'^h]a:bəl/, /[k^h]a:bəl/
markiagh 'riding' /ma:[k'^h]ax/, /ma:[k^h]ax/
Gaelg 'Manx Gaelic' /gil'[k'^h]/, /gil[k^h]/

§8. /k/ 1. /k/ is a voiceless velar stop. It is articulated with a noticeable degree of post-aspiration (except with consonants; v. below) and is phonetically realized as [k^h]. It is found as such initially, medially, and

b. Medially in intervocalic position

cabbal 'chapel' /ka[b]aɪ/gobbyr 'working' /go[b]ə/kiebbey 'spade' /k'e[b]ə/

c. Medially after liquids

colbagh 'heifer' /kol[b]ax/carbad 'bier' /ka:r[b]ad/

d. Finally

abb 'abbot' /a[b]/

2. Initially and finally /b/ may be realized as a geminate, viz. [b:].

ben 'woman' /[b:]en/; also /[b]en/baghey 'living' /[b:]e:/; also /[b]e:/bleb 'fool' /ble[b:]/

3. Initially and medially /b/ may sometimes be realized as the voiced bilabial fricative [β] or the voiced labio-dental [v] apparently in free allophonic variation.

bleayst 'shell' /[β]i:s/, /[b]i:est/ghibbyrt 'well' /t'u[b]ərt/, /t'i[β]ərt/, /t'i[v]ət/

4. In initial position /b/ may very occasionally be realized in a weak palatalized form, viz. [b'], articulated with spread lips.

blein 'year' /[b']i'in/; also /[b]i'in/beggan 'a little' /[b']egan/; also /[b]egan/

/b/ may also be realized with a palatalized off-glide, viz. [bʲ].

bio 'alive' /[bʲ]o:/; also /[b']i'o:/

§10. /d/ 1. /d/ is a voiced dental stop and is phonetically realized as such, viz. [d]. In initial position before a vowel it is also realized with voiced affrication, viz. [d̪̥] or a voiced dental fricative,

viz. [ð]. Before /r/ initially and medially /d/ is regularly realized as [d̥]. There is no noticeable velarization of /d/.

a. Initially before a vowel

dorr̥ys 'door' /[d̥]orəs/, /[d̥̥]orəs/
dhoo 'black' /[d̥]u:/, /[d̥̥]u:/, /[ð]u:/

b. Initially before /r/

droghad̥ 'bridge' /[d̥̥]ro:d/
dreeym 'back' /[d̥̥]ri:m/

c. In pretonics realized as [d̥] or [ð].

dy mie 'well' /[d̥]ə maɪ/
dy liooar 'enough' /[d̥]ə ɪ'u:ə/, /[ð]ə ɪ'u:ə/

2. In intervocalic position /d/ is usually realized as [ð] or [d̥̥] (or [d̥]); in medial clusters there is usually [d̥] (sometimes [d̥̥] or [ð]). Intervocally /d/ can occasionally be realized as a geminate, viz. [d̥:] or [ð:].

a. In intervocalic position

ed̥din 'face' /e[ð]ən/, /e[d̥̥]ən/
baatey 'boat' /be:[ð]ə/, /be:[d̥̥]ə/, /be:[d̥]ə/

b. In medial clusters

Boaldyn 'May' /bo:l[d̥]ən/
keirdee 'smithy' /k'e:r[d̥]i/
cadley 'sleep' /ka[d̥]l̥ə/
boandyrys 'nursing' /bo:n[d̥]ərəs/, /bo:n[d̥̥]ərəs/,
 /bun[ð]ərəs/

c. In intervocalic position as geminates

sod̥dyn 'turf sods' /so[d̥:]ən/, /so[ð:]ən/
snaidyn 'needles' /sne[d̥:]ən/; also /sne[ð]ən/

3. In final position /d/ is usually realized as [d̥], though occasionally after vowels in unstressed words there may be [ð]. There can also be [d̥:] after /e/ (and /u/) in stressed syllables.

raad 'road' /re:[d̥]/

caigney, caignagh 'chewing' /ka[d']n'ə/,
 /ka[g']nax/, /ka[g]n'ə/
aigney 'mind' /a[d']n'ə/, /a[g']n'ə/, /a:[g]n'ə/

§12. /g'/ 1. /g'/ is a voiced palato-velar stop. It is articulated with no noticeable aspiration and is phonetically realized as [g']. The relative presence of the palatalized off-glide [j] is, as with /k'/, naturally more obvious before a back than before a front vowel. I therefore do not mark it. /g'/ is usually found initially.

gial 'bright' /[g']ol/
giu 'drinking' /[g']u:/
geurey 'winter' /[g']eure/
gee 'eating' /[g']i:/

2. In all positions /g'/ may vary with /g/
- gaaue 'smith' /[g']au/, /[g]au/
geddyn 'getting' /[g']edən/, /[g]edin/
ginsh 'telling' /[g']i:ns'/, /[g]ins'/
toiggal 'understanding' /ti[g']aI/, /ti[g]aI/
jishig 'father' /d'is'i[g']/, /d'is'i[g]/

§13. /g/ 1. /g/ is a voiced velar stop. It is realized phonetically as [g] and is found in all positions.

goll 'going' /[g]ol/
glenney 'cleaning' /[g]lenə/
gra 'saying' /[g]re:/
argid 'money' /a:r[g]id/
ghaglym 'gathering' /t'a[g]lɛm/
bolg 'belly' /bol[g]/
beg 'little' /be[g]/

2. In intervocalic position /g/ is realized either as [g] or [ɣ].

ruggit 'born' /ru[g]ɛt/, /ro[ɣ]ɛt/
fakin 'seeing' /fa:[g]in'/ /fa:[ɣ]in/

tombagey 'tobacco' /təm¹ba:[g]ə/, /tom¹ba:[γ]ə/

3. In final position /g/ after front vowels can be realized as a geminate, viz. [g:]. Note here that the monosyllabic exx. are usually stressed.

clag 'bell' /kɪa[g]/, /kɪa[g:]/

beg 'little' /be[g]/, /be[g:]/

cabbag 'dockweed' /kaba[g]/, /kaba[g:]/

queig 'five' /kwe[g]/, /kwe[g:]/

For /g/ varying with /g^ˈ/, s.v. /g^ˈ/.

The Nasals

- §14. /m/ 1. /m/ is a bilabial nasal. It is realized as [m] in all positions.

mac 'son' /[m]ak/

millish 'sweet' /[m]iɪɪs'/

mraane 'women' /[m]re:n/

gamman 'sport' /gə[m]ən/

trimshagh 'melancholic' /tri[m]s'ax/

follym 'empty' /foɪə[m]/

cam 'crooked' /ka[m]/; v. also §3 below.

- 2a. A weak palatalized variety of /m/, viz. [m^ʲ], articulated with spread lips, is found occasionally.

millt 'spoiled' /[m^ʲ]iɪ't'/

kione emshyr 'broken rainbow' /k'oun 'i[m^ʲ]d'ə/

- b. /m/ can also be realized with a following palatalized off-glide, viz. [m^j].

miolagh 'temptation' /[m^j]o:lax/

meeowal 'mewing' /[m^j]euaɪ/

3. Medially and finally /m/ may be realized as a geminate, viz. [m:].

ghymney 'will, testament' /t'i[m]nə/, /t'i[m:]nə/

cam 'crooked' /ka[m]/, /ka[m:]//

4. Medial /ms/ can be realized as [mɔ], [mɔ̃]; v. §22.2.

§15. /n/ 1. /n/ is an alveolar nasal. It is realized as [n] in all positions. /n/ is not noticeably velarized.

noa 'new' /[n]o:/
nearey 'shame' /[n]e:rə/
monney 'much, any' /mo[n]ə/
fondagh 'certain' /fo[n]dax/
bane 'white' /be:[n]/
creen 'ripe' /kri:[n]/

2. In medial and final position and in external sandhi /n/ can be realized as a geminate, viz. [n:].

Manninagh 'Manxman' /ma:[n:]ax/; also /ma[n]i[n]ax/²
shen 'that' /s'e[n:]/(usu. when stressed); also
 /s'e[n]/
ben 'woman' /be[n:]//; also /be[n]/
yn arroo 'the corn' /ə'[n:]ə:ro/

§16. /n'/ 1. /n'/ is a palatalized dental nasal. It is usually realized with a palatalized off-glide, viz. [n'j] and is found in all positions. In final position particularly, but also occasionally initially and medially, /n'/ may vary with /n/. The breakdown of the contrast suggests that the function of /n'/ as a separate phoneme is limited, and in reality becomes an allophone of /n/; the same in fact could be said of /k/ vis-à-vis /k'/ and /g/ vis-à-vis /g'/. However, in the following examples /n'/ only is found.

a. niart 'strength' /[n'j]a:t/
niau 'heaven' /[n'j]au/
dooinney 'man' /du[n'j]ə/
çhengey 'tongue' /t'i[n'j]ə/
Nherin 'Ireland' /[n'j]e:ri[n'j]/

2. The geminate here is obviously created by syncope of the medial syllable.

Before other (palatalized) consonants the palat. off-glide in /n'/ is not realized.

jeant 'done' /d'e[n']t'/

- b. /n'/ varying with /n/

nice 'washing' /[n'J]i:/, /[n]i:/

meinn 'meal' /me:[n'J]/, /me:[n]/

2. In initial position or in initial clusters there can be gemination of /n/, viz. [n'J:].

Nherin 'Ireland' /[n'J:]e:ri[n'J:]/, /[n'J]e:ri[n'J]/

Sniaul 'Snaefell' /s'[n'J:]e:l/, /s'[n'J]i:l/

- §17. /ŋ/ 1. /ŋ/ is a velarized nasal. It is realized phonetically as [ŋ] and is found in medial and final position only. /ŋ/ is quite often found in association with /g/ and /k/, and could be interpreted as a realization of /n/ before them.

shinyn 'we, us' (emph.) /s'i[ŋ]ən/

dooynyn 'to us' (emph.) /di[ŋ]ən/

ainyn 'at us, our' (emph.) /i[ŋ]ən/

bangan 'branch' /ba[ŋ]ən/, /ba[ŋ]gən/

ching 'sick' /t'i[ŋ]/, /t'i[ŋ]g/; v. also below.

bink 'bench' /bi[ŋ]k/; v. also below.

2. After front vowels /ŋ/ may be realized in a fronted (i.e. palato-) velar form, viz. [ŋ']. In the few attested examples non-fronted variants are also found.

ching 'sick' /t'i[ŋ']/, /t'i[ŋ]/

bink 'bench' /bi[ŋ']k'/, /bi[ŋ]k/

kiangley 'binding' /ki:[ŋ']l'i/, /k'e:[ŋ]l'i/

The Liquids

- §18. /l/ 1. /l/ is an alveolar lateral before and after both front and back vowels. It is realized as [l] and is found in all positions. It is normally not noticeably velarized (but v. below).

luss 'herb' / [l]us/
slaynt 'health' /s[l]ant/
mullagh 'summit' /mu[l]ax/
bolgum 'mouthful' /bo[l]gum/
boayl 'place' /bo:[l]/
gial 'bright' /g'a[l]/; v. also §3 below.

2. /l/ may sometimes be realized weakly velarized, viz. [ɫ], in all positions.

laare 'floor' / [ɫ]e:r/, / [l]e:r/
jurlan 'darnel' /d'e:[ɫ]in'/
aail 'litter, brood' /e:[ɫ]/, /e:[l]/

3. In final position /l/ may sometimes be realized as a geminate, viz. [l:].

gennal 'happy' /g'ena[l:]/
gial 'bright' /g'o[l:]/, /g'a[l]/

4. In all positions /l/ can sometimes be realized as a dental, viz. [l̪]; it may also vary with /l'/.³

leih 'forgiving' / [l̪]ei/, / [l]ei/, / [l'j]ei/
ghimlee 'chimney' /t'im[l̪]i/, /t'im[l]i/
keeill 'church' /ki[l̪]/, /k'i[l]/, /k'i[l'j]/

§19. /l'/ 1. /l'/ is a palatalized alveolar lateral. As with /n'/ it is phonetically realized with a palatalized off-glide, viz. [l'j], with vowels; with consonants the off-glide is not realized. As a separate phoneme its functions are limited (v. also II: L), and performs mostly as an allophone of /l/. In the following exx. /l'/ only is attested.

lheid 'like, sort' / [l'j]id/

3. Originally in all positions a phonemic contrast between /l/ and /l'/ would probably have existed. In LSM this contrast is realized only in medial and final positions, and to a limited extent at that, e.g. /mi:lə/ 'soft', /mi:l'ə/ 'mile'; /s'o:l/ 'sail', /s'o:l'/ 'sails'.

lheim 'jump' /['j]em/
lhiantyn 'sticking' /['j]antən/
lhiggey 'letting' /['j]igə/
lhiurid 'length' /['j]u:rid'/
billey 'tree' /bi['j]ə/; but /bi[ɪ]dɛn/ (pl.)
duillag 'leaf' /du['j]ag/
shiauill 'sails' /s'o: ['j]/
soilshey 'light' /sai['j]s'ə/

§20. /r/ 1. /r/ is an alveolar flap usually articulated with one, or two flaps at most. It is realized as [r] initially and medially.

ram 'a lot' /[r]əm/
ribbey 'snare' /[r]ibə/
creen 'ripe' /k[r]i:n/
arran 'bread' /a[r]ən/
thurran 'cornstack' /tu[r]ən/
boandrys 'nursing' /bund[r]əs/

2. /r/ may also be realized as a weak alveolar fricative, viz. [ɹ], especially before consonants and in final position. After a vowel /r/ may be much reduced.⁴ In such circumstances /r/ may vary with /ə/.

ayrn 'share' /a:[ɹ]n/, /ə:n/
barnagh 'limpet' /bə[ɹ]nax/
oarn 'barley' /o:[ɹ]n/, /o:[ə]n/
mooar 'big' /mu:[r]/, /mu:[ɹ]/, /mu:[ə]/, /mu:/
feayr 'cold' /fu:[r]/, /fi:[ɹ]/, /fi:ə[ɹ]/, /fi:[ə]/,
 /fi:/

3. In intervocalic position /r/ may be realized as [ð]
(v. also II: R).

mairagh 'tomorrow' /me[ð]ax/ /me:[r]ax/

4. Or not realized at all; v. also II: R.

4. In final position, and in initial clusters, /r/ can be realized strongly trilled, viz. [r:].

cuir 'casting' /kwi[r:]/
broie 'boiling' /b^o[r:]i:/

5. In initial position only /r/ may very occasionally be realized 'palatalized', viz. [r'], i.e. the tongue tip is near the dental aperture.⁵ Here /r/ may also be realized with a palatalized off-glide, viz. [rʲ].

rio 'frost' / [r']o:/, / [rʲ]o:/, / [r]o:/
rieau 'ever' / [r']u:/, / [rʲ]u:/, / [r]u:/
red 'thing' / [r']ed/, / [r]ed/

6. After /n/ /r/ may vary with /s/, or the cluster /nr/ may be realized as [ndr], [nʒr].

poanrey 'beans' /po:n[s]ə/
maynrys 'happiness' /me[ndr]əs/
oanraghyn 'petticoats' /u[nʒr]əxən/

The Fricatives

- §21. /f/ 1. /f/ is a voiceless labio-dental fricative. It is realized as [f] and is found in initial position, and in final position only in loanwords.

fastyr 'evening' / [f]a:stə/
fer 'man' / [f]er/
floagey 'grinding to atoms' / [f]luge/
frugh 'misty' / [f]rux/
quoif 'flaxen cap' /kwai[f]/ (fr. E.)

2. In initial position only /f/ can occasionally be realized in a 'palatalized' form, viz. [f'], i.e. articulated with spread lips and with no palatalized off-glide.

5. There is also a degree of friction.

fliaghey 'rain' /['f']i'a:xə/, /[f]i'a:xə/
faagail 'leaving' /['f']e:gaɪ/, /[f]e:geɪ'/

3. In initial position /f/ can be realized with a palatalized off-glide, viz. [fʲ].

feeu 'worth' /[fʲ]u:/

- §22. /s/ 1. /s/ is a voiceless alveolar fricative. It is phonetically realized as [s] and is found initially and finally, sometimes internally. Quite often /s/ is realized with lower dental articulation, i.e. the tongue tip can be behind the bottom teeth, with the blade of the tongue as the active articulator.

sourey 'summer' /[s]aureə/
scaddan 'herring' /[s]kadan/
dorrys 'door' /dorə[s]/
bunnys 'almost' /bunə[s]/
cassid 'accusation' /ka:[s]əd'/
caslys 'likeness' /ka:[s]ləs/

2. In intervocalic position /s/ is often realized as [z] or [ð]. After /l/, /m/, /n/ it is realized as [s] or [z]; after /m/, /n/ there may also be [ð], [d].

praaseyn 'potatoes' /pre:[s]ən/, /pre:[z]ən/,
 /pre:[ð]ən/
poosit 'married' /pu:[z]it'/, /pu:[ð]it'/
foalsey 'false' /fo:l[s]ə/, /fo:l[z]ə/
Rhumsaa 'Ramsey' /rum[s]e:/, /rum[z]e:/
gynsagh(ey) 'learning' /gen[z]ax/, /gin[ð]ax/
chymysagh 'collecting' /t'em[s]ax/, /t'im[d]ax/,
 /t'im[ð]ax/

3. Internally /s/ may also be realized as [ɟ̥].

shassoo 'standing' /s'a:[ð]u/, /sa:[ɟ̥]u/
gynsagh(ey) 'learning' /gin[ð]ax/, /gin[ɟ̥]axə/

4. For the realization of /rs/ as [ɹ̥] or [ɹ], v.

II: S §6.

§23. /s'/ 1. /s'/ is a voiceless palato-alveolar fricative. It is realized phonetically as [ʃ] and is found mostly initially and finally. /s'/ like /s/ can be realized with lower dental articulation.

shiaghtin 'week' /[ʃ]a:xtən/
shliawin 'slippery' /[ʃ]l'aun/
stiagh 'into' /[ʃ]t'a:x/; note also /[s]t'eax/
 though this may be an idiosyncratic form.
nish 'now' /ni[ʃ]/
fegooish 'without' /fə'gu:[ʃ]/

2. Intervocally /s'/ gives [ʃ], [ʒ], sometimes [d'ʒ], [ð] or is lost, or it may vary with /j/. Medially with consonants there is usu. [ʃ], [ʒ]; v. also II: §93.

shlissag 'slice' /s'l'i[ʃ]ag/, /s'l'i[ʒ]ag/,
 /s'l'e[ð]ag/
cleayshyn 'ears' /kle:[ʃ]ən/, /kli[ʒ]ən/, /kle:[j]ən/,
 /kle:ən/, /kli:n/
toshiaght 'beginning' /to:[ʃ]ə/, /to[ʒ]ax/,
 /to[d'ʒ]ax/, /ta[j]ax/
trimshey 'sadness' /trim[ʃ]ə/ /trim[ʒ]ə/
aghterbee 'anyway' /ə:[ʃ]ə'bi:/

3. /s'/ may also vary with /s/.

sheese 'downwards' /[ʃ]i:s/, /[s]i:s/, /[ʃ]i:[ʃ]/
sniaghtey 'snow' /[ʃ]n'axtə/, /[s]n'a:xtə/

§24. /x/ 1. /x/ is a voiceless velar fricative. It is realized as [x] and is found mostly in final position. Here there may occasionally be a loss of friction, viz. [χ].

jinnagh 'would do' /d'ina[x]/
jough 'ale' /d'o[x]/
colbagh 'heifer' /ko:lba[x]/, /ko:lba[χ]/

2. In medial position with a consonant /x/ is realized as [x].

smaghtey 'controlling' /sma:[x]tə/
shiaghtin 'week' /s'a:[x]tən/. Note also /t'a:n/
 (i.e. a reduced form of /ən t'a:xtən/) with non-
 realization of the cluster /xt/.

3. Initially /x/ may vary with /h/, /k/, /k'/, or is not realized at all.

cha 'not' /[x]ə/, /[h]ə/, /ə/
cheayll 'heard' /[x]i:l/, /[k^h]i:l/
chaie 'went, past' /[x]ai/, /[k^h]ai/, /[k'ʰ]ai/
chraa 'shook' /[x]re:/, /[k^h]re:/

4. Intervocally /x/ may vary with /h/, /g/, /g'/, or may not be realized at all.

dorraghys 'darkness' /doro[x]əs/, /dora[ɣ]əs/
laghyn 'days' /le:[x]ən/, /la:[ɣ]ən/, /le:[h]ən/,
 /le:ən/
jeeaghyn 'looking' /d'i[x]ən/, /d'i[ɣ]ən/,
 /d'i:[g]ən/, /d'i:[g']ən/

5. In final position /x/ may vary with /s/ or /s'/.

agh 'but' /a[x]/, /a[s]/
aght 'method' /a:[x]/, /a:[f]/

6. In word-final position /x/ may be realized as a geminate, viz. [x:].

fliugh 'wet' /fl'u[x:]/, /fl'u[x]/
frough 'mist' /fru[x:]/, /fru[x]/

The above exx. are from one speaker only.

7. In final position /x/ may be realized as a voiceless palato-velar fricative, viz. [x'].

keeaght 'plough' /k'i:a[x]/, /k'i:[x']/

§25. (/x'/) /x'/ is a voiceless palato-velar fricative. It is realized as [x'] and is found in initial position as a lenited form of /s'/, /k'/, /t'/. The occurrence is very rare.

my huyr 'my sister' /mə [x']u:r/; len. of /s'/.

my chione 'my head' /mə [x']o:n/; len. of /k'/.

Note also /mə [k'ɣ]o:n/.

O Hiarn 'O Lord' /o '[x']a:n/; len. of /t'/.

/x'/ is found in initial position in the phrase da cheilley 'to each other' /de [x']eɪə/. But note that in the phrase ry cheilley 'together' /re ke:l'ə/ there is not only non-palatalization, but also non-spirantization.

Except as an occasional realization of /x/ the segment /x'/ appears only under mutation. This raises the question of the status of /x'/ as a phoneme. For this reason I place it in brackets. For a discussion on this question, cf. Hamp (1951) and Oftedal (1962).

- §26. /h/ 1. /h/ is a voiceless glottal fricative when it occurs initially in a word produced in isolation. Intervocally and across word boundaries /h/ is usually voiced. I write its phonetic realization here as [h]. Its occurrence in base forms is rare.

hocht 'eight' /[h]o:x/

Jeheiney 'Friday' /d'ə'[h]e n'ə/. As /h/ here comes under primary stress it could well be considered initial.

2. Initially and medially /h/ may vary with /x/; s.v. /x/ §§3, 4.
3. /h/ can occur finally; cf. bocht 'poor' /bo[h]/

- §27. /v/ 1. /v/ is a voiced labio-dental fricative. It is realized as [v] and is found mainly in initial position in secondary forms only. It represents lenited /b/ and /m/ (for this v. Initial Mutations below).

2. Intervocally /v/ can be a realization of /b/ (qv).

3. Very occasionally /v/ may be realized in a 'palatalized' form, viz. [v'], i.e. articulated with spread lips.

vlein 'year' /[v']i'in/; /[v]i'in/; rad. blein.

4. In initial position /v/ may vary allophonically with /w/.

veih 'from' /[v]ei/, /[w]ei/⁶

voish 'from' /[v]ois'/, /[w]us'/⁶

y vooa 'the cow' /ə [v]u:/, /ə [w]u:/; rad. booa.

vooar 'big' /[v]u:r/, /[w]u:r/; rad. mooar.

The Semivowels

- §28. /w/ 1. /w/ is the frictionless bilabial glide [w]. It occurs in initial position only as the second element in (initial) consonant clusters giving the first element a bilabial or rounded quality.

mwaagh 'hare' /m[w]a:x/

mwannal 'neck' /m[w]anəl/; also /monəl/

purt 'harbour' /p[w]ət/; also /pət/

quaagh 'strange' /k[w]a:x/

queeyl 'wheel' /k[w]i:l'/

quee 'imploring' /g[w]i:/

whilleen 'as many' /h[w]ilən/

weesh 'amount' /h[w]is'/ /k[w]i:s'/

2. For the function of /w/ as the lenited form of /b/ and /m/ s.v. Initial Mutations below.

- §29. /j/ 1. /j/ is the palatal semivowel [j]. It is quite often found initially before front vowels and in intervocalic position.

6. Variants of the same preposition.

yeealley 'beating' /[[j]i]lə/
eeastagh 'fishing' /[[j]i]stax/
yiarn 'iron' /[[j]a:]n/
sheshaght 'company' /s'a[j]ax/
niaght 'news' /na[j]ax/

2. For /j/ varying with /s'/ in this environment, s.v. /s'/ above.

CONSONANT SEQUENCES

§30. In LSM consonants may occur in sequences of two or three members. These sequences fall into three groups: initial, medial, final. Some sequences may be found in more than one group. The consonant sequences in word-initial position are as follows (lenited forms appear in brackets):

1. /sp- spr-
 spw-
 sk- skr-
 sr- skj-
 st- str- s't'-
 sl- sl'- s'l'- (x'l- tl'- kl'-)
 sm-
 sn- sn'- s'n'-
 pl-
 pr-
 pw-
 tr- (xr-)
 kl- kl'-
 kr-
 kw- (hw- xw- w-)
 bl- (vl-) bl'- (vl'-)
 br-
 bj-
 bw-

dr-
 gr-
 gw-
 fl- fl'-
 fr-
 fj-
 fw- (hw-)
 mr-
 mj-
 mw- /

Examples: spein 'spoon' /spe:n/, sproghil 'dewlap' /spro:xəl/,
spoiy 'castrating' /spwi:/, skee 'tired' /ski:/, screeu 'writing'
 /skru:/, sroin 'nose' /srən/ (v. also below), skeouw 'pruning'
 /skjau/, stailin 'steel' /stelən', stroin 'nose' /stro:n/,
stiagh 'into' /s't'a:x/, sleih 'people' /slei/, slieau 'mountain'
 /sl'u:/, /s'l'u:/, smarrey 'grease' /sma:rə/, snaue 'swimming'
 /snau/, sniaghtey 'snow' /sn'a:xtə/, /s'n'a:xtə/, plaggad 'oats'
 /plagad/, praaseyn 'potatoes' /pre:sən/, put 'harbour' /pwət/,
troggal 'lifting' /trogal/, clouw 'tongs' /klau/, cliwe 'sword'
 /kl'u:/, creck 'selling' /krek/, queeyl 'wheel' /kwi:l', blaa
 'flower' /ble:/, blein 'year' /bl'in/, bree 'vigour' /bri:/, bio
 'alive' /bjo:/, booise 'thanks' /bwi:s/, dree 'tedious' /dri:/,
grayse 'grace' /gre:s/, gwee 'curse' /gwi:/, flooyr 'flour' /flu:r/,
fliaghey 'rain' /fl'a:xe/, frass 'shower' /fras/, feeu 'worth'
 /fju:/, fuill 'blood' /fwil', mraane 'women' /mre:n/, miolagh
 'temptation' /mjo:lax/, mwannal 'neck' /mwanel/.

2. The consonant sequences in medial position are:

/ -sp-, -sk-, -st-, -s't'-, (-s't-)⁷, -sl-, -s'l-, -sn-
 -tl-
 -kl-, -ks-
 -bd-
 -dl-
 -gl-, -gn-, -gn'-

7. Only in bashtey 'baptizing' /ba:s'tə/.

-mb-, -mn-, -ms'-
 -nd-, -ŋ(g)-, -ŋk-, -nl-, -nm-, -nr-, -ns'-, -nd'-, -nt-,
 -ntr-, -nv-
 -rt-, -rd'-, -rk-, -rb-, -rd-, -rg-, -rm-, -rn-, -rl-,
 -rl'-
 -lt-, -l't'-, -lb-, -l'd'-, -lg-, -ls-, -l's'-, -lt-
 -xl-, -xt- /

Examples: aspick 'bishop' /a:spit'/, baskad 'basket' /baskad/,
lhasstid 'slothfulness' /l'a:stəd'/, loshtey 'burning' /lo:s't'ə/,
fosley 'opening' /fo:slə/, foshlit 'opened' /fo:s'lit/, cosney
 'earning' /ko:snə/, çhattlynyn 'chattels' /t'atlənən/, fockleyn
 'words' /fo:klən/, Laksa 'Laxey' /laksa/, cabdil 'chapter' /kabdəl/,
cadley 'sleep' /kadlə/, çhaglym 'gathering' /t'agləm/, caigney
 'chewing' /kagn'ə/, sthambey 'treading' /stambə/, çhymney 'will,
 testament' /t'imnə/, cumrail 'hindering' /kom're:l'/, trimshey
 'sorrow' /trims'ə/, coontey 'thinking, considering' /ku:ndə/,
bangan 'branch' /baŋan/, /baŋgan/, cronkyn 'hills' /krenkən/
 (usu. pl. crink), cainley 'candle' /kainlə/, anmagh 'Late'
 /anmax/, ynrick 'honest, upright, decent' /inrək'/, /jinrik'/,
sonsheragh 'whisper' /sons'ərax/, banjagh 'lealand' /band'ax/,
drogh-yantagh 'wastrel' /drox'jəntax/, contraie 'neaptide'
 /kon'trei/, convayrt 'carrion' /kon'va:t/, gortey 'famine' /go:rtə/,
yrjid 'height' /ərd'əd'/, corkey 'oats' /korkə/, Jurby (placename)
 /d'ərbi/, keirdee 'smithy' /k'a:rdi/, margey 'market' /mərgə/,
çhirmagh 'drying' /t'ərmax/, baarney 'gap' /bernə/, urley 'eagle'
 /ərlə/, coyrlagh 'advising' /ko:rl'ax/, oltaghey-bea 'greeting'
 /oltaxə'be:/, palçhey 'plenty' /pal't'ə/, colbagh 'heifer' /kolbax/,
soilsheeyn 'lights' /sail'd'iən/, bolgum 'mouthful' /bolgum/,
foalsey 'false' /fo:lsə/, soilshey 'light' /sail's'ə/, palçhys
 'abundance' /pa:ltis/, caghlaa 'changing' /kox'le:/, smooinaghtyn
 'thinking' /smun'axtən/.

It will be noticed that in many of the above exx. the vowel following the medial sequence is /ə/.

3. The consonant sequences in word-final position are as follows:

/-st, -s't'

-rp, -rt, -rt', -rk, -rd, -rg, -rn
 -lt, -lk, -lg
 -xt
 -ŋ(g), -nt, -ns, -ns' /

Examples: lhasst 'lazy' /l'a:st/, rooisht 'naked' /ru:s't',
corp 'body' /korp/, bart 'load' /ba:rt/, sorgh 'kind, sort'
 /sərt', eairk 'horn' /e:rk/, coard 'rope' /ko:rd/, s'merg 'woe
 is me!' /smərg/, cayrn 'trumpet' /ka:rn/, folt 'hair' /folt/,
olk 'bad' /olk/, colg 'chaff' /kolg/, briaght 'asking' /braiaxt/,
ching 'sick' /t'ing/, /t'ing/, jeant 'done' /d'ent/, shiartanse
 'several' /s'ertəns/, scansh 'importance' /skans' /.

CONSONANT LENGTH

§31. In LSM there are a number of environments in which consonants are lengthened automatically beyond their usual duration in other circumstances. Most affected are /d/, /g/, /m/, /n/, /l/, /r/, /x/ in final position following a short vowel in monosyllables or disyllables. The affected element can bear primary or secondary stress and occurs usually (though not always) at the end of a phrase or in external sandhi.

1. shen yn chied traa 'that's the first time' /s'en in k'e[d:]
 'tre: /
ec tree er y clag 'at three o'clock' /eg tri: erə 'kla[g:] /
duillagyn cabbag 'dockleaves' /dul'agən 'k'a,ba[g:] /
goll cam 'going wrong' /gol 'k'e[m:] /
ec y traa shen 'at that time' /egə 'tre: ,s'e[n:] /
Ollick Gennal 'Happy Christmas' /olik 'g'ena[!:] /
ro gial 'too bright' /ro:'g'o[!:] /
ta'n aer ooilley ayns frugh 'the sky is all in mist' /tan
 'na: ol'u əs 'fru[x:] /

2. Geminate /r/, viz. [r:] - i.e. strongly trilled, is very rarely found.

sheign dooin traue yn thaloo as cuir yn arroo ayn 'we'll
 have to plough the land and sow the corn' /sain din' 'tre:u
 in tolu as kwi[r:] ən 'a:ru o:n /

3. /b/ in initial position in consecutive words in a phrase is sometimes found geminated. The following is taken from a story and is therefore probably stylistic.

va ben baghey ayns Balley ny Loghey 'there was a woman living in Ballaugh' /va '[b:]en '[b:]e: us [b:]alə'la:/

4. Geminate /g/ may also be found intervocally, viz. cleighyn 'hedges' /kle[g:]ən/

5. In the cluster /mn/ or /m/ + stop in medial position the first element may be lengthened.

çhymnéy 'testament' /t'i[m:]nə/, /t'i[m]nə/; v. also §14.3.

çhymsagh 'collecting' /t'i[m:]dax/, /t'i[m]dax/

6. In words borrowed from English intervocalic /p/ and /d/ may show lengthening.

croppyn 'crops' /kro[p:]ən/

soddyn 'turf-sods' /so[d:]ən/, /so[ð:]ən/

7. /n/ may be found lengthened intervocally in an (original) trisyllable reduced to a disyllable through syncope resulting in the fusion of the preceding and following /n/ of the syncopated syllable with free lengthening (so often found in Manx) of the stressed syllable.

Manninagh 'Manxman' /maninax/, /ma:[n:]ax/; also /ma:nax/

SEQUENCE REDUCTION

§32. In rapid speech some consonant clusters, notably /xt/, in intervocalic position outside the main stress can be reduced or not realized at all.

cooinaghtyn 'remembering' /ku:n'axtən/, /ku:n'axən/,
/ku:n'an/

smooinaghtyn 'thinking' /smu:n'axtən/, /smin'axən/,
/smun'a:n/

PREOCCLUSION

§33. In LSM there can occur usually in stressed monosyllables (but also in stressed final syllables of disyllables and stressed medial

syllables followed by a short monosyllabic unstressed suffix - whether the stressed syllable be long or short) ending in a nasal or lateral a development known as preocclusion. That is to say, that just prior to the articulation of the nasal or lateral the corresponding (voiced)⁸ stop is realized, but with nasal or lateral release, i.e. [b^N] before /m/, [d^N] before /n/, [g^N] before /ŋ/, [d^L] before /l/.⁹

1. /[b^N]m/ in stressed monosyllables.

cam 'crooked' /k'am/, /k'a[b^N]m/

dreeym 'back' /dri:m/, /dri:[b^N]m/, /dri:[b^N]m/

eeym 'butter' /im/ /i:[b^N]m/

trome 'heavy' /tro:m/, /tro:[b^N]m/, /tro[b^N]m/

2a. /[d^N]n/ (or /[d^N]n'/) in stressed monosyllables.

bane 'white' /be:n/, /be:[d^N]n/, /be[d^N]n/

slane 'full' /slen/, /sle[d^N]n/

kione 'head' /k'aun/, /k'o:n/, /k'o[d^N]n/, /k'o:[d^N]n/

oarn 'barley' /ər[d^N]n/, /o:[d^N]n/

shen 'that' /s'en/, /s'e[d^N]n/

lane 'full' /le[d^N]n/

keayn 'sea' /ki[d^N]n/

eean, pl. ein 'chick, bird' /ji:[d^N]n/, pl. /e[d^N]n/

/e:[d^N]n'/

lhune 'ale' /l'u[d^N]n/

b. /[d^N]n/ (or /[d^N]n'/) in disyllables with final stress.

Jeley 'Monday' /d'e¹liən/, /d'a¹l'en'/, /d'e¹li[d^N]n/,

/d'e¹le:[d^N]n/, /d'a¹l'e[d^N]n'/

suggane 'strawrope' /sə¹gə:n/, /sə¹gə:[d^N]n/

drollane 'useless sort of person' /dro¹le:[d^N]n/

c. /[d^N]n/ (or /[d^N]n'/) in intervocalic position or followed by an unstressed monosyllabic suffix.

brynnagh 'flattering' /bre[d^N]n'əx/

lieenyn 'nets' /l'i[d^N]nən/

8. Nasals and laterals are only found voiced in LSM.

9. Here n = nasally released, L = laterally released.

3. /[g^N]ŋ/ in stressed monosyllables. The following is the only attested example.

lhong 'ship' /lŋ/, /lŋ/[g^N]ŋ/, /lu[g^N]ŋ/

4. /[d^L]l(ʹ)/ in stressed monosyllables.

shooyll 'walking' /sʹu:l/, /sʹu:[d^L]l/

Baarle 'English Lang.' /bərɪ/, /bəl/, /bəl[d^L]l/

keeill 'church' /kʹi:lʹ/, /kʹi:l/, /kʹi[d^L]l/

§34. Two questions need to be asked regarding preocclusion in LSM: 1) is it to be regarded as allophonic or phonemic, and 2) does preocclusion render an additional syllable to the word so affected?

1. In the above examples we see that the preocclusive elements, realized with nasal or lateral release in association with their homorganic nasals or laterals, i.e. /[b^N]m/, /[d^N]n/, /[g^N]ŋ/, /[d^L]l/, have been noticed earlier in our survey as the phonemes /b/, /d/, /g/ articulated with full oral release. We could therefore reach the conclusion that once elements have already been established as phonemes, any difference in their articulation (whatever that might be) would not alter their status as phonemes, and that their association with their corresponding homorganic nasals or laterals in this respect would, or could, suggest that the clusters were biphonemic varying freely with a monophonemic (nasal or lateral) segment.

However, another view of the matter could be taken. The nasally or laterally released elements, viz. [b^N], [d^N], [g^N], [d^L], occur only in association with their homorganic nasals or laterals, viz. /m/, /n/, /ŋ/, /l/ (i.e. [bm], [dn], [gŋ], [dl]) in a particular set of circumstances (as outlined above), and not otherwise. That is to say, that in such circumstances the phonemes /m/, /n/, /ŋ/, /l/ can be realized in a particular sort of way. It is noticeable that, except in a few cases,¹⁰ the items containing a preocclusive

10. In such cases (mostly featuring [dn]) either the variant without preocclusion has not been recorded, or in those particular exx. it had fallen out of use. If the latter is the case (and exx. such as keayn and lane are found frequently in the corpus always with preoccl.), then this may suggest that preocclusion has been in the language for some time.

element also have counterparts that do not, which indicates that these given set of circumstances do not result in the automatic application of such realizations. It is also noticeable that no minimal pairs can be formed with the preocclusive element to show opposition of meaning, i.e. [bun] and [budn] both mean 'base, bottom', [tro:m] and [tro:bm] both mean 'heavy', [ʃu:l] and [ʃu:dʌ] both mean 'walking', etc. That is to say, that in this respect at any rate there is no phonemic opposition between [m] and [bm], or between [n] and [dn], [ŋ] and [gŋ], or [l] and [dl]. In addition, particularly in the sequence [dn], palat. variants (viz. [d'n']) are noted by Marstrander side by side in the same lexical item (obtained from different speakers, but from the same area), e.g. (leaving aside differences in vowel quality) Jerdein 'Thursday' [d'zɔr'dɔd'n']N, [d'zɔr'deɪdn]N. Also (from the same speaker) the preocclusive element may or may not be found palat. in the same word, e.g. Jeley 'Monday' [d'zɛ'lɛ:d'n']S, [d'zɛ'lɛ:dn']S. It is clear from this that the preocclusive element can appear palat. and non-palat., as can the whole cluster, without any phonemic significance or significance of meaning, and that the presence of palatalization (here at any rate) plays no role whatever in the meaning or the import the speaker wishes to convey. The palat. variants can therefore only be interpreted as occurring in free allophonic variation with the non-palat. forms. It is my view that the same applies in the case of preocclusion, i.e. that though in a given set of circumstances preocclusion can take place, nevertheless reflexes containing no preocclusion (in most cases) also occur, thus indicating that preocclusion plays no role whatever in the context of meaning and import. That is to say, that the preocclusive forms [bm], [dn], [gŋ], [dl] are special realizations of the corresponding phonemes (/m/, /n/, /ŋ/, /l/), and in this regard I would view preocclusion in LSM as having allophonic rather than phonemic status.

On the other hand, it may be noticed that in his phonetic corpus of LSM Marstrander sometimes renders the preocclusive dental as a spirant, viz. /[ð]n/, which suggests that it was becoming separated from its homorganic nasal and the whole unit was developing into [ðən], as in [bɛ:ðən] 'boats'. Indeed he sometimes writes as if

the unit had already developed a centralized vowel, e.g. (without spirantization of the dental) [ʃedən] 'that', usu. [ʃən]. That is to say, that the dental was now being released orally instead of nasally, i.e. as a separate segment. In other words a process of phonemicization was taking (or had taken) place.

2. We now turn to the question as to whether preocclusion renders an additional syllable to the word in which it occurs, i.e. it makes a disyllable out of a monosyllable, or a trisyllable of a disyllable, etc, or whether it merely forms part of the syllable in which it is found (as its variant without preocclusion does), and is regarded as an extension of it. To gain a better perspective of the situation we may look at the following: baatyn 'boats' /be:[d̥]ən/ and bane 'white' /be:[d̥]n/. In the first example the /d/ is orally released, thus producing a centralized vowel between it and the nasal; in the second the nasally released /d/ produces no centralized vowel, but that /n/ could be regarded as syllabic. The latter may be compared with the usual English pronunciation of button, viz. [batən] [bat̩], where in the second example the /n/ is syllabic.¹¹

If we look at the situation in Manx verse, we find that those items containing preocclusion occupy (as is to be expected) a stressed position in the line and have the equivalent of a long syllable.¹²

In the following examples the stressed elements are marked long. It will be noticed that shortening of stressed elements can be made up by additional (hypermetric) syllables which are bracketed.

11. It is likely that no one would argue here that the word has become monosyllabic because nasal plosion is found. But it must be noted that the pronunciation can shorten the second syllable in this particular word that is recognized as being disyllabic.

12. i.e. they are long by position, even if not long by nature.

1. (Vol. 1: 338).
 - v v | - v
 ['arax ðə 'sn'a:xtə
 v | - v v | -
 (as) 'darax ðə 'rjɔ:
 v v | - v v | - v
 (vɛ nə) 'fɛdn kīri 'maru
 v v | - v v | -
 (as nə) 'ɛ:dn bɛɣə 'βl'ɔ:]

Metre: (mainly) dactylic

2. (Vol. 1: 320). The same last two lines from a different source.

v v | - v v | - v
 [(va nə) 'fan: kīri 'maru
 v v | - v v | -
 (as nə) 'i.dn ve:ɣə 'bjo:]

Note the secondary lengthening of the first syllable in veggey.

3. (Vol. 1: 352).

v - | v - | v - | v -
 [b'li'in' 'ha:x kīd' d'zɛg gai 'jeg as 'gaid'ʒ
 v - | v - | v - |
 in 'at'ʃim 'ʃɔ: næx 'bɔn dən' 'l'ɛd'ʒ
 v - | v - | v - |
 d'zai 'de:n'(ə) as 'fid də 'd'zidn va 'stθreit'
 v - | v - | v - |
 l'ɛf 'aʔl' as 'pʰu:ðə 'fi:(ə) dʁl'tat'ʃ]

Metre: iambic

If we look at the word [fɛdn] 'old' (Vs. 1, li. 3)¹³ and its variant [fan:] (Vs. 2, li. 1) (usu. [fa:n]), we note that (in the second case), although the vowel is short, the syllable is long because of the geminated nasal; the syllable is clearly long in the more usual variant (above). In vs. 1 we see that [fɛdn] has the same quantity as its counterpart in verse 2. The

13. For a translation of these verses v. Vol. 1: 461, 456, 465.

vowel in [ʃedŋ] is short, and bearing in mind that in Manx verse a long syllable has the value of two short syllables, the second short syllable here is, therefore, made up by the preocclusive element plus the nasal plosion. We can see the same in [d'ʒidŋ] 'eager' (here 'sudden') in vs. 3, li. 3, which occupies a position of stress and therefore (in metrical terms) can have a long or two short syllables. In this instance the vowel is short, indicating that two short syllables are required to make up the quantity. The short vowel contributes to the first short syllable; the second is therefore made up by the preocclusive element plus the nasal plosive. That is to say, that (in Manx verse terms at any rate) preocclusion renders an additional syllable to the word (here a stressed monosyllable) so affected.¹⁴ It will be noticed that in other examples of verse in the corpus (v. Vol. 1) stressed monosyllables (whether the vowel be long or short) containing preocclusion occur (as mentioned earlier) only in stressed position in the line, i.e. they have the equivalent of one long or two short syllables. It is my view that the same applies in ordinary speech, i.e. that preocclusion renders a (stressed) monosyllable disyllabic, and a disyllable trisyllabic.

14. In [ɛ:dŋ] 'lambs' (Vs. 1, li. 4) and its variant [i.dŋ] (Vs. 2, li. 2), however, we have a long (or half-long) syllable as well as preocclusion. That is to say (if we accept that preocclusion contributes to an additional syllable), we have in the first case a long and a short syllable, or in metrical terms three short syllables - i.e. one syllable too many for the metre. The same applies in the second case, except for the fact that the additional syllable goes half way to compensate for the reduction in vowel length.

VOWELS

A. Short Vowels

§35. In LSM there are six short oral¹ vowel phonemes. They are:

	front		back	
high	i		u	
mid	e	ə	o	
low	a			

§36. Minimal or near minimal pairs.

i - e	/k'id/N/S 'hundred' : /k'ed/N/S 'permission'
e - a	/mek/N/S 'sons' : /mak/N/S 'son'
u - o	/kunə/N/S 'help' : /konə/N 'gorse'
o - a	/monə/N/S 'much, any' : /mana/N 'unless'
ə - i	/nə/N/S 'the' (pl.) : /ni/N/S 'will do'
i - u	/snig/N 'latch' : /snug/N 'a nod'
e - o	/ben/S 'woman' : /bon/N 'rim of wheel'
i - a	/snip/N 'clout' : /snap/N 'snack'
u - e	/bun/S 'base' : /ben/S 'woman'
u - a	/muk/N 'pig' : /mak/N/S 'son'
u - o	/mulag/N 'cask' : /molag/N 'buoy'

PHONETIC REALIZATION OF THE PHONEMES

§37. /i/ 1. /i/ is an unrounded high front vowel. In stressed monosyllables it is realized phonetically as [i], [I], [ÿ], sometimes [ə] in free variation.

cheet 'coming' /t'[i]t/, /t'[I]t/, /t'[ÿ]t/

1. There is no opposition between orality and nasality in vowels in LSM. For the occurrence of nasality in vowels, v. II: Nasality.

rish 'to, towards' /r[i]s'/, /r[I]s'/, /r[ü]s'/
ghreim 'gripped' /gr[i]m/, /gr[ə]m/

2. In closed initial stressed syllables of polysyllables /i/ is realized as [i], [I], [ü], sometimes [ə] in free variation.

ghymney 'testament' /t'[i]mnə/, /t'[I]mnə/,
 /t'[ü]mnə/

bleaney 'years' /bl'[i]nə/, /bl'[ə]nə/

3. In initial closed unstressed syllables /i/ is realized as [i], [I], [ü], [ə] in free variation.

jinneyr 'dinner' /d'[i]'ne:r/, /d'[I]'ne:ə/,
 /d'[ü]'ne:ə/

Jedoonee 'Sunday' /d'[ə]'du:ni/; v. also §9a below.

4. In initial open stressed syllables /i/ is realized as [i], [I], [ü], sometimes [ə] in free variation.

earish 'weather' /[i]ris'/, /[I]ris'/

imbagh 'season' /[ü]mbax/,/[I]mbax/

earroo 'number' /[I]ru/, /[ə]ru/

5. In initial open unstressed syllables /i/ is realized as [ü] or [ə]. Note that the environment here is nasal.

imnea 'anxiety' [ü]m'ne:/

imraa 'mention' [ə]m're:/

6. In medial position /i/ is realized as [i] or [I].
 The environment here is also nasal.

niurinagh 'hellish' /n'u:r[i]n'ax/

firrinagh 'true' /fir[I]n'ax/

7. In final closed unstressed syllables /i/ is realized as [i], [I], [ü] in free variation.

aalin 'fair' /e:l[i]n'/

argid 'money' /e g[i]d/, /e:g[I]d/

fakin 'seeing' /fa:g[i]n'/, /fa:g[ü]n'/

8. In final open unstressed syllables /i/ is realized as [i].

irree 'arise' /ir[i]/
foddee 'perhaps' /fod[i]/
immee 'go!' /im[i]/
nurree 'last year' /nur[i]/

- 9a. In stressed monosyllables or initial stressed syllables of polysyllables /i/ may vary freely with /i:/, /e(:)/, /u(:)/, /o/, /ə/, /a/.

cleayshyn 'ears' /kl[i]s'an/, /kl[i:]s'an/
cleaysh 'ear' /kl[i]s'/, /kl[ö:]s'/, /kl[e:]s'/
chirrym 'dry' /t'[i]rəm/, /t'[e]rəm/
gheet 'coming' /t'[i]t/, /t'[e]t/, /t'[ə]t/, /t'[ø]t/
chibbyrt 'well' /t'[i]vət/, /t'[g]vət/, /t'[ɔ]bət/
greimey 'gripping' /gr[i]mə/, /gr[i:]mə/, /gr[ə]mə/

- b. In initial unstressed syllables /i/ may vary (allophonically) with /ə/, sometimes with /e/, /o/.

mitçhooragh 'mischievous' /m[i]'t'u:rax/,
 /m[ə]'t'u:rax/
Jedoonee 'Sunday' /d'[e]'du:ni/, /d'[ə]'du:ni/,
 /d'[e]'duni/, /d'[ø]'duni/

- c. In final stressed syllables /i/ may vary with /u/ or /i:/.

mygeayrt 'around' /mə'g[i]t/, /mə'g[ü]t/, /mə'g[i:]t/

- d. In final unstressed syllables /i/ may vary freely with /ə/ before a nasal.

awin 'river' /au[i]n'/, /au[ə]n'/
fakin 'seeing' /fa:g[i]n'/, /fa:g[ə]n'/
dorrin 'storm' /dor[i]n'/, /dor[ə]n'/

- e. Medially /i/ may vary freely with /ə/ before a nasal.

conningyn 'rabbits' /kor[i]nən/, /kur[ə]n'ən/
firrinagh 'true' /fir[i]n'ax/, /fir[ə]n'ax/

§38. /e/ 1. /e/ is an unrounded front vowel. In stressed monosyllables or in stressed initial syllables of polysyllables (whether the syllables are open or closed) /e/ can be realized as [e], [ɛ], [ɛ], or sometimes rounded as [ø] before dentals.

breck 'mackerel' /br[e]k/, /br[ɛ]k/
ben 'woman' /b[e]n/, /b[ɛ]n/, /b[ɛ]n/
ellan 'island' /[e]l'an/, /[ɛ]l'an/, /[ɛ]l'an/
feddyn 'finding' /f[e]dɛn/, /f[ø]dɛn/
eddyr oc 'between them' /[e]dɛrok/, /[ø]dɛrok/

2. In unstressed initial syllables /e/ is realized as [e], [ɛ], [ɛ].

er-meshtey 'drunk' /[e]'me:s't'ə/, /[ɛ]r'mes't'ə/
erskyn 'above' /[ɛ]r'skin/, /[ɛ]'ski:n/

3. In stressed medial syllables /e/ is realized as [ɛ], though the examples are rare.²

myrqeddin 'also' /mar'g[ɛ]dɛn/; v. also §4a below.

4a Initially and medially /e/ may vary freely with /a/ or /i/.

bentyn 'touching' /b[ɛ]ntɛn/, /b[a]ntɛn/
cam 'crooked' /k'[e]m/, /k'[ɛ]m/
ennym 'name' /[ɛ]nɛm/, /[I]nɛm/
Gaelg 'Manx Gaelic' /g[e]lk/, /g[i]lk/
myrqeddin 'also' /mar'g[ɛ]dɛn/, /ma'g[i]dɛn/

b Occasionally in initial position /e/ may also vary freely with /u/ or /ə/, or /e:/.

jannoo 'doing' /d'[ɛ]nu/, /d'[I]nu/, /d'[a]nu/,
 /d'[ə]nu/
keird 'trade' /k'[e]d/, /k'[ö]d/

2. As /e/ follows the stress the syllable may be considered initial, cf. Ir. mar an gcéadna. The same, perhaps, could be said for mygeayrt (Ir. mar gcuairt) in §37.9c above.

quoi 'who' /kw[e]/, /kw[e:]/

- §39. /a/ 1. /a/ is an unrounded low front vowel. In stressed monosyllables it is realized as [a] or [æ], or further back in articulation as [ɔ].

ad 'they, them' /[a]d/, /[ɔ]d/

ram 'a lot' /r[a]m/, /r[ɔ]m/

chiass 'heat' /t'[a]s/, /t'[æ]s/

glass 'grey' /gɪ[a]s/, /gɪ[æ]s/

2. It is realized as [a], [æ], [ɔ] in initial stressed syllables in polysyllables, and as [a], [ɔ] in pre-stressed syllables.

braddagh 'thievish' /br[a]dax/, /br[ɔ]dax/

marroo 'dead' /m[a]ru/, /m[æ]ru/

annoon 'weak' /[a]¹nu:n/

abbane 'ankle' /h[ɔ]¹be:n/

3. In unstressed medial syllables before /x/, /l/, /n/ it is realized as [a] or [ɔ].

dorraghys 'darkness' /dor[a]xəs/, /dor[ɔ]xəs/

arryltagh 'willing' /ar[a]ltax/

barrantys 'warranty' /bar[ɔ]ntəs/

4. In final unstressed syllables /a/ is realized as [a], [ɔ] before /x/, /g/, /l/, /n/. In final stressed syllables it is realized as [a] or [æ].

arragh 'spring' /ar[a]x/, /ar[ɔ]x/

bollag 'skull' /bol[a]g/, /bol[ɔ]g/

coghal 'coughing' /ko:x[a]l/, /ko:x[ɔ]l/

beggan 'a little' /beg[a]n/, /beg[ɔ]n/

arran 'bread' /ar[a]n/; also /a¹r[a]n/

cre'n aght 'how' /k'on¹[æ]x/

- 5a In initial syllables (stressed or unstressed) /a/ may vary allophonically with /o/, sometimes with /e/, /i/, or /ə/, especially in the environment of /l/ or

of nasals, or sometimes before /x/. There may also be free variation between /a/ and /a:/.

chiollagh 'hearth' /t'[a]lax/, /t'[ɔ]lax:/

claddagh 'grassland by river' /kl[a]dax/,

/kl[ɔ]dax/

dollan 'wight, peck' /d[a]lan/, /d[ɔ]lan/,

/d[ɔ]lan/

anmagh 'late' /[a]mənax/, /[I]mnax/, /[ɛ]mnax/³

fammyragh 'seaweed' /f[æ]mərəx/, /f[ö]mərəx/

danjeyragh 'dangerous' /d[a]n'd'irax/,

/d[ɔ]n'd'irax/

caghlaa 'changing' /k[ə]x'le:/, /k[ɔ]x'le:/

clashtyn 'hearing' /kl[ɔ]s't'ən/, /kl[a:]s't'ən/

- b. In medial syllables /a/ may vary freely with /o/.

dorraghey 'dark' /dor[ɔ]xə/, /dor[ɔ]xəx/ sic

- c. In final syllables /a/ may vary freely with /ə/ or /o/.

credjal 'believing' /kred'[ɔ]l/, /kred'[ə]l/

famman 'seaweed' /fam[a]n/, /fom[ə]n/; v. also

fammyragh above.⁴

follan 'healthy' /fol[ɔ]n/, /fol[a]n/

§40. /o/ 1, /o/ is a (partially) rounded back vowel. In stressed monosyllables and in initial stressed syllables in polysyllables /o/ can be realized as [o], [ɔ], [ɔ̄], [ɔ̄], [ɔ̄], or as unrounded [a], rarely [ʌ].

goll 'going' /g[o]l/, /g[ɔ]l/, /g[ɔ̄]l/, /g[ɔ̄]l/

son 'for' /s[o]n/, /s[ɔ]n/, /s[ɔ̄]n/, /s[ɔ̄]n/,

/s[ɔ̄]n/, /s[a]n/

gollrish 'like' /g[o]ris'/, /g[ɔ]ris'/,

/g[ɔ̄]ris'/

3. For the metathesis of NM here, v. II: N-Groups.

4. v. also II: §90.4 for dissimilation.

conney 'gorse' /k[o]nə/, /k[ɔ]nə/, /k[ɔ̃]nə/
lurg 'after' /l[ʌ]g/; for other forms v. Dictionary

2. In initial unstressed syllables /o/ is realized as [o], [ɔ], [ɔ̃], [ɔ̄], [a], very occasionally as [ɻ]; s.v. also /u/.

buggane 'sprite' /b[o]ʰge:n/, /b[ɔ]ʰge:n/
caghlaa 'changing' /k[ɔ]xʰle:/, /k[ɔ̃]xʰle:/
aggairagh 'wrong' /[a]ʰge:rax/
gollage 'fork' /g[ɔ̃]ʰle:g/, /g[ɔ]ʰleg/
cocaslys 'picture' /k[o]ʰkə:sɪ'əs/, /k[ɻ]ʰkə:sələs/

3. In stressed medial syllables /o/ can be realized as [ɔ̃], [ɔ], [a].

re-hollys 'moonlight' /re:ʰh[ɔ̃]ləs/, /ro:ʰh[ɔ]ləs/⁵
cummaltee 'dwellers' /kəʰm[a]lɪtɪ/
doaltattym 'suddenly' /do:ʰt[a]d'əm/

4. In closed stressed final syllables /o/ is realized as [ɔ]; there are only two exx. - variants of the same interrogative pronoun.

cre hon 'why' /kəʰh[ɔ]n/
cre son 'why' /krəʰs[ɔ]n/

- 5a. In initial position /o/ may vary freely (allophonically) with /u/, sometimes with /a/, /i/, /e/, /o:/.

gorrym 'blue' /g[ɔ]rəm/, /g[ɔ̃]rəm/, /g[ɔ̄:]rəm/
cooidjagh 'together' /k[o]d'ax/, /k[ɔ̃]d'ax/
fod 'can' /f[ɔ̃]d/, /f[ɛ]d/, /f[ɪ]d/
cronk 'hill' /kr[ɔ̃]ŋk/, /kr[ɔ̄]ŋk/, /kr[ø]ŋk/
thalloo 'land' /t[ɔ]lɪu/, /t[ɔ̃]lɪu/

- b. In medial position /o/ can be realized as [ɔ̃].

dy chooilley 'every' /də x[ɔ̃]lɪ'u/, /də x[ɔ̃]lɪ'ə/

5. This is classed as a medial syllable, as the word is found only in this phrase.

§41. /u/ 1. /u/ is a high back vowel. In any position, particularly initially and medially, it is normally advanced and poorly rounded in its articulation and is phonetically realized as [ɥ], which for convenience sake I write here as [u]. In stressed monosyllables /u/ is realized as [u] or as [ɔ̥]; sometimes there is [ü] (in Southern Manx mainly), also [ɔ̥] [ɣ]. Occasionally there is close /u/, viz. [ɥ].

punt 'pound' /p[u]nt/, /p[ɔ̥]nt/
gunn 'gun' /g[u]n/, /g[ü]n/, /g[ɔ̥]n/, /g[ɣ]n/
sluight 'progeny' /s'ɪ'[ɔ̥]xt/, /s'ɪ'[ü]x/
muck 'pig' /m[u]k/, /m[ɔ̥]k/, /m[ɥ]k/

2. In initial stressed syllables in polysyllables /u/ is realized as [u], [ɔ̥], [ü], occasionally [ɔ̥].

fuirraght 'waiting' /f[u]rax/, /f[ɔ̥]rax/
sluggey 'swallowing' /sɪ[u]gə/, /sɪ[ɔ̥]gə/, /sɪ[ü]gə/
mullagh 'top' /m[u]ɪax/, /m[ɔ̥]ɪax/

3. In initial unstressed syllables /u/ is realized as [u], [ɔ̥], [ü].

aynshoh 'here' /[u]n's'o:/, /[ɔ̥]'so:/
croaqane 'hook' /kr[u]'ge:n/, /kr[ɔ̥]'ge:n/
munlaa 'midday' /m[ü]n'le:/, /'m[u]nle:/. Note the initial stress in the last example.

4. In medial unstressed syllables /u/ is usually realized [u], sometimes [ü].

earrooagh 'numerous' /er[u]ax/
credjuagh 'a believer' /kred'[ü]ax/

5. In final unstressed (open and closed) syllables /u/ is usually realized as [u]; in final stressed closed syllables it is also realized as [u].

aarloo 'ready' /e:l[u]/
garroo 'rough' /gar[u]/
bunnys 'almost' /bun[u]s/; v. also §6 below.

barroose 'bus' /bə'r[u]s/

- 6a. Before velars, labials, and /r/ there may be a lowering to /o/. There may sometimes be /e/ or /i/.

lugh 'mouse' /l[u]x/, /l[ɔ]x/, /l[ɔ]x/

ruggit 'born' /r[u]gət', /r[ɔ]git', /r[ɔ]gət'/

hug 'towards' /h[u]g/, /h[ɪ]g/

dubbey 'pool' /d[u]bæ/, /d[o]bæ/

cur 'putting, giving' /k[u]r/, /k[ɔ]r/, /k[o]r/

quirr 'hatching' /g[ü]r/, /g[ɔ]r/, /g[ø]r/

- b. /u/ may also vary freely with /u:/.

lhiurid 'length' /l'[u]rid', /l'[u:]rid'/

- c. In final position /u/ may vary allophonically with /o/ or /ə/, especially in the environment of /r/, /s/.

arroo 'corn' /a:r[u]/, /a:r[o]/

oroo 'on them' /or[u]/, /ar[o]/

shassoo 'standing' /s'a:s[u]/, /sa:s[o]/

bunnys 'almost' /bun[u]s/, /bun[ə]s/

In one or two cases the lowering to /o/ after /r/ may also be influenced by the preceding /a/. The /o/-forms are Northern Manx.

- §42. /ə/ 1. /ə/ is a centralized vowel. It is almost always found in unstressed⁶ position, whether in monosyllables or in proclitics, or in all positions in polysyllables. It is realized phonetically as [ə].

dyn 'without' /d[ə]n/

ny smoo 'greater' /n[ə]'smu:/

carrane 'sandal' /k[ə]'re:n/

6. Though cf. barrant 'warrant' /bərant/, kynnys 'how' /k'ənəs/.

dunveragh 'murderous' /dunv[ə]rəx/

bishaghey 'prospering' /bis'ax[ə]/

ghaglym 'gathering' /t'agl[ə]m/

2. Sometimes /ə/ may be realized as [ɪ] (i.e. a little higher and more advanced, and articulated with a degree of lip-spreading) after /l'/, /n'/ (or before /n/ or /n'/ in the sg. def. art.), after other palatalized consonants, and after /d/ in proclitics.

balley 'town' /ba:l'[ɪ]/, /ba:l'[ə]/

shilley 'sight' /s'ill'[ɪ]/, /s'ill'[ə]/

bainney 'milk' /ba:n'[ɪ]/, /ba:n'[ə]/

dooinney 'man' /dun'[ɪ]/, /dun'[ə]/

yn arragh 'the spring' /[ɪ]n'arax/, /[ə]n'arax/

Yn Owe 'The Howe' /[ɪ]n'eu/, /[ə]n'eu/

soilshey 'light' /sail's'[ɪ]/, /sail's'[ə]/⁷

dy liooar 'enough' /d[ɪ]l'u:r/, /d[ə]l'u:r/

3. /ə/ may also vary freely with other vowel phonemes.⁸

argid 'money' /a:rg[ə]d'/, /a:rg[ɪ]d/

faasaag 'beard' /f[ə]'se:g/, /f[ɛ]'se:g/

faagail 'leaving' /f[ə]'gə:l'/, /f[ə]'gə:l'/

buggane 'sprite' /b[ə]'gə:n/, /b[ɔ]'gə:n/,

/b[ɔ]'gə:n/

§43. /ə/ as [ö] or [ö:]

In certain circumstances /ə/ can be realized as [ö] or [ö:] (i.e. articulated with a degree of retraction and lip-rounding). It is the result of retraction or advancing of the other vowel phonemes, particularly /e/ or /e:/, especially in the environment of /r/ (even though /r/ on occasion may not be realized),

7. For [ɪ] after a depalat. consonant cf. Jackson (1955:56) er y cherrey 'on the sheep' /erə'ker[ɪ]/, Oie Hauney 'Hallow-e'en' /'i:haun[ɪ]/.

8. Note that in most cases the variation (as perhaps is to be expected) occurs in unstressed syllables.

but to a lesser extent in the environment of /l/, /s/ and /s'/, /t/ and /d/, /m/ and /n/, also /x/, /g/, /b/. It is attested mainly in stressed monosyllables, or in stressed initial syllables of polysyllables, sometimes in initial unstressed syllables, rarely in stressed final syllables. In initial unstressed syllables and in unstressed monosyllables there may also be [ə].

1. In the environment of /r/

a) as a retraction of /i/ (after /r/)

red 'thing' /r[ï]d/, /r[I]d/, /r[ö]d/; also
/red/, /rud/
trimmid 'weight' /tr[ï]mæd/, /tr[ö]mid'/

b) as a retraction of /e/, /e:/ (before /r/)

Baarle 'English Lang.' /b[ɛ:]rI/, /b[ö:]rI/,
/b[ö:]I/
bayr 'road' /b[ɛ:]r/, /b[ö:]/
jiarg 'red' /d'[e]g/, /d'[ø]rg/, /d'[ö]rg/,
/d'[ö:]g/; also /d'a:rg/

c) as a retraction (or raising) of /a/, /a:/ (bef./r/)

ard 'high' /[a:]d/, /[ö:]d/; also /e:d/, /ird/
jargan 'flea' /d'[ɛ:]rgan/, /d'[ö]rgan/,
/d'[ö:]rgan/
tayrtyn 'catching' /t[a:]rtən/, /t[ö:]rtən/,
/t[ö:]tən/

d) as an advancing of /o/, /o:/ (before /r/)

doarlish 'gap' /d[ɔ:]rIæs'/, /d[ö:]Iæs'/
oarn 'barley' /[o:]rn/, /[ɔ:]rn/, /[ö:]rn/, /[ö:]n/

e) as an advancing of /u/ (before /r/)

lurg 'after' /I[u]g/, /I[ö]rg/

2. In the environment of /l/

- a) /i/, /i:/

cleaysh 'ear' /kl[i]s'/, /kl[ö:]s'/; also /kle:s'/
geayl 'coal' /g[i]l/, /g[i:]l/, /g[ö:]l/; also
 /gu:l/

- b) /e/, /e:/

taal 'adze' /t[ɛ]l/, /t[ɛ:]l/, /t[ö]l:/
blebban 'fool' /bl[ɛ]bən/, /bl[ö]bən/
aalin 'fine' /[ɛ:]lin'/, /[ö:]lin/; also /o:lən'/
seihll 'world' /s[ɛ:]l/, /s[ö:]l/
faayl 'turf-spade' /f[ɛ:]l'/, /f[ö]l'/; also
 /fa:l'/

For /a(:)/, /o(:)/, /u(:)/ v. above exx.

3. In the environment of /s/, /s'/

- a) /i/, (/i:/)
- ⁹

cleaysh 'ear' /kl[i]s'/ /kl[ö:]s'/; also /kle:s'/

- b) (/e/), /e:/

foast 'yet' /hw[ɛ:]s/, /hw[ö:]st/, /x[ö]s/; also
 /fo:s/

- d) (/o/), /o:/

seose 'upwards' /s[ɔ:]s/, /s[ö:]s/; also /se:s/,
 /su:s/

- e) /u/, /u:/

ushag 'bird' /[ɔ]s'ag/, /[ö]s'ag/
seose 'upwards' v. d) above.

4. In the environment of /t/, /d/

- a) /i/, (/i:/)

red 'thing' /r[I]d/, /r[ö]d/; also /red/, /rud/

9. Brackets indicate that the same could apply also, but that no examples are to hand.

b) /e/, (/e:/)

eddyr 'oc' 'between:them' /[\ø]dærok/, /[e]dærok/,
/[ö]dærok/

d) /o/, (/o:/)

roddag 'creel' /r[a]dag/, /r[ö]dag/; also /radag/
The advancement here may also be due to the /r/.
thoin 'bottom' /t[o]n/, /t[ø]n/, /t[ö]n'/; also
/ten/, /tun/

For /a(:)/, /u(:)/ v. above exx.

5. Before /m/, /n/

a) /i/, (/i:/)

myn 'small' /m[i]n/, /m[ö]n/; also /men/
trimmid 'weight' /tr[ï]mæd/, /tr[ö]mid'/

b) /e/, (/e:/)

cre'n aght 'how' /k'[e]n'a xt/, /k[ö]'as'/
Retraction here may also be due to non-stress.

6. Before /x/, /g/, /b/

b) (/e/), /e:/

caagh 'wild' /k[\ø:]x/, /k[ö:]x/
veggey (len.) 'little' /v[\ø:]gæ/, /v[ö:]gæ/
caabyl 'cable' /k[e:]bæl/, /k[ö:]bæl/. The
retraction here in fact may be due to the /l/ in
the final syllable.

7. In stressed final syllables

stundayrt 'yard (measure)' /stun'd[a:]t/,
/stun'd[ö:]t/

8. In unstressed initial syllables

pryssoon 'prison' /pr[ï]'su:n/, /pr[ö]'su:ni/
'prisoners'.

ry fakin 'to be seen' /r[ə]¹fa:gin/, /r[ö]¹fa:gän/
doarnaig 'handle' /d[ø]¹ne:g/, /d[ö]¹ne:g/ .

9. Realized as [ə] in unstressed monosyllables and in initial unstressed syllables of polysyllables.

dys 'to, towards' /d[ə]s/, /d[ö]s/; also /dus/
dyn 'without' /d[ə]n/, /d[ö]n/
pryssoon 'prison' /pr[ə]¹su:n/, /pr[ö]¹su:ni/
 'prisoners'.

B. Long Vowels

§44. In LSM there are long counterparts to all the short vowels with the exception of /ə/¹⁰.

Minimal or near minimal pairs

1. Opposition of quantity

i - i: /min¹/S 'small' : /mi:n¹/S 'mild'
 u - u: /dun¹/N 'to us' : /du:n¹/N 'shut!'
 e - e: /ben/S 'woman' : /be:n/S 'white'
 o - o: /olax/S 'cattle' : /o:lax/S 'acquainted'
 a - a: /talu/S 'land' : /ta:lu/S 'talking'

2. Opposition of quality

i: - u: /ki:l/S 'sense' : /ku:l/S 'back'
 e: - o: /gle:r/S 'language' : /glo:r/S 'glory'
 i: - e: /ri:/N/S 'king' : /re:/S 'smooth'
 e: - a: /ble:/S 'flower' : /bla:/S 'warm'
 u: - o: /ru:/S 'ever' : /ro:/S 'frost'
 o: - a: /no:/S 'new' : /na:/S 'second'

PHONETIC REALIZATION OF THE PHONEMES

§45. /i:/ 1. /i:/ is an unrounded high front vowel. In stressed monosyllables or in the initial stressed syllable

¹⁰. For the realization of /ə/ as [ö:] v. §43 above.

of polysyllables it is realized as [i:], sometimes [I:].

cheer 'country' /t'[i:]r/
freayll 'keeping' /fr[i:]l'/, /fr[I:]l'/
jeeaghyn 'looking' /d'[i:]xən/, /d'[I:]xən/

2. In unstressed initial syllables of polysyllables or phrases /i:/ is realized as [i:].

sheelnaue 'mankind' /s'[i:]l'neu/
mee-reiltagh 'irregular' /m[i:]'re:l'tax/

3. In stressed medial syllables of polysyllables or phrases /i:/ is realized as [i:].

chelleeragh 'quick(ly)' /t'ə'l[i:]rax/
saveenagh 'sleepy' /sə'v[i:]nax/
er-beealoo 'in front of' /er'b[i:]lu/

4. In stressed final syllables /i:/ is realized as [i:], sometimes [I:].

berreen 'cake' /bə'r[i:]n/
fer-lhee 'doctor' /fer'l'i'[i:]/
mygeayrt 'around' /mə'g[i:]t/, /mə'g[I:]t/

5. In any stressed position /i:/ may be realized half-long, viz. [i:].

grian 'sun' /gr[i:]n/, /gr[i.]n/
mleeaney 'this year' /mə'l'i'[i:]nə/, /mə'l'i'[i.]nə/

- 6a. In stressed monosyllables or in stressed initial syllables of polysyllables /i:/ can vary freely with /i/, /ə/, /e:/, /u:/, /ei/, /ai/, /iə/.

earish 'weather' /[(i:]rɪs'/, /[I]rɪs'/
eeym 'butter' /[(i:]m/, /[i]m/
eaghtyr 'surface' /[(i:]xtər/, /[e:]xtər/
geayl 'coal' /g[i:]l/, /g[i]l/, /g[I:]l/, /g[I]l/,
 /g[y:]l/, /g[ö:]l/, /g[u:]l/
cloie 'playing' /kl[i:]/, /kl[ei]/, /kl[ai]/

beeal 'mouth' /b[i:]l/, /b[iə]l/

- b. In final stressed syllables /i:/ may vary freely with /e:/.

cha nee 'it is not' /ha'n[i:]/, /ha'n[e:]/¹¹

§46. /e:/ 1. /e:/ is an unrounded front vowel. In stressed monosyllables or in stressed initial syllables of polysyllables /e:/ is realized as follows:¹²

- a) as [ɛ:], [e:]
 - b) as [ɛ:], [e:], [ɛ:]
 - c) as [ɛ:], [e:], [ɛ:], [ɛ:]
 - d) as [e:], [ɛ:], [ɛ:]
 - e) as [ɛ:], [ɛ:]
 - f) sometimes as the rounded forms [ø:], [œ:]
- 1a. feill 'meat' /f[ɛ:]l/, /f[e:]l/
gleashagh 'moving' /gl[ɛ:]s'ax/, /gl[e:]s'ax/
 - b. ferrishyn 'fairies' /f[ɛ:]ris'an/, /f[e:]ris'an/,
/f[ɛ:]ris'an/
shey 'six' /s'[ɛ:]/, /s'[e:]/, /s'[ɛ:]/
 - c. eayst 'moon' /[ɛ:]s/, /e:]s/, /[ɛ:]s/, /[ɛ:]s/
nearey 'shame' /n[ɛ:]rə/, /n[e:]rə/, /n[ɛ:]rə/
 - d. raad 'road' /r[e:]d/, /r[ɛ:]d/, /r[ɛ:]d/
garey 'garden' /g[ɛ:]rə/, /g[ɛ:]rə/, /g[ɛ:]rə/

11. These are really two separate words, but since they are often found together in this phrase they are treated as one unit.

12. A departure has been made here in the layout of the discussion of the allophones. It will be noticed in the examples below, especially in initial and final stressed syllables in polysyll. or in stressed monosyll., that the allophonic variation in some words is either more restricted than in others, or that some words show one type of variation not found in others, e.g. some exx. show only allophonic variation indicative of close /e:/, while others have allophonic variants indicative of open /e:/. That is to say, that the pattern suggests a merging of two phonemes, i.e. of /e:/ and /ɛ:/, into one, which I write here as /e:/. There is now no phonemic opposition between /e:/ and /ɛ:/. Note also a similar layout of the discussion for /o:/.

- e) aash 'ease, rest' /[\ø:]s'/, /[\e:]s'/
praaseyn 'potatoes' /pr[\ø:]sən/, /pr[\e:]sən/
- f) laa 'day' /l[\e:]/, /l[\ø:]/
bayr 'road' /b[\ø:]r/, /b[\e:]r/, /b[\æ:]r/
2. In unstressed initial syllables /e:/ can be realized as [\ø:], though the occurrence is rare.
re hollys 'moonlight' /r[\ø:]^holəs/
3. In stressed medial syllables /e:/ is realized as [\ø:], [\e:], [\ø:], [\e:], sometimes [\ø:].
eeasteryn 'fishermen' /ji^hst[\ø:]rən/, /ji^hst[\e:]rən/
er-egin 'by force' /er^h[\ø:]gən/
sonaasagh 'arrogant' /so^hn[\e:]sax/
4. In final stressed syllables /e:/ can be realized as follows:
- a) as [\ø:], [\e:]
b) as [\ø:], [\e:], [\ø:], [\e:]
c) as [\ø:], [\e:]
d) sometimes as [\ø:]
- 4a. jinnair 'dinner' /d^hi^hn[\ø:]r/, /d^hi^hn[\e:]r/
meeiteil 'meeting' /mø^hd[\ø:]l/, /mø^hd[\e:]l/
- b. Jeleyn 'Monday' /d^hi^hl[\ø:]n/, /d^hi^hl[\e:]n/,
/d^hi^hl[\ø:]n/
carrane 'sandal' /kø^hr[\e:]n/, /kø^hr[\e:]n/
- c. arrane 'song' /a^hr[\ø:]/, /a^hr[\e:]n/
ny saa 'younger' /nø^hs[\ø:]/, /nø^hs[\e:]/
- d. anuyr 'day after tomorrow' /ə^hn[\e:]r/, /ə^hn[\ø:]r/
5. In final unstressed syllables /e:/ is realized as [\ø:], though the examples are rare.
eeasteyr 'fisherman' /^hji:st[\ø:]r/; also /^hjistə/
This ex. is perhaps not so good, as one would expect /^hji^hst[\e:]r/ here, cf. pl. /ji^hst[\e:]rən/.

6. In stressed syllables /e:/ may be realized half long.

keayney 'crying' /k[e:]n'o/, /k[e.]n'o/

arrane 'song' /a'r[ε:]n/, /a'r[ε.dn]/

Shortening here is probably due to the preocclusion.

- 7a. In initial stressed syllables /e:/ may vary freely with /e/, /i(:)/, /a:/, /o:/, /ə/.

eaddagh 'clothing' /[e:]dax/, /[e]dax/, /[i:]dax/

eash 'age' /[ε:]s'/, /[i:]s'/

baanrit 'mad' /b[ε:]nrət'/, /b[ε:]nrət'/

bayr 'road' /b[ε:]r/, /b[ε:]r/, /b[ö:]r/; v.

also §43.

aalin 'fine' /[ε:]lin'/, /[ö:]lin/, /[a:]lən'/

- b. In medial stressed syllables /e:/ may vary freely with /i:/.

danejyragh 'dangerous' /dan'd'[e:]rax/,

/don'd'[i:]rax/

- c. In final stressed syllables /e:/ may vary freely with /a:/, /i(:)/, /iə/.

chyndaa 'turning' /t'in'd[ε:]/, /tə'd[a:]/

faagail 'leaving' /fə'g[ε:]l'/, /fə'g[a:]l'/

Jeleyrn 'Monday' /d'e'l[ε:dn]/, /d'e'l[idn]/,

/d'e'l[iə]n/. The /i/ in the last two exx. could also have been long; cf. /e:/ in the first ex. even with preocclusion.

- §47. /a:/ 1. /a:/ is an unrounded low front vowel. In stressed monosyllables it is realized as [a:] or [q:].

Chiarn 'Lord' /t'[a:]rn/, /t'[q:]rn/

niart 'strength' /n'[a:]t/, /n'[q:]t/

2. In initial stressed syllables of polysyllables /a:/ is [a:], [q:], sometimes [æ:]. In initial unstressed

syllables there is [a:], [q:].

balley 'town' /b[a:]l'ə/, /b[q:]l'ə/
fakin 'seeing' /f[a:]gin'/, /f[q:]gin'/, /f[æ:]gin'/
tarlheim 'alighting' /t[a:]r'l'e:m/
blassoil 'tasty' /bl[q:]'so:l'/

The init. syll. in the last two exx. could be regarded as receiving secondary stress, thus enabling the vowel to remain long.

3. In stressed medial syllables in polysyllables or phrases /a:/ is realized as [a:], [q:].

co-chaslys 'picture' /ko'k[a:]səlos/
ben-varrey 'mermaid' /ben'v[a:]rə/
coar ny hastan 'crane' /ko:nə'h[a:]stan/,
 /ko:rən'[q:]stan/; this last ex. would repr.
coar yn astan.

4. In stressed final syllables /a:/ is realized as [a:], [q:]. In final syllables not bearing primary stress there may also be [a:].

convayrt 'carrion' /kon'v[a:]t/
er-mayrn 'surviving' /er'm[a:]rn/, /er'm[q:]rn/
smooïnaghtyn 'thinking' /'smun'[a:]n/; also
 /smun'axtən/
skynnaghyn 'knives' /'sk'in[a:]n/; also
 /sk'inaxən/.

The last two exx. are from northern speakers; note also the variants. The vocalization of intervocalic /x/, /xt/ with the consequent contraction is probably only recent, since the stress has not advanced to the long syllable (or conversely the second syll. has not become shortened); v. also II: Stress.

5. In any stressed syllable /a:/ may be realized half long.

frass 'shower' /fr[a:]s/, /fr[a.]s/; also /fr[a]s/
tarroo 'bull' /t[a.]ru/; usu. /t[a]ru/.

- 6a. In initial stressed syllables /a:/ may vary freely with /a/, /e(:)/, /o(:)/, /ai/.

agglagh 'fearful' / [a:]glax/, / [a]glax/
argid 'money' / [a:]rgod/, / [ə:]god/, / [ε]gid'/,
 / [a:]rgid/¹³
gagh, dagh 'every' / g[a:]x/, / g[a:]x/, / g[a]x/
aille 'fire' / [a:]i' /, / [ai]i' /

- b. In initial syllables not bearing the main stress /a:/ may vary freely with /o(:)/, /ə/(before /r/).

ard-ghooiney 'chief man' / [a:]d'wun'ə/
ard-valley 'city' / [a:]d'va:l'ə/
ard-jaghan 'archdeacon' / [ö:]rd'd'o:xən/
tanroagan 'scallop' / t[a:]n'ro:gan/, / t[a]n'ro:gan/

- c. In final syllables /a:/ may vary freely with /a/, /e:/, /ə/(before /r/).

bollaghyn 'bellows' / bol[a:]n/, / bol[a]n:/. The short vowel is probably due to the geminated /n/; v. also §47.4 above.
croagane 'hook' / krə'g[a:]n/, / kru'g[ε:]n/
stundayrt 'yard (measure)' / stun'd[a:]t/, / stun'd[ö:]rt/

§48. /o:/ 1. /o:/ is a rounded back vowel. In stressed monosyllables and stressed initial syllables of polysyllables /o:/ is realized as follows:¹⁴

- a) as [ɔ:], [o:], [ɔ:], occasionally [ɔ:]
 b) as [ɔ:], [o:], [ɔ:], [ɔ:], [ɔ:], [ɔ:], or as unrounded [a:]

13. First and last exx. in southern Manx only. The others are found both north and south.

14. The pattern of the discussion here follows that for /e:/, since the examples cited suggest a collapse of two phonemes into one, viz. /o:/ and /ɔ:/ into (that which I write as) /o:/. That is to say, some examples only have open forms of /o:/, and closed forms are found only in others. Some exx., on the other hand, have the full range.

- c) as [ɔ:], [ɜ:], [ʒ:]
 d) as [ɔ:], [ɜ:], [ʒ:], [a:]
 e) occasionally as [ʌ:] in monosyllables.
- 1a. oasht 'year-old sheep' / [ɔ:]s' /
oghe 'oven' / [ɔ:]x' /, / [o:]x' /
rio 'frost' / r[ɔ:] /, / r[ʒ:] /, / r[ɜ:] /
- b. moal 'slow' / m[ɔ:]l' /, / m[ʒ:]l' /, / m[ɜ:]l' /, / m[ʒ:]l' /
noa 'new' / n[ɔ:] /, / n[o:] /, / n[ɜ:] /, / n[ʒ:] /,
 / n[a:] /
- c. boalley 'wall' / b[ɔ:]lɛ /, / b[ʒ:]lɛ /
loayrt 'speaking' / l[ɔ:]t' /, / l[ɜ:]t' /, / l[ʒ:]t' /;
 v. also §48.1e below.
- d. Boaldyn 'May' / b[ɜ:]ldən /, / b[ʒ:]ldən /
blockan 'coalfish' / bl[ʒ:]xən /, / bl[a:]xən /
droghad 'bridge' / dr[ʒ:]d' /, / dr[ʒ:]d' /
- e. boayrd 'table' / b[ɔ:]rd' /, / v[ʌ:]rd' (len.) /
loayrt 'speaking' / l[ɜ:]t' /, / l[ʌ:]t' /
2. In initial syllables not bearing the main stress /o:/ is realized as [ɔ:], [ʒ:], occasionally [ɜ:].
cosoyllaghey 'comparing' / k[ɜ:]¹so:laxə /
doaltattym 'suddenly' / d[ɜ:]l¹tot'əm /,
 / d[ʒ:]l¹tot'əm /
ordaag 'thumb' / [ʒ:]¹de:g /; v. also §48.5 below.
3. In stressed medial syllables in polysyllables or in phrases /o:/ is realized as [ɔ:], [ʒ:] or as [ɜ:], [ʒ:], [ʒ:], [a:].
gerjoilagh 'joyful' / ger¹d'[ɜ:]lax /
tanroagan 'scallop' / ton¹r[ɜ:]gan /, / ta:n¹r[ʒ:]gen /
ny stroshey 'stronger' / nə¹str[ɜ:]s'ə /,
 / nə¹str[a:]s'ə /
thie'n ollee 'cowhouse' / tai¹n'[ɜ:]li /,
 / tai¹n'[ʒ:]li /
4. In stressed final syllables /o:/ is realized as

[o:], [ɔ:], sometimes as [ɔ:], [ɔ:].

sheeloghe 'generation' /s'i'i[o:]x/
thie-oast 'alehouse' /tai'[o:]s/, /tai'[ɔ:]s/
kiongoirt 'in front of' /k'eu'ng[ɔ:]rt/,
 /k'i'ng[ɔ:]rt/
bentreoghe 'widow' /ben'tr[ɔ:]x/

5. In stressed or non-main stress syllables /o:/ may be realized half long.

lostey 'burning' /l[ɔ:]stə/, /l[ɔ.]stə/
ordaag 'thumb' /[ɔ:]'de g/, /[ɔ.]'de g/

6. In initial stressed syllables /o:/ can vary freely with /o/, /a(:)/, /u:/, /e:/, /ə/(before (orig.) /r/).

clagh 'stone' /kl[ɔ:]x/, /kl[ɔ]x/, /kl[ɔ:]x/
loayrt 'speaking' /l[ɔ:]t/, /l[ɔ:]t/, /l[ö:]rt/
purt 'harbour' /p[ɔ:]t/, /pw[ö:]t/, /f[u:]rt/
 (len.)
oarn 'barley' /[o:]rn/, /[ɔ:]n/, /[ö:]n/

- §49. /u:/ 1. /u:/ is a high back vowel. In any position, whether stressed or unstressed,¹⁵ /u:/ is normally advanced and poorly rounded in its articulation, and is phonetically realized as [y:], but which for convenience sake I write here as [u:].

broogh 'bank' /br[u:]x/
ghiu 'thick' /t'[u:]/
ayn 'in it, there' /[u:]n/; v. also §49.4, 5.
coonlagh 'straw' /k[u:]nlax/
roosteyr 'plunderer' /r[u:]'ste:r/
mitçhooragh 'mischievous' /mæ't'[u:]rax/
annoon 'weak' /a'n[u:]n/

¹⁵. or not bearing the main stress.

2. In southern Manx /u:/ in stressed syllables is on occasion realized as [ü:], with some unrounding.

dhoo 'black' /d[u:]/, /d[ü:]/; v. also next.

shooyll 'walking' /s'[u:]l/, /s'[ü:]l'/.

The unrounding is likely due to the /l'/.

3. In stressed monosyllables /u:/ may sometimes be realized as the diphthong [ou].

stoo 'stuff' /st[u:]/, /st[ou]/

dhoo 'black' /d[u:]/, /d[ou]/

4. In stressed monosyllables or in stressed syllables of polysyllables /u:/ may be realized half long.

ayn 'in it, there' /[u:]n/, /[u.]n/; v. also next.

thie-thooit 'thatched house' /tai't[u:]t'/,

/tai't[u.]t'/

5. In initial stressed syllables /u:/ may vary freely with /u/, /o(:)/, /i(:)/, /eu/, /au/.

lhiurid 'length' /l'[u:]rid'/, /l'[u]rid'/

oor 'fresh' /[u:]r/, /o:]r/

ayn 'in it, there' /[u:]n/, /o:]n/, /o:]n/¹⁶

liorish 'by' /l'[u:]ris'/, /l'[o:]ris'/,

/l'[o]ris'/

jiu 'today' /d'[u:]/, /d'[ou]/, /d'[ou]/

THE ALLOPHONES [y(:)], [w(:)]

In LSM [y(:)] functions essentially as an allophone of /i:/¹⁷ and [w(:)] as an allophone of /u:/ in limited circumstances only. In order to explain these circumstances clearly it will be necessary to refer to the Irish and Scottish Gaelic counterparts of the Manx items involved. There may be blatant transgression into diachronic discussion, which should properly belong in Part Two.

16. The first ex. here is attested in the north only.

17. Both [y(:)] and [w(:)] may be found in apparent free allophonic variation in the same limited circumstances with realizations of /i/, /e(:)/, /u/, /u(:)/; v. exx. below.

However, purely in the interests of clarity I deal with the whole matter here.

§50. In the recorded remnants of LSM there are about ninety or so lexical items containing in their stressed element, whether in mono- or polysyllables, (Ir./ScG.)¹⁸ AO(I), UA(I).¹⁹ These usually appear in Manx as /e(:)/, /i(:)/, /iə/, sometimes /o(:)/, /o/, /u(:)/, /uə/; v. also II: AO, AOI, UA, UAI.

With AO(I)

bleayst 'shell' /b[ɪ:]s/ Ir. blaosc
seihll 'world' /s[e:]l/, /s[ö:]l/ Ir. saoghal
cleayney 'enticing' /kl[ɪ:]nə/, /kl[iə]nə/ Ir. claonadh
un 'one' /[u:]n/, /[o:]n/, /[ε:]n/ Ir. aon
deiney 'men' /d[e:]n'ə/, /d[ö:]n'ə/ Ir. daoine
skeaylley 'scattering' /sk[ɪ:]l'ə/, /sk[e:]l'ə/
 Ir. scaoileadh

With UA(I)

eayn 'lamb' /[ɪ:]n/, /j[e:]n/, /j[ε:]n/ Ir. uan
feayr 'cold' /f[ɪ:]ər/, /f[u:]ər/ Ir. fuair
cleaysh 'ear' /kl[e:]s', /kl[i:]s', /kl[ö:]s'/ Ir. cluais
smooïnaghtyn 'thinking' /sm[u:]n'əxtən/, /sm[u:]n'əxtən/
 ScG. smuaineachduinn

However, in about a dozen items of this class the high rounded front vowel [y], [y:], occasionally the high unrounded back vowel [w], [w:], are attested in like position, in southern Manx especially.

With AO(I)

eayl 'lime' /[ɪ:]l/S, /[u:]l/S, /[y:]l/S, /[w:]l/S, /[ø:]l/N
 Ir. aol
geay 'wind' /g[e:]S, /g[w:]ə/S, /ən g[w:]S, /g[ɪ:]N,

18. i.e. in traditional Gaelic orthography.

19. There are a few exx. of AO in unstressed syllables in Manx appearing as /a/, /o/, /ə/; s.v. caghlaa, feoghaig in the Dictionary.

/g[ɪ:]ə/N Ir. gaoth. The second and final exx. probably representing g. gaoithe, Mx. geayee.

keyl 'narrow, slender' /k[ɪ:]l/S, /x[u:]l/S, /k[y:]l/S
Ir. caol.

keyrey 'sheep' /k[ɪ:]rə/S, /x[ɪ]rə/S, /k[y:]rə/S, /k'[e]rə/N
Ir. caora

seyr 'carpenter' /s[e:]r/S, /s[y:]rə/(pl.)S Ir. saor

With UA(I)

creagh 'stack' /kr[ɪ(:)]x/N/S, /kr[y:]x/S Ir. cruach

geayl 'coal' /g[ɪ:]l/N/S, /g[ɪ]l/N/S, /g[ö:]l/S, /g[u:]l/S,
/g[y:]l/S, /g[w:]l/S, /g[ɛ:]l/N Ir. gual

keayn 'sea' /k[ɪ]n/N/S, /k[ö]n/S, /k[ü]n/S, /k[y(:)]n/S,
/k[w:]n/S, /k[ɪ:]n/N, /k[e]n/N Ir. cuan

keayrt 'occasion' /k[ɪ:]rt/S, /k[ɪ]d/N, /x[ö:]rt/S,
/k[y]t/S Ir. cuairt

mygeayrt 'around' /mo'g[ɪ:]t/S, /mo'g[e]t/S, /mo'g[ü]t/S,
/mo'g[ö:]t/S, /mo'g[y]t/S, /mo'g[ɪ:]rt/N, /mo'g[w:]t/N
Ir. mun gcuairt

seose 'upwards' /s[ɔ:]s/S, /s[ö:]s/S, /s[ø:]s/S, /s[y:]s/N/S
/s[u:]s/N Ir. suas

In addition (Ir.) dortadh, Mx. deayrtey 'pouring', which has seemingly become duatadh in Manx, also falls into this class: /d[ü:ə]tə/S, /d[w:]tə/S, /d[ɪ:]rtə/N, /d[ɪ]tə/N.

(Ir.) coill, Mx. keyll 'orchard' has apparently become confused with (Ir.) caol, Mx. keyl 'slender' (v. above), in Manx and hence treated like it: /k[ɪ:]l/S, /k[ɛ]l'/S,
/k[y:]l'/S, /k[ø]l'/N.

In Irish AO, AOI appears in some Munster dialects as /e:/, e.g. aon 'one' /e:n/, baoghal 'danger' /be:l/, faoiseamh 'relief' /fe:s'əv/, or in Conamara and parts of Donegal as /i:/, e.g. aon /i:n/, baoghal /bi:l/, faoiseamh /fi:s'əv/, /fi:s'u/. In parts of north-west Donegal AO(I) sometimes appears as /w:/, e.g. gaoth 'wind' /gw:/. In most of the Scottish Gaelic area AO(I) mainly appears as /w:/, e.g. maol 'bare' /mw:L/, aois 'age' /w:s'/. In Irish UA, UAI usually appears as /uə/, e.g. cuan 'sea' /kuən/,

gual 'coal' /guəL/, uair 'hour' /uər/ (though in the north UA(I) can appear as /ua/ and after labials there may be unrounding, so that UA(I) may fall together with AO(I). In Scotland UA(I) is commonly /uə/ (or /ua/ in contact with nasals), e.g. gual /kuəL/, cuan /k^huan/, uair /uər^(˘)/.²⁰

In Manx, as we have seen, AO(I) and UA(I) have practically completely fallen together and are noticed mostly as /e:/ or /i:/ (also with secondary shortening). We have also seen, however, that in some instances AO(I) and UA(I) appear as [y(:)], occasionally [w(:)], thus (in the case of [w(:)] falling in with the treatment of AO(I) in most of Scotland and parts of Donegal. These may have been more prevalent in Man than the present evidence admits, and in theory could appear in all ninety or so words of this class. But as the Manx treatment of AO(I) and UA(I) falls in largely with the common treatment of AO(I) in Ireland, viz. /e:/ or /i:/, it does not necessarily follow that [y(:)] or [w(:)] were more prevalent than they are now, but that they have existed side by side with the numerically greater attested /e:/ and /i:/, particularly in southern Manx. The testimony as we have it today makes it clear that [y(:)] and [w(:)] are evidenced only in the context of (some) AO(I), UA(I) items where both are found side by side with each other, or either one or the other is found and (in theory) could be substituted for the other. Outside this context neither is attested. The allophones [y(:)] and [w(:)] would then be the representatives in LSM at any rate of the phoneme /w:/ found commonly in Scottish Gaelic (and to an extent in Donegal Irish) for AO(I).

WORDS OF THE FORM /V/

§51. In LSM words containing just a vowel, whether long or short, are found, e.g. ee 'she, her' /i:/,²¹ eh 'he, him' /e/, /i/, /a/, ooh 'udder' /u:/, oo 'you' (sg.) /u(:)/.

20. cf. LASID I-IV.

21. Note the forms /ei/, /ai/ with the pres. and past of the substantive verb; v. Grammar §85.

VOICELESSNESS IN VOWELS

§52. In LSM all vowels are voiced in stressed syllables, and mostly in unstressed syllables. If a vowel is bounded by a voiceless consonant in an unstressed syllable there may be voicelessness, e.g. /kis/ 'how' could be heard as [kʰiːs] in kys t'ou? 'how are you?' / [kʰiːs]ˈtʰou/.

There is no opposition between voiced and voiceless vowels in LSM.

For details of hiatus, nasality, and svarabhakti v. Part Two.

VOWEL SEQUENCES

§53. In LSM both short and long vowels can combine with vowels of different quality (and quantity) to form diphthongs or triphthongs. Such combinations essentially fall into two groups: the first consists of short (or long) monophthongs + /i/ or /u/, or the same plus /a/, /o/, /ə/; the second consists of the foregoing plus /i/, /a/, /o/, /u/, /ə/. They are as follows:

Sequence A: a monophthong plus /i/ or /u/. Either element of the sequence may be short or long. In some examples a long first (or second) element (or both) only is attested.

/i/: /ei, əi, ai, oi, ui/; /u/: /eu, əu, au, iu, ou/

Sequences are either monosyllabic or disyllabic depending on the quality and/or quantity of either element.

Examples: greie 'tool' /grei/, /gre:i/, gaih 'toy' /ge:i/, eiystyr 'halter' /əistər/, leih 'forgiving' /lai/, /la:i/, thie 'house' /tai/, /ta:i/, doaie 'condition' /doi/, /do:i/, twoaie 'north' /tui/, /tu:i/, drooie 'wretch' /dru:i/, gaaue 'smith' /geu/, /ge:u/, craiu 'crowbar' /kre:u/, laue 'hand' /ləu/, /lau/ couyral 'recovering' /kaural/, /ka:ural/, crou 'horseshoe' /krəu/, sneeu 'spinning' /sn'iu/, treeoo 'third' /tri:u/, nuyoo 'ninth' /ni:u:/, loau 'rotten' /lou/, /lou:/, coau 'chaff' /ko:u/.

§54. Sequence B: a monophthong plus /a/, /o/, /ə/. The first element with /o/ is found long. With /a/ or /ə/ it can be short or long. In some exx. a long first element only is attested.

/a/: /ia, ua, ea, oa/

/o/: /i:o, u:o, o:o/

/ə/: /iə, uə, eə, oə, aə/

All sequences here may be regarded as bisyllabic.

Examples: feagh 'quiet' /fi:ax/, /fi:ax/, beaghey 'living' /bi:a/,
booa 'cow' /bua/, /bu:a/, crooag 'grub' /kru:ag/, saagh 'vessel'
 /seax/, /se:ax/, imneagh 'anxious' /im'ne:ax/, truant 'truant'
 /troant/. In the following exx. /o/ is realized as [a] or [ɔ]
nieceaghan 'washing' /n'i:[a]xən/, raun 'seal' /ru:[a]n/, cooag
 'cuckoo' /k[ɔ:ɔ]g/ (also /ku:ag/); beaynid 'eternity' /bi:ənəd/,
bleayst 'shell' /bli:əst/, crooag 'grub' /kru:əg/ (v. also above),
beagh 'would be' (dep. form) /beəx/, aer 'air' /e:ə/, lioar 'book'
 /l'ɔ:ə/(here /ə/ is a substitute for /r/), marrinee 'sailors'
 /maerəni/.

§55. Sequence_C: Sequence A plus /i/, /a/, /o/, /u/, /ə/. The first element of the following sequences can also be long.

/i/	/a/	/o/	/u/	/ə/
eui	uia	oio	uiu	eie
oui	eia	aio	aiu	oio
aur	əia	auo		aie
	oia			iue
	aia			eue
	(eua)			oue
	(oua)			auə
	(aua)			

The sequences here are bisyllabic consisting of a (long or short) monophthong with an off-glide plus an additional syllable with a short nucleus.

Examples: euish 'at you' (pl.) /euis'/, crauee 'religious' /kroui/,
credjal 'believing' /kreial/, awin 'river' /auin'/, soiaghey
 'setting' /s iax /, bwaagh 'beautiful' /boi:ax/, /bo:i:ax/, peiagh
 'person' /pai:ax/, lowal 'allowing' /leual/, /loual/, /laual/²²,

22. This in reality is comprised of two morphemes lau + vn. ending -al. However, as lau is not found on its own this item is used to exemplify the above (bracketed) sequences.

niaght 'news' /noiox/, /no:iox/, cliwe 'sword' /klaio/, bouyr 'deaf' /bauo/, /bauə/, nuyoo 'ninth' /nuiu/, cliwe 'sword' /klaiu/ (v. also above), graihagh 'loving' /greiəx/, faiyr 'noise' /foiə/, biallys 'obedience' /bo:iələs/, piyr 'pair' /paiə/, screeuyn 'letter' /s'kriuən/, fouyr 'autumn' /feuər/, foays 'benefit' /foəs/, roauyr 'fat' /rauər/.

§56. Sequence D: Sequence C plus /e/ (only one ex., viz. /euie/): snaueeryn 'swimmers' /sneuierən/. The sequence here is trisyllabic.

§57. As with short and long vowels, there can be free variation in quantity and quality with vowel sequences. Diphthongs and triphthongs can vary freely also with monophthongs.

eiyster 'halter' /oistər/, /eistər/, /əistər/, /a:stər/
beiyht 'fatted' /beit/, /biət/, /bi:ət/, /bi:t/
laue 'hand' /le:u/, /leu/, /lau/, /ləu/, /lou/
lhaih 'reading' /lei/, /lei:/, /lai/, /l'ai:/, /l'a:i/
stroin 'nose' /stro:n/, /strin/, /stren/, /strun/, /stru:n/,
 /strain/, /strein/

§58. In the sequences arising from the prefixes mee- /mi:/ and neu- /n'u:/ 'un-, not' the second element usually has primary stress. Sequences arising from such prefixes are as follows:

/i:'au, u:'e:, u'o:/, e.g.

mee-ourysagh 'not doubting' /mi:'aurosax/, neu-easal 'uneasy' /n'u:'e:sal/, neu-oayllagh 'unacquainted' /n'u'o:lax/. But with prefix bearing primary stress cf. neu-deyr 'cheap' /'n'u: de:r/.

§59. The following few sequences are found outside primary stress: Sequ. A: /oi, eu, ou, au/, Sequ. B: /ia, io/: pointeil 'appointing' /poin'te:l/, thousane 'thousand' /teu'se:n/, /tou'se:n/, /tau'sa:n/, shenndiaqht 'old folk' /s'endiəx/, pirriagh 'awful' /pe:riəx/, /piriəx/.

§60. As with monophthongs words can have the form /V(:)V/:
aae 'limekiln' /ei/, /e:i/, aw 'raw' /au/, /eu/, ooh 'egg' /au/, /ou/, /eu/.

M O R P H O P H O N O L O G Y

INITIAL MUTATIONS

§61. As with other modern Celtic languages LSM also has the phenomenon of initial mutations.¹ In LSM this manifests itself in two forms: lenition and nasalization (or eclipsis). At an earlier stage of the language these forms would have functioned as a complete system, but in LSM this system has to a great extent broken down, and in the case of nasalization has practically ceased functioning.² As in Irish and Scottish Gaelic initial mutation in LSM can either be conditioned by a mutating morpheme immediately preceding, such as the definite article, prep. plus art., some possessive particles, one or two numerals, a few adverbs, adjectives, conjunctions, and verbal particles, or by morphological considerations, e.g. the indep. conditional tense form: /vi:x/ 'would be', /jinax/ 'would do'.

LENITION

§62. The single consonant replacement pattern of lenition for LSM is as follows (forms in (round) brackets indicate that they are very occasional):

radical: /p t t' k' k /
 lenited form: [f h, (x) (h), (x^h) (x^h) (x), (h)]

radical: /b d d' g' g /
 lenited form: [v (ɣ) (j) (j) (ɣ)]

radical: /m/
 lenited form: [v]

radical: /f s s' /
 lenited form: [∅ h h, (x^h)]

1. For a discussion on initial mutation in Celtic v. Hamp (1951) and Oftedal (1962).

2. For further details v. Vol. 1: 7-21.

Examples: /pot/ 'pot', /sə [f]ot/ 'in the pot'; /te:/ 'tea', /mə [h]e:/ 'my tea'; /taidə/ 'tide', /l'e: [x]aidə/³ 'half tide'; /t'it/ 'coming' /də [h]it/ 'to come'; /t'a:n/ 'Lord', /o: [x']a:n/ 'O Lord'; /k'o:n/ 'head', /mə [x']o:n/ 'my head'; /kolin/ 'body', /mə [x]olin/ 'my body'; /kek/ 'dung', /mə [h]ek/⁴ 'my dung'; /be:də/ 'boat', /sə [v]e:də/ 'in the boat'; /dun'ə/ 'man' /də xul'ə [γ]un'ə/ 'every man'; /d'enu/ 'doing', /də [j]enu/ 'to do'; /g'il'ə/ 'lad', /mə [j]il'ə/ 'my lad'; /gi:/ 'wind', /ən [γ]i:/ 'the wind'; /mo:ri/ 'morning', /osə [v]o:ri/ 'in the morning'; /fai/ 'homefield', /osən [Ø]ai/ 'in the homefield'; /su:l'/ 'eye', /mə [h]u:l'/ 'my eye'; /s'a:su/ 'standing', /nə [h]a:su/ '(in) standing'; /s'u:r/ 'sister', /mə [x']u:r/ 'my sister'.

Non-lenited examples of the above can also be found; v. Vol. 2 Dictionary.

§63. The above lenition replacements also hold for many consonant clusters, e.g. /pl-/ - /fl-/: /pla:n/ 'plan', /erə [f]l]a:n/ 'on the plan (Methodist roster)'; /pr/ - /fr-/: /pre:s/ 'potato', /də [fr]e:s/ 'of a potato'. However, there are some consonant clusters whose replacement differs from, or has additional variants to those for single consonants. Such clusters are as follows:

radical:	/tr	kw	bw	mw	fw	sl	sn' /
lenited form:	[xr	hw,	xw	w	w	hw	l (n'j)]

Examples: /tre:/ 'time', /də [xr]e:/ 'your time'; /kwi:l'/ 'wheel', /ən [hw]i:l'/ 'the wheel'; /kwe:l'/ 'meeting' /heŋka mə [hw]e:l'/ 'he came to meet me' (lit. 'to my meeting'); /bwe:n/ 'bothy', /sə [w]e:n/ 'in the bothy'; /mwanel/ 'neck', /mə [w]anel/ 'my neck'; /fwe lax/ 'leavings', /ən [hw]e:lax/ 'the leavings'; /slei/ 'people', /pat də [l]ei/ 'some people'; /sn'a:xtə/ 'snow', /fo [n'j]a:xtə/ 'under snow'⁵.

The radical consonants /l, l', n, n', r, h, w, v, j/ are not

3. sic. /l'e: [h]aidə/ would have been expected. Some of the rare forms may either be idiosyncracies on the part of the speaker, or that he/she was unsure of the correct form.

4. sic. /mə [x]ek/ would have been expected.

5. in song only; normally /fo s[n'j]a:xtə/.

subject to lenition, neither are /sp, spr, spw, sk, skr, st, str,⁶ sm/.

NASALIZATION

§64. As noted above, nasalization is no longer a functioning system in LSM. The surviving single consonants subject to nasalization for which examples are attested are as follows:

radical: /t k d' g/
nas. form: [d g n'j n]

Examples: /to:s/ 'silent', nən [d]o:s/ 'in their silence' (i.e. they being silent); /kil/ 'heard', /hə [g]i:l/ 'did not hear'; /d'enu/ 'doing', /e [n'j]enu/ 'has done'; /gedin/ 'getting', /ə [n]edin/ 'has found'.⁷ The only example of nasalization in a consonant cluster is with /kr/; v. §66 below.

SECONDARY FORMS WITHOUT BASE FORMS

§65. A number of lexical items in LSM show permanent lenition (or nasalization), i.e. they are nowhere attested with radical forms. The examples showing permanent lenition are as follows:

(verbs) /va/ 'was', /heŋk/ 'came' /honik/ 'saw', /hu:r/ 'got', /hug/ 'gave', /ve:/ 'being' (also /bi/ from one speaker only).

(prep.) /haris'/ 'over', /hug/ 'towards'.

(adv.) /hi:s/ 'down', /hus/ 'up' (non-motion).

(pron.) /u(:)/ 'you' (sg.), /us/ 'you' (emph. sg.).⁸

(reflex. pron.) /hi:n/ 'self'.

(neg. part.) /ha/, /xa/ 'not' (also /a/).

(prep. pron.) /mə jei/ 'after me', /nə jei/ 'after him'.

6. only (occasionally) in the phrase /osə tred'/ 'in the street'

7. Unless the vn. is feddyn /fedin/ in which case the ex. shows lenition with intervocalic /n/ to break the hiatus. Note here that /r/ in er (Ir. ar 'after') is not realized.

8. Note that lenition here is irregular, i.e. zero.

§66. Examples showing permanent nasalization are:

(verb) /ha grem/ 'I do not believe'; fossilized habitual present form 1st sg. Biblical; /vel/ 'is' (dep. form).

(prep.) /mə'gi:t/ 'around' cf. Ir. mun gcuairt, /na:i/ 'against' cf. Ir. i n-aghaidh.

(adv.) /mar'gedən/ 'also' cf. Ir. mar an gcéadna.

For lenition in numerals v. Vol. 1: §18.

FINAL MUTATION

§67. Compared with the situation in Irish and Scottish Gaelic, the feature of final mutation in LSM is quite rare and survives only in attenuated noun plurals. Consonants undergoing mutation of this type are replaced by their palatalized counterparts. The fact that non-palat. forms are also found side by side with their palat. forms indicates that this feature no longer functions as a meaningful system. The surviving examples suggest the following pattern:

- t - t' kayt 'cat' /ket/, pl. /ke:t'/
- d - d' bwoid 'penis' /bod/, pl. /bwid'/
- n - n' croan 'mast' /kron/, pl. /kre:n'/
- eayn 'lamb' /je:n/, pl. /je:n'/
- l - l' shiaull 'sail' /s'o:l/, pl. /s'o:l'/
- cabbyl 'horse' /ka:bəl/, pl. /ka: bil'/

For other plural forms v. Vol. 2 Dictionary.

P A R T T W O

A D I A C H R O N I C S T U D Y

H I S T O R I C A L D E V E L O P M E N T

INTRODUCTION

The aim of this part is to supplement the information given in Part One as to the present-day sounds of Late Spoken Manx and their usage, with a brief outline of the phonetic developments. The starting point taken (following Jackson (1955:7) is the end of the 'Common Gaelic' period (c. 1250), and an attempt has been made to show how each of the sounds of 'Common Gaelic' has developed in LSM. I write the 'Common Gaelic' spellings in capital letters, e.g. AO, EABH, OIDH, etc.

I deal with the consonants first and the vowels (including diphthongs) second to conform to the order of Part One. The internal arrangement of the consonants and vowels, however, follows Jackson (1955). The problem of stress in LSM, because of its complications, does not fall into the general pattern of the historical section as a whole, and so is dealt with at the end of the section.

As this part attempts to trace the phonetic developments from 'Common Gaelic' to LSM, phonetic script is therefore used in all the examples cited. However, purely for reasons of convenience the phonetic realizations of the principal members of the phonemes /p, t, k', k, d, l', n'/ (qv), because of their typographical complexities, are simplified as follows: [p t k' k d l' n']. Other attested allophones of the above are given their full phonetic value. For the purposes of dialect study each example cited is given an area designation, viz. N (= North) or S (= South). The actual source of the item supplied can be found in the Dictionary. Where applicable the Ir. or ScG. equivalents of the Manx reflexes are given, whichever is thought to be the nearer; in some cases both forms are given. Where the Ir. and ScG. forms are the same, only the Ir. form is given.

CONSONANTS

THE STOPS

§1. In initial and final position neutral P and C (/p/, /k/) are articulated with a degree of post-aspiration, B and G (/b/, /g/) hardly at all. However, in the clusters SP(R), SC(R) no noticeable post-aspiration takes place. In initial position B, C, and G may be realized in a palatalized form, B rarely. In final position C and G may also occur palatalized. P is never found palatalized in any position, so far as the evidence goes. There is never pre-aspiration of P, T, C. For details v. I: /p/, /k'/, /k/, /b/, /g'/, /g/.

§2. In initial position (and to a lesser extent medially and finally) neutral T (/t/) is realized with a strong degree of aspiration, viz. [t^h], and D (/d/) with voiced affrication, viz. [d^h]. In final position D in unstressed syllables may also appear as [ð]. Both T and D are capable of palatalization, realized in initial position mostly as the affricates [tʃ] and [dʒ] respectively. In final position, if they are palatalized at all in environments with original palatalization, then they usually appear as [tʰ] and [dʰ] respectively, sometimes with weak affrication. For details v. I: /t/, /t'/, /d/, /d'/.

§3. In intervocalic position neutral B, D, G (/b/, /d/, /g/) often appear as the corresponding spirants [v], [ð], [ɣ] (with or without lengthening in the preceding syllable, if the vowel of that syllable were originally short). On occasion B may appear as the bilabial spirant [β] initially and medially.¹ Intervocally neutral G may also occur as [g]. Original palatalized B is mostly depalatalized, and so falls in with neutral B. Original palat. D in intervocalic position is usually [dʒ], sometimes [dʰ], [ʒ], [j].

1. Note that in the form [βom]N 'from me' (Ir. uaim) the [β] is a development from UA, viz. [w] > [v] > [β].

Original palatalized G usually falls in with neutral G and appears as [g]. For details v. I: /b/, /d/, /g'/, /g/.

§4. Also in intervocalic position P, T, C generally become voiced to [b], [d], [g], and may sometimes occur as the corresponding spirants, and so fall in with B, D, G. Palatalized T in like position is usually [ʒ], sometimes [j], e.g.

cabyl 'horse' [k'a:bəl]N, [k'a:vəl]N Ir. capall
brattag 'flag' [bratag]N, [brəðag]N ScG. bratag
fedjag(yn) 'feather(s)' [fəʒagən]N, [fəjag]S cf. ScG. eiteag
feeackle 'tooth' [fi:kəl]N, [fi:gəl]S, [fi:yəl]S Ir. fiacal
peccagh 'sinner' [pegəx]S Ir. peacach
peiagh 'person' [paiəx]S, [pe:x]N Ir. peacach

In the last two exx. the forms with further reduction of /g/ represent the less formal pronunciation corresponding to the colloquial meaning.

§5. Internally T after /l/ and /n/ usually appears as [d], and after /m/ P usually as [b], but not in final position.²

chiamble 'temple' [k'a:mbəl]³N Ir. teampall
kyndagh 'guilty' [k'ɪndi](pl.)N Ir. cionntach
coontey 'thinking' [ku:ntə]N/S, [ku:ndə]S ScG. cunndach⁴

THE SPIRANTS

§6. In initial position, with the exception of F (/f/), the original spirants occur only as the lenition of stops: PH = [f], TH = [h], neutral CH = [x] (more often [k]), palat. CH = [x'] (rare; usu. [k]), neutral BH, MH = [v], [w], palat. BH, MH = [v] (rarely [v']), neutral DH, GH = [ɣ] (more often [g]), palat. DH, GH = [ɣ'], [j] (more usu. [g]).

sy phurt 'into the harbour' [sə fō:t]S ScG. 'sa phort
my hoin 'my backside' [mə hɪdn]N Ir. mo thón

2. e.g. cramp 'complicated' [krəmp] (ex. not in corpus).

3. sic, i.e. [tʰ] expected instead of [kʰ].

4. The fact that /t/ remains after /n/ here suggests that this word is relatively recent in the language.

cheayll 'heard' [xi:l]S, [kɪl]N Ir. chuala
ry cheilley 'together' [rə x'e:lə]N, [rɛ ke:l'ə]N
 ScG. ri chéile
yn vooa 'the cow' [ən vu:ə]N, [ən wu:ə]S ScG. an bhó
ghaa ny tree 'two or three' [ɣanə'tri:]N, [ganə'tri:]N
 Ir. dhó nó trí
yn ghlión 'the glen' [ən ɣ'l'ɔdn]S, [ə'gl'ɔun]N ScG,
 Ir. an ghleann
my ghuilley 'my lad' [mə jilə]S, [mə gil'ə]S ScG. mo ghille

§7. In internal (intervocalic) position the above spirants generally do not occur, but result in contraction of the flanking vowels into long vowels or diphthongs (or sometimes hiatus). On occasion neutral BH, MH may occur as [v] and neutral CH as either [x] or the voiced spirant [ɣ], or despirantized to [g], or absent altogether. Neutral TH may occasionally occur as [x], [ɣ] or [h], as if treated as neutral CH.

bayr 'road' [bɛ:ɹ]N Ir. bóthar
briwnys 'judgment' [bru:nəs]S Ir. breitheamhnas
jeeaghyn 'looking' [d'ʒixən]S, [d'ʒi:ɣən]S, [d'ʒI:gən]S,
 [d'ʒiən]N cf. ScG. deuchainn
droghad 'bridge' [drɔgəd]S, [drɔ:d]N Ir. drochad
fouyr 'autumn' [fɔur]N Ir. fóghmhar
yioqhe mayd 'we would get' [jɔxmɔð]N Ir. gheobhadh muid
roauyr 'fat' [rauɹ]N Ir. reamhar
laghyn 'days' [lɛ:xən]N, [lɛ:ɣən]S, [lɛ:hən]N, [lɛ:ən]N
 cf. ScG. lâthan. TH is treated here as CH, as shown by the Manx spelling, as if *lâthachan; the /h/ or hiatus is a reduction of this.
baagh 'beast' [bɛax]N, [bɛ:ɔx]S Ir. beathach
saagh 'vessel' [seax]N, [sɛ:ax]N; also [sɛk]S ScG. soith-each. In both these exx. we have preservation of the morpheme /ax/ following the hiatus; cf. also doagh in §11.2 footnote.

§8. In final position, with the partial exception of neutral CH, the above spirants usually do not appear. On occasion BH, MH may occur finally as [v].

lheeah 'grey' [li:ə]S Ir. liath
lieh 'half' [l'ɛ:]N Ir. leith
lhargagh 'slope' [lɑ:ɣax]N Ir. leargach
Manninee 'Manxmen' [mənəni]S ScG. Manannaich
marroo 'dead' [maru]N Ir. marbh
marroo 'killing' [maro]N, [mq:rʊv]N Ir. marbhadh; the latter
 ex. as in the phrase marroo yn vuck 'killing the pig'
 [mq:rʊv ən vɔk]N, a sandhi form. /v/ normally falls away
 finally, as noted above, but may survive when it opens
 the syllable; v. also traaue in §12.1 below.
lhongey 'meal' [lɔŋɔ]S Ir. longadh

THE LABIALS P, B, M, F, PH, BH, MH

§9. In LSM neutral F, PH and BH, MH appear usually as the labio-
 dentals [f] and [v] respectively. For a discussion of P and B v.
 §§1 & 3 above. M is a bilabial nasal and F a voiceless labio-
 dental fricative. Palatalized variants of B, M, F, BH are found,
 but are extremely rare. For further details (of B, M, F) v. I:
 /b/, /m/, /f/.

The lenition of /fw/ is /hw/, though the examples are scarce:

foast 'yet' [fwəs]S, [hwəs]S; also [fo:s]N/S Ir. fós,
 ScG. fhathast

INTERNAL AND FINAL NEUTRAL BH, MH IN STRESSED SYLLABLES

Introduction

§10. In LSM intervocalic and preconsonantal neutral BH, MH usually
 give the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/ from ABH, AMH, EABH, EAMH,
 OBH, OMH, UBH, UMH. The above can also give /o(:)/, and in the
 case of OBH, OMH, UBH, UMH also /u:/. With IOBH, IOMH there is
 /i/, though there is only one example, and for IUBH, IUMH there
 is /u:/. In one or two instances intervocalic BH, MH may appear
 as /v/.

§11. ABH, AMH

These may appear with a u-diphthong as /au/, /eu/, /ou/, or as
 /o(:)/, or sometimes as /e(:)/ or /u(:)/. Occasionally there may

be a survival of intervocalic BH as /v/.

1. As /au/, /eu/, /ou/

awin 'river' [qun']N, [au:n']S, (with consonantal u, viz. [w]) [awIn']N, [a:wən']S Ir. abhainn
aw 'raw' [au]S, [qu]N, [øu]S Ir. amh
gabh 'take!' [gau]S, [gAu]S Ir. gabh
dow 'ox' [dau]S, [dɔ:u]S, [døu]N Ir. damh
sourey 'summer' [saurə]N, [seurə]S, [ən tourə]N
 Ir. samhradh

2. As /o(:)/, /e(:)/

doagh 'vat' [do:x]N, [do:ax]S Ir. dabhach. In the last ex. there is evidently preservation of the morpheme /ax/; v. also §8 above.
loayrt 'speaking' [lɔ:ɹt]S, [lɔrt]N, [lö:ɹt]S, [lɛ:t]N
 Ir. labhairt
scowan 'lung' [skɔ:n]N ScG. sgamhan

3. With BH, MH surviving as /v/

sabbal, soalt 'barn' [saval]N, [so:lt]S ScG. sabhal⁵
drogh-ourys 'suspicion' [drɔ:x'q:vərəs]S, [drɔ:x'qurəs]S
 Ir. droch-amhras

§12. EABH, EAMH

There may be the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/, or /o:/. Intervocalic BH, MH may occasionally occur as /v/.

1. As /au/, /eu/, /ou/

foays 'benefit' [fauəs]S, [fquəs]S Ir. feabhas; v. also §12.2 below.
shliawin 'slippery' [ʃlaudn]S, [ʃl'øun]N, [sl'ɛud'n']S
 Ir. sleamhain
niau 'heaven' [n'au]N/S, [n'æu]S, [n'au]S Ir. neamh
jouish 'shears' [d'zəuʃ]S, [d'zəuʃ]S, [d'zøuʃ]N ScG.
deamhais⁶

5. Note the excrescent final /t/ in the second example.

6. The [ə] in the last ex. would repr. the second syll. in deamhais where the morpheme /as/ may be thought to survive.

traaue 'ploughing' [tre:u]N/S, [t'reu:w]N, [tr^eΛu]S⁷,
[tre:uv]N⁸ Ir. treabhadh

2. As /o:/'

foays 'benefit' [fɔ:s]N; v. also §12.1 above.

lioar 'book' [l'ɔ:r]S, [l'ɔ:]N/S, [l'ɔ:r]S Ir. leabhar

3. Intervocalic BH, MH as /v/'

liauyr 'long' [l'a:uər]S, [l'au^e]S, [l'a:vər]S Ir.
leabhar

§13. IOBH, IOMH

I have no exx. of IOBH. The only ex. of IOMH attested in the corpus, so far as I can see, gives /i/:

shynney lhiam 'I like' [ʃɪn'ə l'ɛm]S, [ʃInə l'ɛm]N
Ir. is iomhain liom

§14. IUBH, IUMH

Only one ex. for IUBH giving /(j)u:/. No exx. for IUMH, though /(j)u:/ would be expected.

shooyll 'walking' [ʃu:l]N/S, [ʃu:dl]S, [ʃu:l']N Ir.
siubhal. The element /j/ here has been absorbed by the
palat. /s/; the last ex. would repr. the oblique form
siubhail.

§15. OBH, OMH

There are the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/, /əu/; also /o(:)/,
/u(:)/.

1. As /au/, /eu/, /ou/, /əu/'

crou 'horseshoe' [krau]S, [kröu]S Ir. crobh

gaau 'smith' [gə:u]N, [gɛ:u]S, [gɛu]S, [g'Λu]S Ir. gobha

towse 'measure' [tɔ:us]N, [tɔus]N, [haus](len.)S Ir. tomhas

7. This ex. Jackson (1955:70) regards as repr. EÖ.

8. Occurs in the phrase [trê:uv ən mə:ə]N 'ploughing the field'
(v. Dictionary). As in marbhadh §11.3 above /v/ is a sandhi
form opening up the syllable.

2. As /o(:)/, /u(:)/ also

goayr 'goat' [gɔ:r]S Ir. gobhar

ooh 'egg' [au]N, [ɔu]N, [ɔu]N, [ɔu]S, [u:]N/S [ɔu]N/S

Ir. obh

doonagh 'sabbath' [du:nɔx]N, [dunax]S Ir. domhnach

gollan geayee 'swallow' [gɔlan'g'i:]N, [gɔlan'g'ei]N,

[gɔlan'gei]N ScG. gobhlan gaoithe

§16. UBH, UMH

There is usually /u(:)/, /o(:)/, or the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/, /əu/. Intervocalic BH, MH may occasionally occur as /v/.

1. As /u(:)/, /o(:)/

dooyrt 'said' [du:t]S, [dut]S, [dot]N Ir. dubhairt

doon 'hook' [duyan]S, [dügən]S, [dɔgan]S Ir. dubhán⁹

ooyl 'apple' [u:l]S Ir. ubhal

coodagh 'cover' [ku:ðax]S, [kuðax]S Ir. cumhdach

dhoo 'black' [du:]S, [dü:]S Ir. dubh; v. also next.

2. As /au/, /eu/, /ou/, /əu/

dhoo 'black' [dau]N, [dɔu]N, [döu]N, [dɔu]N/S Ir. dubh

3. Intervocalic BH, MH as /v/

cooin 'memory' [keven]S Ir. cumhan. The [e] here suggests this form ought to repr. *cuimhean, cf. Ir. cuimhne.

INTERNAL AND FINAL NEUTRAL BH, MH AFTER ORIGINAL LONG VOWELS OR DIPHTHONGS

Introduction

§17. Here also there are the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/ with ÁBH, ÁMH, ÓBH, ÓMH, IABH, IAMH, /au/, /eu/ with AOBH, AOMH and /ou/ with EOBH, EOMH. With ÉABH, ÉAMH the only ex. gives /eu/, and with IOBH, IOMH there is the long vowel /i:/. Here there is also /u(:)/ where IOBH, IOMH seemingly became IOBH, IOMH first (v. below). The long vowel /o:/ (also with secondary shortening,

9. The [ɣ] or [g] in the exx. probably arises as a hiatus filler, cf. the name 'Truggan Road' (in Port St. Mary) < strooan 'stream', Ir. sruthan.

viz. /o/) is also found with ÁBH, ÁMH, /u(:)/ and /o(:)/ with AOBH, AOMH, ÚBH, ÚMH, and /o(:)/ with EOBH, EOMH. There is /u(:)/ (sometimes /e(:)/, /i(:)/) with IABH, IAMH.

§18. ÁBH, ÁMH

Here there are the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/. There may also be /o(:)/.

1. As /au/, /eu/, /ou/

crauee 'religious' [kraui]S, [krɛ:ui]S, [k'rɔ̃ui]N ScG.
crábhaidh. The [u] in all three exx. could be regarded
as consonantic.

laue 'hand' [l'au]N, [lɛ:u]N/S, [lɔ̃u]N Ir. lámh

2. As /o(:)/

foayr 'favour' [fɔ̃:r]S Ir. fábhar
noid 'enemy' [no:d']S, [nɔ̃:d']N Ir. námhaid¹⁰

§19. ÉABH, ÉAMH

The only example gives /e:u/.

fraue 'root' [frɛ:u]N/S Ir. fréamh

§20. IOBH, IOMH

These give /(j)u(:)/; here IOBH, IOMH seemingly became first IOBH, IOMH = /juv/ > /(j)u:/. v. also Jackson (1955:73). Also /i:/.

1. As /(j)u(:)/ with loss of /j/ after /r/ as in English.

screeu 'writing' [skru:]N, [ʃk'ru:]S Ir. scriobhadh
sneeu 'spinning' [sn'u:]S, [sn'ju:]S Ir. sniomh

2. As /i:/

sheelt 'sober' [ʃi:l't']N ScG. síobhailt; cf. also Ir.
sibhialta

§21. ÓBH, ÓMH

With the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/. The surviving exx. are only for ÓMH.

10. Secondary shortening could very well take place in the exx. here.

reuyrey 'digging' [røurə]N cf. Ir. rómhar. The Manx form repr. *rómhradh.

koir 'box, coffin' [koir]N Ir. cómhra. The Manx form seems affected by the (Mx.) orthography. One would have expected something like [kø:r].

cowrey 'sign' [kaurə]S, [køurə]N Ir. cómhartha

cour 'in the direction of' [køur]N, [kauər]S cf. Ir. i gcómhair¹¹

§22. ÓBH, ÓMH

Only one example attested.

clooie 'down, feathers' [klu:i]N, [kløi]N cf. Ir. clúmhadh.

The Manx form would repr. OIr. clúim, acc/dat. of clúm, orig. a long á-fem.

§23. AOBH, AOMH

The exx. are scarce, but they seem to suggest /u(:)/ and /o(:)/ as the main representations of AOBH, AOMH. There may also be the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/.

1. As /u(:)/, /o(:)/

foyr 'edge' [fø:r]S, [fø:r]S, [fu:əʊ]S Ir. faobhar. Note that in the last ex. [ə] is not original, but a function of the /r/; s.v. R.

noo 'holy' [nu:]S Ir. naomh

çheu 'side' - v. next.

2. As /au/, /eu/

crow 'bush' [krøu]S Ir. craobh

çheu 'side' [t'ʃau]N/S, [t'ʃøu]N/S, [t'ʃəu]S, [t'ʃu]N

Ir. taobh¹²

§24. EOBH, EOMH

The two attested exx. repr. EOBH giving /ou/ or /o(:)/.

yio 'will get' [jou]N Ir. gheobh

11. Note that ó in cómhartha and i gcómhair was originally short.

12. The palat. of the init. /t/ here may be due to fronting. It is noticeable that LSM has the proclivity to palatalize orig. init. neutral velar and dental stops; for exx. s.v. cabbyl, gaue in the Dictionary.

yioghe 'would get' [jɔx]N Ir. gheobhadh. Here a possible *[jouax] has been contracted probably via [jo:x] or [jɔ:x] to a short stressed monophthong.

Phillips spells the fut. as iew which points to gheibh. It seems here at any rate that the /eu/ and /ou/ diphthongs have not been kept apart; cf. the treatment of geurey (Ir. geimhreadh) and sourey (Ir. samhradh) for a similar analogical remodelling.

§25. IABH, IAMH

There is either /u(:)/ or the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/. There may also be /e(:)/, /i(:)/.

1. As /(j)u(:)/ with /j/ absorbed in the preceding palat. consonant.

cleeau 'breast, chest' [kl'eu]N Ir. cliabh

slieau 'mountain' [sl'eu:]N/S, [ʃl'eu:]N/S Ir. sliabh

2. As /(j)au/, /(j)eu/, /(j)ou/ again with /j/ absorbed in the preceding palat. cons.

jouyl 'devil' [d'zau]N/S, [d'zɔul]S Ir. diabhail

jouylee 'devilish' [d'zɔuli]S ScG. diabhlaidh

cleuin 'son-in-law' [kl'ɛun]N, [kleun]N Ir. cliamhain,

but prob. cleamhain or g. cleamhna; cf. Jackson (1955:74).

3. As /e(:)/, /i(:)/

clean 'cradle' [kle:dn]S, [klɛ:dn]S, [klidn]N Ir. cliabhán, ScG. cliabhan. A form *[kl'uən], [kl'udn] would have been expected here. Forms with /e(:)/ (or /i(:)/ before a nasal) may be on the analogy of EA (qv); v. also cleuin above.

§26. UABH, UAMH No examples.

INTERNAL AND FINAL ORIGINAL PALATALIZED BH, MH IN STRESSED SYLLABLES

Introduction

§27. In all cases original palatalized BH, MH internally and finally (and initially for that matter) behave as if they were neutral. Initially these appear as /v/, but internally and finally they give u-diphthongs or /u(:)/ or /o(:)/.

§28. AIBH, AIMH

The attested exx. repr. only AIMH. Here there is usually the u-diphthong /eu/:

eulys 'fury' [ɛuləs]N Ir. aimhleas
dew 'oxen' [dɛu]S Ir. daimh

§29. AIBH, AIMH

The attested exx. repr. only AIMH. There is either /eu/, or /u(:)/ or /o(:)/:

1. As /eu/

ro-laue 'beforehand' [ra'le:u]S cf. ScG. roimh-làimh
liorish 'by'; v. next.

2. As /u(:)/, /o(:)/

liorish 'by' [l'ɔuri]N, [l'u:ri]S, [l'o:ri]S, [l'ɔri]S
 cf. ScG. làimh ris

Though Phillips has leyf = làimh it is far from certain that the exx. here represent any oblique case form. The etymology of liorish is the usual one (i.e. làimh ris), and may be correct, but it does not explain the init. /l'/ or the different treatment of the vowel/diphthong. It is a unique case not representative of any general tendency.

§30. EIBH, EIMH

With u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/, /əu/, or /u(:)/:

1. As /au/, /eu/, /ou/

geulaghyn 'chains' [g'ɛutɔxən]N, [g'ɔulɔxən]S cf. Ir.
geimheal; v. also §30.2 below.
geurey 'winter' [g'aure]S, [g'æure]S, [g'ɛure]N/S, [g'εure]N,
 [g'öure]S, [g'ɔure]N Ir. geimhreadh; v. also §30.2 below.

2. With /(j)u(:)/ (with /j/ absorbed in the prec. palat. cons.)

geulaghyn 'chains' [g'u:lɔxən]N; v. also §30.1 above.
geurey 'winter' [g'u:re]N, [g'ɔure]N; v. also §30.1 above.

§31. EIBH, EIMH

The only ex. repr. EIBH

sleityn 'mountains' [sle:dʒən]S, [sle:d'ʒin]N, [sl'ɛ:d'ʒən]S

ScG. sléibhtean

As Jackson (1955:76) has noted the BH here seems to have disappeared before depalatalization had taken place, otherwise something like [sl'eud'zən] would have resulted; cf. eulys in §28 above.

§32. IBH, IMH

These regularly give /(j)u(:)/:

cha niuym 'I will not drink' [ha'n'u:əm]N Early Ir.

(chan) ibhim

shiu 'you' (pl.) [ʃu]N/S Ir. sibh

shiuin 'rushes' [ʃu:n']N Ir. simhin

In livrey 'deliver' we have [l'ivɾə]S, [l'iv^ərə]S side by side with [l'ivɾeɪ]S, [l'i'vɾe:]S ScG. libhriq, MIr. libhredh < A.Norm. This word is found only in the Lord's Prayer in the corpus, usually with forward stress. Forms with initial stress are probably as a result of the rhythm of the prayer by the individual speaker. The fact that we have /v/ here suggests that these forms are recent, otherwise we would expect something like [l'u(:)rə], as with lhiurid 'length' [l'u:rid']N, [l'urid']N < OIr. libre+id (v. Dictionary).

§33. IBH, IMH

The only attested example repr. IBH giving /(j)u(:)/

screeuyn 'letter' [skru:ən]S, [ʃkr^juən]S Ir. scribheann

§34. OIBH, OIMH

There is usually /u(:)/ or /o(:)/

diunid 'depth' [du:nəd']S, [du:nəd]S Ir. doimhne + id.

Note the depal. /n/. The raising to /u:/ is not clear. Jackson (1955:76) regards it as due to the nasal, but apparently no raising occurs in dowin 'deep' [daun']S where /n/ is just as much in contact as in the cpv. and abstract.

roie 'before' (adv.) [ro:i]N, [roi]N/S ScG. roimhe

roish 'before' (prep., conj.) [rɔ:ʃ]S, [ra:ʃ]S, [roʃ]N,

[rɔ̃]S, [ro:i]N/S, [roi]N ScG. roimh-se.

Roie and roish (but esp. the first) may be regarded as having a lost MH with (orig.) hiatus in its place.

§35. ÓIBH, ÓIMH

Only one ex. of this class survives, repr. ÓIBH giving /au/, /eu/

daue 'to them' [dau]S, [de:u]S Ir. dóibh.

Jackson (1955:76) regards [dau] (and prob. [de:u]) as repr. Early Mod. Ir. dáibh or ScG. daibh. Robert L. Thomson prefers a non-palat. form, viz. dábh, dabh, as Phillips spells it daw, not deyf (as in dew 'oxen').

§36. UIBH, UIMH

The surviving exx. attest only for UIMH giving /u(:)/.

crooag 'maggot, grub' [kru:ag]S, [kru:əg]N ScG. cruimheag
cooinaght(yn) 'remembering, memory' [ku:n'q̄x]S, [ku:n'ax]N,
[ku:n'axtən]S, [kunaxən]N, [ku:n'an]S ScG. cuimhneachd,
cuimhneachan

§37. ÓIBH, ÓIMH No examples, but /u(:)/ expected.

§38. AOIBH, AOIMH

The two (in reality one) exx. attested repr. AOIBH giving /(j)u:/

eunys 'delight' [ju:nəs]S Ir. aoibhneas

eunyssagh 'delightful' [ju:nəsq̄x]N/S ScG. aoibhneasach.

Unlike the BH in ÉIBH above (§31) which was lost, BH here seems to have been vocalized (after depalatalization), otherwise something like [je:nəs], [je:nəsax] would have resulted. For the depal. /n/ cf. also diunid §34 above.

ORIGINAL BH, MH IN UNSTRESSED SYLLABLES

Intervocalic position

§39. In intervocalic position BH and MH are usually lost and there is contraction of the flanking vowels, either to a long vowel which may bear the stress, e.g. (in Ir. -amhail)

reeoil 'royal' ['ri:'o:l']S righeamhail

troo-oil 'jealous' [tru'o:ɪ']S Ir. tnúthamhail

or the contraction may occur unstressed as /ə/ or /a/, e.g.

gennal 'happy' [g'ɛnɔ:l]S, [g'enəl]S Ir. geanamhail

However, BH, MH may occasionally appear as /v/:

liauyr 'long' [l'ɔuər]N, [l'auə]S, [l'a:vəɹ]S Ir. leabhar

Final position

§40. In final position (E)ABH, (E)AMH, also (A)IBH, (A)IMH are mostly found as /u/, sometimes /o/ (in northern Manx), e.g.

(E)ABH, (E)AMH

jannoo 'doing' [d'ʒɛnu]N/S Ir. déanamh; v. also below.

thalloo 'land' [talu]N/S, [talo]N Ir. tallamh

shassoo 'standing' [ʃa:ðu]N, [sa:du]S, [sa:ðo]N Ir.

seasamh

briw 'judge' [brɛ:u]N/S, [breu]S, [bru:]S¹³ Ir. breitheamh

credjue 'belief' [krɛd'ʒu]N, [kreʒu]S Ir. creideamh

But sometimes there is /uv/, e.g.

jannoo 'doing' [d'ʒɛnuv]?S Ir. déanamh. From LASID Vol. 1.

It was probably elicited by Wagner in a phrase (cf. also marroo (§8) and traaue (§12.1) above), where /v/ is a sandhi form.

(A)IBH, (A)IMH

eu 'at you, your' (pl.) [ɛu]N/S, [eu]N/S Ir. agaibh. This passed through [iv'] to [əv] to [u], as shown by Phillips' aggw, not aggif.

orroo 'on them' [ɔru]S, [aro]N Ir. orthaibh

§41. After consonants in medial position there is either /ə/ (sometimes /a/, esp. before /x/) in unstressed syllables, or as /u(:)/ if the syllable bears the stress, e.g.

13. with complete reduction here of the first syllable.

1. In unstressed syllables

sherruid 'bitterness' [ʃɛruəd']N Ir. seirbhe + id
geinnagh 'sand' [g'enax]N, [gan'ax]S ScG. gainmheach.
 Note that MH is simply lost here.

2. In stressed syllables (with svarabhakti treatment and contraction in the second ex.)

fegooish 'without' [fə'gu:ʃ]N/S ScG. eugmhais
jarrood 'forgetting' [d'ʒə'ru:d]S, [d'ʒə'rud]S, [d'ʒə'rud]N
 Ir. dearmad, dearmhad. Note that the first syllable is
 not in every case reduced to [ə].

§42. After consonants in final position there is usually /u/ (or /o/ in northern Manx). This would have arisen from the vocalization of final BH, MH coalescing with the svarabhakti vowel which had arisen between BH, MH and the preceding consonant, and which is thus parallel to an organic vowel as in jannoo (Ir. déanamh) and shassoo (Ir. seasamh), e.g.

marroo 'dead' [maru]N/S, [maro]N Ir. marbh
tarroo 'bull' [taru]N/S Ir. tarbh
balloo 'dumb' [bɔlu]S Ir. balbh
follym 'empty' [fɔlɛm]N, [falɛm]S Ir. folamh. Note here that delentition has taken place in MH which happens to be final, as the reverse happens in jarrood (Ir. dearmad) in an m which happens to be medial.
merriu 'dead persons' [mɪru]N, [miru]S Ir. mairbh. Note that the depal. final cluster here has fallen in with the neutral form, i.e. [miru] not [mir'u] which would have been an earlier form, as the spelling suggests; so [ru] < [r'u], [rju] 'ever' (Ir. riamh) by the usual loss of /j/ after /r/.

THE DENTALS T and D

- §43.1 In initial position neutral T and D are, as already noted (§2), articulated with some aspiration and affrication respectively. For init. palat. T and D in LSM v. I: /t'/, /d'/.
- 2 For the realizations of neutral and palatal. T and D internally and finally v. I: /t/, /t'/, /d/, /d'/.

3. In original palat. RT in final position there is depalat. of the whole cluster, e.g.
baghyrt 'threatening' [ba ɣərt]S Ir. baɣairt
loayrt 'speaking' [lɔ:ɹt]N, [lɔrt]N Ir. labhairt
4. In original palat. initial TR, DR, STR there is usually depalat. of the whole cluster; on occasion the dental stop may be found palatalized, e.g.
traaue 'ploughing' [trə:u]N/S, [t'reu:w]N Ir. treabhadh
trass 'third' [tra:s]S Ir. treas
drollane 'useless person' [drɔ'lɛ:dn]S Ir. dreolán
strepey 'struggling' [stri:pə]N ScG. streapadh
- 5a In initial neutral ST there is usually [st^h], e.g.
sthambey, stampey 'treading' [st^hambə]N cf. Ir. strampáil
 < E.
- b In initial palat. ST there is usually [ʃt'] or [st'], e.g.
stiagh 'into' [ʃt'a:x]S, [st'əq̄x]S Ir. isteach
stiurey 'steering' [st'u rə]S Ir. stiúradh
6. Internally after /n/ or /l/ neutral or palat. T may appear as [d], [d'], [d'z], as the orthography sometimes recognises:
coontey 'thinking' [ku:ntə]N/S, [ku:ndə]S ScG. cunndadh,
 cf. Ir. cunntas
piandagh 'painful' [pi:ndax]S Ir. piantach
biljyn 'trees' [beɪd'ən]N, [b'ɪl'd'zən]S, [bɪɪd'zən]N cf
 Ir. bile (pl. *biltean)
mooinjér 'relatives' [mɔnd'zə]S Ir. muinntear
 The voicing is equally true of /p/ after /m/ in medial position; cf. sthambey above.
- 7a In final position after neutral CH (/x/), whether stressed or unstressed, T may or may not occur, e.g.
briaght 'asking' [brəiəxt]S, [brəiəx]S ?Ir. braith + eacht.
 The loss of /t/ here may be due to its being absorbed in the following palat. /d'/ in jeh 'of' [d'zə] which normally accompanies briaght.
boght 'poor' [bɔ:x]N, [bɔ:x]N; also [bɔh]N (with loss of friction) Ir. boght

b In medial position after neutral CH (/x/) T may or may not occur, e.g.

boghtynid 'nonsense' [bq:xtənəd]S, [ba:xnId]S Ir. bochtaine
+ id

shiaghtin 'week' [ʃa:xtin]N; but also [t'ʃa:γən]S (with t of def. art.; medially with non-occurrence of /t/ and voicing of /x/), and [t'ʃa:n]S (with loss of the whole cluster) Ir. seachtaine, seachtmhaine (another case of loss of MH (qv)).

shiaghtoo 'seventh' [ʃa:xu:]S¹⁴ Ir. seachtmhadh

brooightooil 'belching' [bru:x'tu:l']N Ir. brúchtghail.

Shift of stress due to vocalization of GH coalescing with following vowel. Note here that medial DH, GH is treated like medial BH, MH, so the ending -(a)ghail came to behave just like -abhail, -amhail. For the shift of stress in such cases s.v. Stress.

8. For the various realizations of neutral or palat. intervocalic T and D, s.v. I: /t/, /t'/, /d/, /d'/.

9. Palatalized T after S in medial position gives [t'], e.g.

clashtyn 'hearing' [klɔʃt'ən]N ScG. claistinn

cashtal 'castle' [kɔʃt'əl]N ScG. caisteal

ushtey 'water' [uʃt'ə]N ScG. uisge

10. Before a depalat. consonant original palat. T is also depalatalized, as seems borne out by the impv./pret.

(d)ettyl (not ettil). T may occasionally occur as [d], e.g.

getlagh 'flying' [gət'lax]S; also [g'ad'lax]N (with voicing)

Ir. ag eitleach

11a Internally in contact with consonants T and D usually appear as [t] and [d] respectively, e.g.

kialter 'unwaulked cloth' [k'q:ltə]S ScG. cealtar

Boaldyn 'May' [bɔ ldən]N ScG. Bealltuinn

boandyrys 'nursing' [ba ndərəs]N; also [bɔnðərəs]S cf.

ScG. banaltrachd

14. sic with /u:/

b T after S may sometimes appear as [θ], or be lost altogether, e.g.

Sostyn 'England' [sa:stən]N/S, [sa:sθən]N, [sq:sən]S
Ir. Sasanach; OIr. Saxan (cf. [ʃa:xsən] sic N), with
metathesis > Sascan > Sastan. For SC giving ST in
LSM v. §47.

Cases of apparent loss may represent Sasuinn (in which
cs was assimilated to s(s)). On the other hand Robert
Thomson reminds me that the stn sequence might have
t intrusive (as well as by metathesis) and this would
be lost again later; cf. OE. hlysnian, Mod.E. 'listen'.

TH and DH

§44.1a In initial position TH represents the lenition of T and
in LSM occurs as [h], e.g.

haink 'came' [həŋk]S Ir. tháinig
heose 'up' [hus]N Ir. thuas
huitt 'fell' [hɔtʰ]S ScG. thuit

b Original palat. TH standing before a back or low front
vowel gives [xʰ], e.g.

O Hiarn 'O Lord' [o:ʰxʰa:n]S ScG. ó/a Thighearna

c Before other vowels there is simply [h]

cum dty hengey 'hold your tongue!' [kum: di henjə]N
ScG. cum do theanga

d In initial THR- there is usually [xr]¹⁵

gow dty hraa 'take your time' [gøu ðə xre:]S ScG.
gabh do thráth
ayns kegeesh dy hraa 'in a fortnight's time' [uns kɛʰgi:]
də xre:]

2 In internal position whether intervocally or with conson-
ants both original neutral and palat. TH are lost. When
intervocal there is usually contraction, though occasion-

15. Occasionally so written; cf. Cregeen chraaue 'ploughed',
chraisht 'squeezed'.

ally hiatus is found.

a With neutral TH

ayr 'father' [ɛ:ɹ]S, [ɛ:ar]S Ir. athair
arragh 'any more' [arax]N/S Ir. athrach
bayr 'road' [bɛ:ɹ]N Ir. bóthar
dy bragh 'for ever' [dɛ'brɛ:x]S Ir. go bráthach

b With original palat. TH

ainjyssagh 'acquainted' [eind'zəsax]S cf. Ir. aitheantas
 + ach
anney 'commandment' [anə]S, [a:nɔ]S Ir. aithne
ceau 'throwing' [k'eu]N, [k'au]N/S Ir. caitheamh¹⁶
kiare 'four' [k'ɛ:r]N Ir. ceithre

c With hiatus

baagh 'beast' [bɛax]N, [bɛ:qax]S Ir. beathach. The hiatus here may be morphemically, rather than phonetically motivated; cf. also saagh < soitheach §7.

d Original -THE is everywhere lost, e.g.

snaie 'thread' [snɛi]S, [snai]S Ir. snáithe
clea 'roof' [k'l'ɛ:]N Ir. cléithe

3 In final position both original neutral and palat. TH are everywhere lost, e.g.

traa 'time' [trɛ:]N/S ScG. tráth
lheeah 'grey' [li:ə]S Ir. liath
lieh 'half' [l'ɛ:]N, [l'ɛi]N Ir. leith

For a discussion on the probable development of mie 'good' [ma:i]N Ir. maith from [maix'] v. Jackson (1955:87).

§45 DH

In initial position DH represents the lenition of D. When neutral it appears in LSM as [ɣ] (or sometimes [w] when followed by a high back vowel), and when palatal. as [j] (though more often than not no lenition takes place in either case and there is [d]),¹⁷

16. The palat. quality of the orig. neutral /k/ may be due to fronting; cf. cheu §23.2.

17. e.g. daa dooinney 'two men' [dɛ: dun'ə]N; for the occurrence as [g] v. below.

thus falling in with GH (qv), e.g.

dy chooilley ghooinney 'every man' [ðə xɔl'ə ɣɔn'ə]S

ScG. a h-uile dhuine

y wooinney 'man!' (voc.) [wun'ə]N Ir. a dhuine

ghaa/gaa ny tree 'two or three' [ɣanə'tri:]N, [ganə'tri:]N

ScG. dhá na trí. The stopping of [ɣ] to [g] in the last ex. is a late phonetic change.

In medial and final position DH is everywhere lost, e.g.

greeasee 'cobbler' [grɛ:ði]N/S, [gri:zi]S Ir. gréasaidhe

nastee 'for nothing' [nasti]N Ir. i n-ascaidh

poosey 'marrying' [pu:ðə]N Ir. pósadh

THE VELAR STOPS C and G

§46. For a description of both neutral and palatal. forms of C and G in LSM v. I: /k'/, /k/, /g'/, /g/.

But in addition one or two points should also be noted:

1. Before original palat. /l'/ and /r'/ there is usually, but not always depalatalization of C and G, e.g.

CL- cleain 'harrows' [kli:dn]N, [kl'i:dn]S, [k'lidn]N

Ir. cliath + an

cleuin 'son-in-law' [kl'ɛun]N Ir. cliamhain

cleuinys 'relationship by marriage' [k'l'ɛun'əs]N¹⁸

Ir. cleamhnas

CR- credjal 'believing' [krɛʒɔl]S, [krɛ:l']S; but also

[k'ɛal]S with loss of /r/ Ir. creideáil

creen 'ripe' [kri:n]N Ir. críon

creg 'rock' [krɛg]S; but also [k'reg:]S ScG. creag

GL- gluggernagh 'gurgling' [glʊgɛrnɔx]N Ir. gliogarnach

glion 'glen' [gl'ɔun]N; but note also the non-occurrence

of orig. /g'/ [l'ɔdn]S, [l'aun]N Ir. gleann. This is

probably due to [ɣ'l'] or [j'l'] in the lenited form;

18. sic palat. /n'/.

v. Jackson (1955:90), v. also glion in Dictionary. gloon 'knee' [glu:dn]N, [gl'u:n']N; also with loss of /g/ [l'udn]N, [l'u:dn]S Ir. glún. Lenited forms here are unhistorical and are probably on the analogy of gleann; also the loss of /g/ for the same reason.

§47. In intervocalic position and finally after vowels SC in LSM regularly occurs as [st] or [t']; very occasionally in medial position SC remains. In medial position in association with consonants SC appears in a simplified form as [s] or [ʃ].

1. SC as [st], [t']

fastee 'shelter' [fa:sti]N/S Ir. fascadh
lostey 'burning' [la:stə]S Ir. loscadh
fastyr 'evening' [fa:stə]N/S ScG. feasgar
Caisht 'Easter' [ke:ʃt']N Ir. Cáisc
tushtey 'understanding' [tuʃt'ə]S Ir. tuigse; with
 metathesis of SC(SG).
ushtey 'water' [uʃt'ə]N/S ScG. uisge
liásst 'lazy' [l'q:st]N, [l'a:s]S ScG. leasg; note the
 loss of /t/ after /s/ in the last ex.

2. SC as [sk] in medial position

yskid 'ham, leg' [iskəd']S Ir. ioscad¹⁹

3. SC medially with consonants as [s], [ʃ]

fosley 'opening' [fa:slɛ]S Ir. foscladh
shaslagh 'bent grass' [ʃa:slax]N Ir. seascladh
fasney 'winnowing' [fə:sne]N/S ScG. fasgnadh
feayshley 'loosening' [fɛ:ʃl'ə]S, [fɛ:l'ə]S ScG.
fuasgladh, *fuaisgleadh. Note the complete loss of the
 SC cluster in the last ex.

§48. In pretonics original G- may occur as [d] in Manx. Sometimes it may appear as the voiced dental spirant [ð]; v. also I: /d/1c. Some words have both /g/ and /d/, others /d/ only.

19. In initial position SC may also be found, e.g. stiurey 'steering' [sk'u:rə]S, [ʃk'u:rə]S Ir. stiúradh, sthambey 'treading' [skembə]N < E. But here ST is original, and the SC forms are either an unconscious reversal of the process, or aberrations from the general pattern.

gys, dys 'towards' [gø:s]N, [gus]S, [dæs]N/S, [døs]N/S

ScG. gus

gagh, dagh 'each' [gæ:x]S, [dæ:x]S Ir. gach

dy (forming adverbs)

dy liooar 'enough' [dɪ'lɪ'ʊ:r]N, [ðə'lɪ'ʊ:ə]S Ir. go leor

dy mie 'well' [də'mɪ:i]N Ir. go maith

dy (particle introd. sub. clause in indirect statement)

'that'

dy jagh 'that went' [də'dʒæ:x]S ScG. gu deach

dy row 'that was' [də'røu]N/S ScG. gu robh

gyn, dyn 'without' [dæn]S, [dön]S Ir. gan

THE VELAR SPIRANTS CH and GH

§49. In initial position CH and GH would originally have been the lenition of C and G respectively. In LSM very little of this has survived. When they do occur in the context of lenition neutral CH appears as [x], [h], (by abandonment of lenition) as [k], or does not occur at all; palat. CH appears as [x'] (very rare), [h], (by aban. of len.) as [k]. Neutral GH appears as [ɣ], or (by aban. of len.) as [g], and palat. GH as [ɣ'] (very rare), [j], or (by aban. of len.) as [g]. As can be seen, GH of both qualities behaves as DH in this context, with the exception that DH before /u/ can occur as [w] (v. §45 above).

1. Neutral CH

cha 'not' (neg. part.) [xə]N, [hə]N/S, [ə]N/S ScG. cha

cheayll 'heard' [xi:l]S, [kɪl]N Ir. chuala

hie 'went' [xe:l]S, [xai]S, [ka:l]S ScG. chaidh

honnick 'saw' [hanik]N Ir. chonnaic

channah 'as well' [həmə]N, [kəmə]N cf. NIr. chómh maith

chail 'lost' (pret.) [kəl']S Ir. chail

er-chosh 'on foot' [ɛr'kɔʃ]N ScG. air chois

wheesh 'as much' [xwi:ʃ]N, [hwi:ʃ]N/S, [kwi:ʃ]S, [fi:ʃt]N

Ir. a choibhéis. The /f/ in the last ex. is a substitute for /xw/.

chraa 'shook' [xre:]S Ir. chráith

hug 'towards' [hɔg]N Ir. chuig

2. Palat. CH

my chione 'my head' [mə x'q:dn]S Ir. mo cheann
hannah 'already' [hqnə]N, [hanə]S Ir. cheana
heemain 'we will see' [hi:mqin]S ScG. chí muin
chiannee 'bought' [kani]S Ir. cheannaigh. Note that /k/
 has been depalat. also.

3. Neutral GH

yn gheay 'the wind' [ən ɣw:]S, [ən gi:]S Ir. an ghaoth
my gheaylin 'my shoulder' [mə ɣilən]S, [mə g'ɛ:l'ən] sic s²⁰
 Ir. mo ghualainn
sy (ayns yn) gharey 'in the garden' [sə ɣɛ:rə]S, [ɔzən
 g'ɛ:rə]N²⁰ NIr. sa gharrdha

4. Palat. GH

yn ghlion 'the glen' [ən ɣ'l'ɔdn]S, [ə gl'ɔun]N ScG.
an ghleann
my ghuilley 'my lad' [mə jilə]S, [mə gil'ə]S ScG. mo ghille

§50. Lenition of /kw/ in LSM is either /xw/ or /hw/:

haink eh my whaiyl 'he came to meet me' [hɛŋkə mə xwɛ:l']S,
 [hɛŋkə mə kwɛ:l']S (without len.) tháinig e mo chómháil
gys y whaiyl 'to the court' [gösə hwɛ:l']N gus a chómháil

§51. In medial position in contact with consonants CH of both qualities often does not occur, except before /t/ (where its absence is rare).

cliaghtey 'custom' [kl'ə:xtə]N/S Ir. cleachtadh
bohtynid 'nonsense' [bq:xtənəd']S, [bq:tənəd']N Ir.
bochtaine + id
shilleeid 'slug' [ʃə'l'id]S Ir. seilchide
moghree 'morning' [mɔ:ri]N; but also [mq xri]N ScG.
mochthrath
toghrys 'winding yarn' [tq:rəs]S Ir. tochras

§52. In intervocalic position in stressed or unstressed syllables

20. For the palat. of orig. neutral velar stops before orig. back vowels cf. I: /k/, /g/.

neutral CH may appear as [x] or [ɣ], or stopped as [g], or not appear at all (with or without contraction of the flanking vowels). In the same position palat. CH does not occur.

kiannaghey 'buying' [k'anaxə]S Ir. ceannachadh
claghyn 'stones' [klɔ:xən]S, [klə:yən]S, [klɔ:ən]N
 ScG. clachan
toghar 'causeway' [tɔ:xə]N, [tɔ:yə]N Ir. tóchar
taghyrt 'happening' [tə:yəɹt]S, [tə:gət]S ScG. tachairt
shaghey 'past' [ʃə:yə]S, [ʃə:]N Ir. seachad
feed 'twenty' [fid]N/S Ir. fichead
faill 'wages' [fɛ:l']S ScG. faicheall

§53. In the same position GH of both qualities is lost:

broighe 'dirty' [bru:x]S, [brɔ:x]N Ir. bróghach
drine 'blackthorn' [drain]N Ir. dráighean

§54. In final syllables neutral CH usually appears as [x]; here there may be sometimes loss of friction, viz. [ɣ]. In the same position palat. CH and GH are lost.

Albinagh 'Scotsman' [albanax]S Ir. Albannach
colbagh 'heifer' [kɔlbax], [kɔlbax]N Ir. colpach
gynsagh 'learning' [g'enzax]N, [g'enzə]N ScG. ag ionnsachadh.
 In the last ex. CH has been lost altogether.
Manninee 'Manxmen' [manəni]S ScG. Manannaich
doillee 'difficult' [dɔilli]S Ir. doiligh

INTERNAL AND FINAL NEUTRAL GH, DH IN STRESSED AND UNSTRESSED SYLLABLES

Introduction

§55. GH and DH fell together as [ɣ] probably in the Middle Irish period.²¹ In LSM GH, DH internally and finally are everywhere silent. The result is contraction giving vowel lengthening (with secondary shortening, or i- (or less often u-) diphthongs. The

21. v. O'Rahilly (1932:65), Jackson (1955:94).

u-diphthongs would arise from the treatment of GH, DH as BH (MH). In final unstressed syllables in finite verbs (E)ADH mostly occurs as [ax] (occasionally as [əx]), otherwise as with stressed syllables DH is lost and the preceding vowel can be reduced to [ə]. Internally at a morpheme boundary i-diphthongs are usually expressed as vowel plus consonantal-i, viz. [i̯] ([j]). In some cases [ɣ] occurred as [v] then vocalized to form u-diphthongs (v. above).

§56. AGH, ADH

1. In stressed syllables there is /a(:)/, /e(:)/, (/ə/ before /r/), /i(:)/, /o(:)/, or the diphthongs /ai/, /ei/.

paa 'thirsty' [pə:]N, [pɛ:]N ScG. padhach

eairk 'horn' [ɛ:ɹk]S, [ö:ɹk]S, [e:qk]S, [iak]S Ir. adhairc.

The [q] and [a] in the last two exx. are substitutions for the /r/.

oyr 'reason' [ɔ:r]N, [ɔ:əɹ]S Ir. adhbhar

ymyd 'use' [eməð]S, [Iməd]S Ir. adhmad

geiyrt 'driving' [gəid]N, [geid]N, [geit]N cf. ScG. adhart, quasi aidheart

2. In stressed monosyllables before /x/ there is /o(:)/

drogh 'vexation' [drɔx]N ScG. dragh

oghe 'oven' [ɔ:x]S, [o:x]S cf. ScG. aghann, though etym. not clear.

3. In unstressed syllables there is /ə/ varying freely with /a/, /e/, /o/, /u/; there may be /i/ in forms repr. oblique cases in Ir./ScG.

molley 'deceiving' [mɔlə]N, [mqlə]S Ir. mealladh

bwoalley 'striking' [bule]S, [bʷl'u]N Ir. bualadh; also

buaileadh. The final /u/ in the last ex. is likely

influenced from the previous /u/; cf. ooilley as /ul'u/.

conney 'furze' [konə]N, [kɔnɔ]S Ir. connadh

moylley 'praising' [mɔlə]S, [mq:lɔ]S Ir. moladh

sourey 'summer' [seurə]S, [saure]N, [sauri]N Ir. samhradh,

g. samhraidh

fastee 'shelter' [fa:sti]N/S Ir. fasgadh, g. fasgaigh

The /i/ in the second syll. is as old as Phillips, viz. faski. It may either repr. an oblique case, as suggested above, or has fallen victim to the Manx proclivity for spontaneous palat. of (mainly stressed mono-) syllables in -gh, -dh (v. below).

4. In finite verbs ending in /x/ there is regularly /a/

yinnagh 'would do' [jɛnax]N/S cf. Ir. dhéineadh, though the Mx. form would repr. ScG. dhéanadh

yiarragh 'would say' [jərax]S ScG. dhearadh. The morpheme /ax/ here would arise originally from -ADH = [əɣ] > [ax] before initial [j] of the 3rd sg. pron. she, shee (Ir. sé, sí; v. Grammar §85) where -adh is the proper ending, and by analogy from shin, shiu (Ir. sinn, sibh); v. also O'Rahilly (1932:70ff.), Jackson (1955:96).

yioghe 'would get' [jɔx]N Ir. gheobhadh. Here the [ɔ] arises from the vocal. of BH coal. with the following vowel with secondary shortening.

§57. AGH, ADH

These are found only in stressed syllables. There is either /e(:)/, or the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/ (i.e. spontaneous palatalization).

gra 'saying' [grɛ:]N/S Ir. ag rádh

coraa 'voice' [kə're:]S, [kə're:]N Ir. comhrádh

imraa 'mention' [ɛm're:]N Ir. iomrádh

breadagh 'swingletree' [brɛ:dəx]N, [brɛðəx]N ScG.

brǵhadach (simplex in pn. Braaid [brɛ:d]). The absence of palat. in coraa, imraa (also caghlaa, chyndaa (qv)) may be due to the fact that the final syll. was not orig. stressed, and so is not treated like a stressed monosyll.

graih 'love' [gra:i]N/S, [grɛ:i]S, [grɛi]N/S Ir. grádh, gráidh

graihagh 'loving' [grɛjəx]N Ir. grádhach. The Mx. form would repr. *gráidheach, and is dependent on the evidence of *gráidh as the new simplex.

§58. EAGH (EUGH), EADH

1. In stressed syllables there is either /e(:)/ or the diphthongs

/ai/, /ei/.

lheie 'melting' [l'e:]N, [lɛi]N Ir. leaghadh
lhaih 'reading' [lɛi]N, [lɑi]S, [l'aɪ:]S, [l'eɪ:] S ScG.
leughadh (= *leigh in Mx.)

fe(i)y 'throughout' [fɛi]S, [fai]S cf. (Don.) Ir. ar féadh
 In blieaun 'milking' there are the u-diphthongs /au/, /eu/,
 viz. [bl'aun^j]S, [vl'ɛudn](len.)S Ir. bleaghan. These arose
 probably in an intermediary *[bl'avən] or *[bl'evən]; v. also
 Jackson (1955:97).

2. In unstressed syllables there is usually /ə/ which may vary
 with /e/, /o/ (as with AGH, ADH it could vary also with /a/,
 though I have no exx.).

boirey 'trouble' [boirə]N, [buirə]N, [bwɛirə]S Ir.
buaidhreadh

fuinney 'baking' [fɔn'ɪ]S, [fun'q]S Ir. fuineadh
 In ooilley 'all' we have [ul'ə]N/S, [ul'ɪ]N/S, [ul'u]N/S
 of ScG. uileadh, uile (perh. uilihd). The final /u/ in the
 last ex. may repr. the treatment of (E)ADH as in Donegal
 Irish, or result from the influence of the previous /u/; cf.
bwoalley §56.3 above.

3. In finite verbs with final -/x/ there is usually /ax/
jirragh 'would say' [d'zɪrɔx]S Ir. deireadh; v. also §56.4
 above.

§59. ÉAGH, ÉADH No examples

In the cond/past subj. of the substantive verb, viz. veagh [vi:x],
 [vɪx], [viɛx], [vi:ɣ], [viɣ], [vɛx], [va:x], [vax]N/S, etc, the
 survival of /x/, RLT believes, suggests that the form was origin-
 ally disyllabic. (as evidenced from the third ex. above) with
 hiatus later resolved (and shortening due to lack of stress?), cf.
 ScG. bhitheadh. The Mx. forms in /e(:)/ and /a(:)/ would repr.
 *bheitheadh, *bheathadh, rather than Ir. bhéadh, or the impf./
 past habit. bhíodh.

§60. IOGH, IODH

There are only two exx., one for each. The first gives /i/, the

second /i:/ with i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/.

friogan 'bristle, pine' [frɪgan]S, [fr̥ɪg̊ɑn]S ScG. frioghan,
with delentation of /g/ in the Mx. forms.

fuygh 'wood' [fi:]S, [f̥ei]N, [f̥ei]S, [fai]N cf. Ir./ScG.
fiodh, g. feadha. Mx. [fi:] would repr. fidh > fí, and
the diph. f(e)aidh. The u in the Mx. spelling may repr.
the derivative fiodhbhadh, also spelt fiubhaidh,
fiuthaidh, but with depal. of /f/ as usual. *fuidh would
share the same development as soie (ScG. suidh(e)(qv));
cf. also Cregeen's spelling foiee - RLT.

§61. IUGH, IUDH

The only ex. gives /u:/

ghiu 'thick' [t'ʃu:]S Ir. tiugh, with lengthening in a
stressed open monosyllable.

§62. IOGH, IODH

Here there is regularly /i(:)/

jeeill 'damage' [d'ʒi:l]S, [d'ʒi:l']N/S ScG. díoghail
jeelym 'gleanings' [d'ʒiləm]N Ir. díoghlaím
reeriacht 'kingdom' [r̥e'ri:əx]S, [ri:'ri:qxt]S, [ri:ɣax]S
Ir. rioghacht, or righeacht. The first two exx. imply a
reduplication of the first syllable; the third repr.
more the Ir. form.

§63. OGH, ODH

There is either /o(:)/, the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/, or the u-
diphthongs /au/, /eu/, /ou/, with GH, DH treated as BH. All exx.
are in stressed position.

fondagh 'sure' [f̥ɔnd̥ɑx]N ScG. foghantach
feiyr 'noise' [fa:l̥ə]N, [fa:l̥ər]S cf. Ir. foghar. Mx. forms
= *fáighear
reih 'choice' [rai]S, [r̥ai]S, [r̥ei]N/S cf. Ir. rogha
leih 'forgiving' [l̥'e:l]S, [l̥e:l]S, [l̥ai]S, [l̥'æi]S cf.
Ir. logh

The last two items are explainable as *roigh, *toigh with
spontaneous palatalization.

bouyr 'deaf' [bæuq̥]S, [bq̥ueɹ]S Ir. bodhar
bouin 'waist, rim' [baun]N, [bq̥uən]N ScG. boghainn
dourin 'sickness' [d̥uərən̥]S Ir. doghrainn

§64. ÓGH, ÓDH

Here there is /a(:)/, /e(:)/, /o(:)/, /u(:)/

claaght, claght 'best part' [kle:x]S, [kle:xt]S cf. Ir.
clódh, clódhachas
caghláa 'changing' [kox̥'t̪e:]S, [kox̥'l̪e:]S, [kax̥'l̪e:]N
 Ir. claochlódh
ghyndaá 'turning' [t̪'j̪in̪'de:]N/S, [t̪e'da:]N Ir. tionntódh
broghe, broighe 'dirty' [bro:x]S, [brq̥:x]N, [bru:x]S
 [brux]N Ir. bróghach

§65. UGH, UDH

The only ex. (repr. UGH) gives /u:/'

loo 'oath' [lu:]N/S OIr. lugae; with silent GH and lengthening in stressed open monosyllable.

§66. ÚGH, ÚDH

The only ex. (repr. ÚGH) gives /u:/'

soo 'juice' [su:]N/S Ir. súgh (with silent GH).

§67. UAGH, UADH

1. In stressed syllables there are the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/ (i.e. spont. palat.)

ruy 'red' [rai]S, [rei]N/S, [rei]S Ir. ruadh, ruaidh
treih 'sad' [tr̪ei]N, [tr̪ei]N/S Ir. truagh, truaigh (with loss of labial element; also next two items).
teiy 'axe' [tai]N, [t̪ei]S, [t̪ei]N Ir. tuagh, tuaigh
sleih 'people' [sl̪ei]N, [sl̪ei]N/S, [sl̪ai]N/S Ir. sluagh,
sluaigh

2. In unstressed syllables there may be /o/ when GH gives /x/. If GH is vocalized the first elements of the diphthong may become consonantal while the second coalesces with the final syllable and gives /e:/' as if ÁGH (qv).

trughaneagh 'complaining' [tro'ʎe:n̪q̥x]S cf. Ir. truaghán,

OIr. trú. Mx. form sugg. a deriv. quasi trochán.
whaaley 'sewing' [fwɛ:lə]N, [kwɛ:lə]S, [hwɛ:lə]N, [k'ɛ:lə]S
 [k'q:lə]S cf. Ir. fuagháil. In the 4th ex. the labial
 element has completely disappeared and the neutral /k/
 palat. before the front vowel. In the 5th ex. we have
 original treatment of UA preceded by a palat. /k'/, as
 if before a front vowel. This form may be due to un-
 certainty on the part of the speaker.

§68. IAGH, IADH

There is either /i(:)/ or /e(:)/, or the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/.

bee 'food' [bi:]N Ir. biadh
beiyht 'fatted' [bi:t]N, [bit]S, [biət]N, [bi:ət]N, [beit]N
 cf. Ir. biadhtha. The [ə] in exx. 3 & 4 would repr. the
 second element of the diphth.
fênish 'witness' [fɛ:ni]S, [fɛ:ni]S cf. Ir. fiadhnaise.
 Mx. form would repr. *féidhnise
jeigh 'shutting' [d'zɛi]S, [d'zɛi]S, [d'zɛi:]S, [d'zai]S
 cf. SIr. d'iadhadh. Mx. form sugg. *déidh.

§69. AOGH, AODH

Here there is either /e:/ or [ö:], or the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/

seihll 'world' [se:l']N, [sœ:l]N/S, [sɛ:l]S, [sö:l]N
 Ir. saoghal, with silent GH.
lhey 'calf' [tɛi]N, [lɛi]N/S, [lɛ:i]S, [lœ:i]N, [læ-i]S
 cf. Ir. laogh. Mx. form sugg. laoigh

§70. EOGH, EODH

There is regularly /(j)o:/, /(j)u:/, or occasionally with the u-
 diphthongs /eu/, /ou/, with GH, DH treated as BH.

rio 'frost' [ro:]N, [rɔ:]S, [rɔ:]N Ir. reodh
bioghys, bioys 'liveliness' [bl'q:s]S, [b'oʷɛs]S Ir.
beodhas
bieauid 'speed' [b^ju:d']N Ir. beodha + id
chiow 'warm' (impv.) [t'ʃɔu]N cf. ScG. teòdhaidh

INTERNAL AND FINAL ORIGINAL PALATALIZED GH(CH), DH IN STRESSED
AND UNSTRESSED SYLLABLES

Introduction

§71. As Jackson (1955:100-1) has already noted, palatal. GH and DH fell together as [j] in Middle Irish. As original palat. internal and final CH in Manx has the same history as orig. palat. GH and DH it is dealt with here, as in Jackson. Internally and finally original palatal. GH (& CH) and DH in LSM do not occur at all. The result is compensatory lengthening before consonants to long vowels (sometimes with secondary shortening) or i-diphthongs. Before back vowels at the morpheme boundary the i-diphthongs appear as vowel plus consonantal-i, viz. [i̯].

§72. AIGH(AICH), AIDH(E)

1. In stressed syllables these appear either as /e(:)/, /a(:)/, /i(:)/, or as the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/, /oi/.

faill 'wages' [fɛ:i']S ScG. faicheall

sníem 'knot' [sn̥im]N, [sn̥em]N, [sn̥'im]S Ir. snaidhm

mwatlag 'wheel' [mat'i'ag]S ScG. maighdealag

mwaagh 'hare' [mwɛ:x]S, [mwa:x]N, [mwæ:x]N, [moax]N, pl.

[wɛ:i]N ScG. maigheach. Here orig. [əjə]/[ujə] has developed into [wə]/[wɛ], cf. mwannal in Dict., though the 4th ex. above preserves the orig. first element with [o]; v. also Jackson (1955:103). The plural form, if this is correct, would imply a derivation from maighigh, rather than from *muighigh, as Jackson suggests (*ibid.*).

cliwe 'sword' [kɫəjw]N, [klɫjw]N, [kl'ju:]S Ir. claidheamh.

In the last ex. the diphthong /ai/ has been absorbed by the preceding palat. cons.

chaie 'past, gone' [xə:i]S, [kə:i]S, [xɛ:i]S, [həi]S, [həi]S

ScG. chaidh

niaight 'news' [nə:jɫx]S, [nɫjɫxt]S, [nɛ:ɛx]N, [n'a:xtɛn]N

ScG. naidheachd. Note also the absorption of the diphth. into the preceding palat. consonant in the last ex.

2. In unstressed syllables there may be /i/ or /e/.

barriaght 'victory' [variaxt](len.)S Ir. barraidheacht
tappee 'quick' [tʰɔpi]S, [tə:ve]N, [tə:vi]S Ir. tapaidh.

The second ex. with [ɛ] is possibly a deviation from the general pattern.

joarree 'stranger' [d'ʒɔ:ri]N/S Ir. deoraidh
ymmodee 'many' [j'ɪmɔdi]N, [Imədi]S Ir. iomadaigh

§73. AIGH, AIDH

In stressed syllables there are the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/. In unstressed syllables there is /a/, though the exx. are scarce.

baiht 'drowned' [bait']N, [be:it']S, [beit']N Ir. báidhte
traie 'shore' [tra:i]S, [træi]N, [trɛi]S Ir. tráigh
phadeyr 'prophet' [fɔ'de:r]N Ir. fáidheadóir, fáigheadóir

§74. EIGH(EICH), EIDH

There is either /e(:)/ or /i(:)/, or the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/.

ping 'penny' [piŋ]N, [peŋ]N ScG. peighinn
jeih 'ten' [d'ʒai]N, [d'ʒa:i]S, [d'ʒɛi]N/S, [d'ʒei]S
 Ir. deich

§75. EIGH, EIDH

There is either /e(:)/ or /i(:)/, or the i-diphthong /ei/.

rey 'ready' [rɛ:]N, [rɛi]S Ir. réidh
geam 'calling' [ge:bm]N, [g'e.bm]N/S Ir. ag éigheamh. Note
 the delentation of /m/ in the Manx reflex; cf. Mx. follym,
 Ir. folamh.

hem 'I will go' [hɛm]S, [hɪm]N, [hibm]S Ir. théighim
ny yei 'after' [nə'jei]N Ir. 'na dhéidh

§76. IGH(ICH), IDH

1. In stressed syllables there is either /i(:)/ or /e(:)/, or the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/.

kegeesh 'fortnight' [kɛ'gi:ʃ]S, [kɛ'gɛ:ʃ]N cf. Ir.
cóicthigheas
gheet 'coming' [t'ʃit]N/S, [t'ʃet]N/S Ir. tidheacht
roih 'forearm' [ri:]S, [rɪ:]S, [rɔi]N Ir. righe

In Chiarn 'Lord' [t'ʃa:ʊn]S Ir. tighearna the igh element here has become reduced to a function of the init. palat. /t'/, or absorbed by it; cf. also markiagh 'riding, lift' in Dict.

2. In unstressed syllables in final position there is /i/.

nurree 'last year' [nɔ̃ri]S, [nøri]N ScG. an uiridh
duirree 'waited' [dɔ̃ri]S ScG. dh'fhuirich
imnee 'go!' [Imi]N, [ɛmi]S Ir. imthigh

§77. IGH(ICH), IDH

There is either /i(:)/ or /e(:)/(rare).

jeelagh 'diligent' [d'ʒi:lɔx]N Ir. dicheallach
bree 'steam' [bri:]S Ir. brigh
shee 'fairies' [ʃi:]N Ir. sídh
ny s'reeney 'tougher' [nə'srød'n'ə]N, [nəs'ri:dne]S
 ScG. nas ríghne

§78. OIGH(OICH), OIDH

These give /i:/ or the i-diphthongs /ai/, /ei/, /oi/.

cree 'heart' [kri:]N/S, [kr^əi:]S Ir. croidhe. For comment on the latter ex. s.v. R §91.3a; fn. 34.
oie 'night' [i:]S, [ai]N, [ei]N, [ɛi]N, [ɛ:i]N, [øi]N [œi]S Ir. oidhche
eiraght 'inheritance' [eirɔx]N Ir. oidhreach
trie 'foot' (measurement) [trai]S, [trai]N Ir. troigh

§79. OIGH, OÍDH

Here there is the i-diphthong /oi/

doaie 'state, condition' [do:i]S, [dɔi]S Ir. dóigh
bwaagh 'pretty' [bɔ:ɪax]N, [bɔɪax]S, [bwɔ:ɪɔx]S, [vwɑ:x]N
 ScG. bòidheach. Note in the last ex. the development to a monophthong resulting from reduction of the init. syll. to a labial glide.

§80. UIGH(UICH), UIDH

1. In stressed syllables there is either /i:/, /e:/, /u:/, or

the i-diphthongs /ui/, /ei/, /əi/, /ai/, /oi/.

booiagh 'thankful' [buiq̄x]N, [bwɔiɑx]S Ir. buidheach
cloie 'playing' [kli:ɪ]S, [klei]N, [klaɪ]N Ir. cluiche
foiillagh 'leavings' [fu:i'q̄x]N, [hwe:lq̄x](len.)S Ir.
fuighleach; cf. whaaley (§67.2) for this treatment of
 /fw/.

soie 'sitting' [sɪ:]S, [seɪ]S, [søi]N, [sö:i]N, [sai]N,
 [sɔi]S Ir. suidhe

mooie 'out' [mui]N, [moi]N Ir. amuigh

2. In unstressed syllables there is /i/.

corree 'angry' [kari]S, [kəri]S Ir. corruighe
fyssyree 'knowledge' [fɔsəri]N Ir. fiosruighe

§81. ÚIGH(ÚICH), ÚIDH

The one attested example gives /ui/.

sooie 'soot' [su:i]S Ir. súiche, ScG. sùidh; cf. W.
hydd-ys.

§82. UAIGH, UAIDH

These give either /oi/ or /ui/, or /ai/, /ei/, /əi/, or the
 monophthong /i:/. There may be loss of (orig.) /u/ or /a/.

creoi 'hard' [krɛ:i]N/S, [kröi]N/S, [krai]N Ir. cruaidh
leoaie 'lead' [lɛi]N, [löi]N/S, [ləi]N Ir. luaidh
veih 'from' [weɪ]N, [vei]N, [vai]S Ir. uaidh. ScG. bhuaidh
oaie 'grave' [ɛ:i]S, [e:i]N, [ei]N, [ɔi]S, [öi]S, [wi:]N
 Ir. uaigh. Note that /u/ in the last ex. has become
 consonantal.

boirey 'trouble' [boirə]N, [buirə]N, [bwɔirə]S, [bwɛirə]S,
 [bwüirə]S Ir. buaidhreadh

twoaie 'north' [tui]N, [tu:i]N Ir. tuaidh

gruaie 'bad look' [grui]N ScG. gruaidh

§83. AOIGH(AOICH), AOIDH

The only ex. here gives the i-diphthong /ei/.

freoaie 'heathery' [frɛ:i]S Ir. fraoich

§84. EOIGH, EOIDH

The only example gives /jo:/.
fiojit 'withered' [fjo d'zət']N cf. Ir. feoidht + icht(e)

NG

§85. In Late Spoken Manx NG appears as follows:

1. Internally with consonants there may be [ŋ], [ŋg], [n] ([n']) when neutral; no examples for palatal. NG.

banglane 'branch' [baŋ'gɫɛ:n]N NIr. beanglán

cooney 'help' [kuna]N/S Ir. congnamh. NG here may either have given /N/, secondarily simplified to /n/ in Manx, or was lost altogether (in which case this ex. should be placed in §85.3 below); cf. also cummal (ScG. cumail) < congbháil.

kiangley 'tying' [k'ɛ:ŋɫ'ə]N, [ki:ni]N, [k'e:n'ə]N ScG.

ceangladh; v. also §3 below. The 1st & 3rd exx. would seem to repr. a form *ceingleadh with depal. of /ŋ/ in ex.1

2. In intervocalic position neutral NG may give [ŋ], [ŋg], [nd], [n], and (orig.) palat. NG [ŋ], [n'] (or[n]).

banagan 'branch' [baŋan]S, [baŋan]S Ir. beangán

ainle 'angel' [aɪndəl]N Ir. aingeal; v. also §3 below.

kianglt 'tied' [k'ɔnt]N Ir. ceangailte; v. also §3 below.

Note also the loss of the second syll. here.

jingey 'shoving' [d'zjŋə]N Ir. dingeadh

treiney 'nail' [trɛɪn'ə]S, [trɛɪnə]N cf. Ir. tairnge. Note the metathesis of /r/ in the Mx. refl.; hence NG here is intervocal.

chengey 'tongue' [t'ʃɪn'ə]S, [t'ʃɪnə]S cf. Ir. teanga.

The Mx. form repr. *teinge with a development of [ŋ'] to [n'], then (in the 2nd ex.) depal. to [n]; v. also Jackson (1955:105).

3. In intervocalic position there may alternatively be loss of NG of either quality, with or without nasalization of the preceding vowel, but with lengthening in most cases. Neutral NG in such cases possibly became [ɣ] and palat. NG [j], thus

behaving like G of both qualities; v. also Jackson (1955: 106).

aile 'fire' [ã:il]S, [qil]N Ir. ainle
ainle 'angel' [ail'] Ir. ainleal; v. also §2 above.
kianglt 'tied' [k'ë:l't]N Ir. ceangailte; v. §2 above.
kiangley 'tying' [k'q:lə]S, [k'e:l'ə]S ScG. ceangladh;
 v. also §1 above.

4. In final position in monosyllables NG of either quality gives [ŋ] or [gŋ], and in unstressed syllables in (orig.) polysyllables there is [n] or [dn]. For a discussion on the forms [gŋ] and [dn] v. I: §§33, 34.

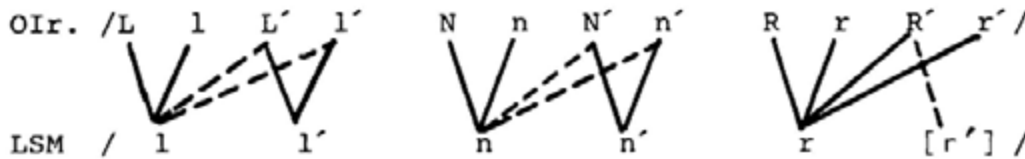
lhong 'ship' [lqŋ]N, [lqgŋ]S, [lugŋ]S Ir. long
mwing 'mane' [wiŋ](len.)N Ir. muing
coon 'narrow' [ku:n]N, [ku:dn]N/S Ir. cumhang
tayrn 'drawing' [ta:n]N/S, [ta:dn]N, [ta:rən]S Ir.
tarraing. Note the survival of the orig. second syll. in the last ex., which is highly exceptional. The [ə] in fact may merely indicate that the /n/ is syllabic, or represents a function of the /n/ as it does elsewhere for /r/; v. also §91.3.

L, N, R

§86. The Old Irish four-way system of L, N, R²² phonemes developed in LSM to a two-way system as far as L and N²³ are concerned, and to a single phoneme for R. The four-way system in Old Irish involved a double phonemic contrast: 1) neutral, or non-palatalized versus palatalized (i.e. /L : L', l : l'; N : N', n : n'; R : R', r : r'/) 2) fortis versus lenis (i.e. /L : l, L' : l'; N : n, N' : n'; R : r, R' : r'/). The precise phonetic value of these is unknown. The neutral forms were velarized. The development of this system into LSM may be illustrated as follows:

22. v. also Lewis and Pedersen (1937:48ff) and Thurneysen (1946: 85).

23. For N the contrast is only valid initially.



In LSM /l/ and /n/ have lost their original velar quality, though there are still some traces of it in /l/, viz. [ɫ]; this varies freely with [l] and has no phonemic significance. /l/ and /n/ in LSM are alveolar. The palatalized (alveolar) forms /l'/ and /n'/ are distinctly palatalized (esp. before high back and low front vowels) and are quite often accompanied by a following [j] glide, viz. [l'^j], [n'^j]. In addition /l'/ sometimes appears as a dental, viz. [ɭ]; an equivalent for /n'/ does not exist, though it may have done so at one time (v. also Jackson (1955:108)). For R there is now only [r] in all positions, though [r'] (repr. orig. palat. fortis R (viz. /R'/)) is occasionally found (in initial position only; in intervocalic position there may sometimes be [ɔ]). Both vary freely with [r] without any phonemic significance. In LSM /r/ is articulated as a one (at most two)-flap alveolar in initial (sometimes in internal and final) position. However, before consonants and finally /r/ may appear as a weak alveolar fricative, viz. [ʃ], or simply lost (or substituted by /ə/).²⁴ For further details v. I: /l/, /l'/, /n/, /n'/, /r/.

§87. L

/L/ 1a In initial position orig. fortis neutral L (i.e. /L/) is represented in LSM by [l], sometimes [ɫ]; there may occasionally be [l'] or [ɭ].

laue 'hand' [lɛ:u]N, [ɫɛ:u]N, [l'ɛ:u]N, [l'au]N

Ir. lámh

laa 'day' [lɑ:]N, [ɫɑ:]N, [lɛ:]N/S Ir. lá

leih 'forgiving' [lɛi]S, [l'ɛi]N, [ɭei]N cf. Ir. logh

leigh 'law' [lɛi]N, [lɑ:i]S, [ɭei]N ScG. lagh

24. The weakening of /r/ is analogous to the position in English and probably influenced from it. The central vowel /ə/ may occur before medial and final /r/ indicating a weakening of the articulation of /r/; v. §91.3 below.

- b Internally and finally /L/ appears as [l], sometimes [l']; internally there may also be [t].

Nollick 'Christmas' [nɔlək']N, [noʎɪg']N Ir. Nollaig
dollan 'sieve' [dɔlən]N Ir. dallán, ScG. dallan
cloie 'playing' [klai]N, [kʎei]S, [kl'ei]S Ir. cluiche
doltey 'adopting' [dɔltə]N cf. Ir. dalta

- /l/ 2a In initial position orig. lenis neutral L (i.e. /l/) is repr. as [l].

my laue 'my hand' [mɛ lɛ:u]N Ir. mo lámh
lhie 'lay' (pret.) [lɛi]N ScG. laigh

- b Internally and finally /l/ appears as [l], sometimes as [l'].

bwoalley 'striking' [bule]S Ir. bualadh
shiaull 'sail' [ʃɔ:l]S, [ʃɔ:l]S Ir. seol. The last ex.
 may repr. an oblique case form.

- /L'/ 3a In initial position orig. fortis palatal. L (i.e. /L'/) appears as [l'], sometimes as [l].

lioar 'book' [l'ɔ:r]S, [lɔ:ə]N Ir. leabhar
lhecach 'grey' [lɛ:ə]S Ir. liath
lieh 'half' [l'ɛ:]N, [lɛ:]N Ir. leith
liauyr 'long' [l'auə]S, [lɔuə]S Ir. leabhar

- b Internally and finally /L'/ appears as [l'], sometimes as [l] or [l].

shilley 'sight' [ʃil'ɛ]N/S Ir. silleadh
filley 'folding' [fɪl'ɛ]N, [filə]S Ir. filleadh
keyll 'wood' [kɛl'ɛ]N, [kɛl'ɛ]S, [ki:l]S Ir. coill
keeill 'church' [k'ɪl'ɛ]N, [k'i:l]N, [kɪl]S Ir. cill

- /l'/ 4a In initial position orig. lenis palatal. L (i.e. /l'/) appears as [l'] or [l].

lhig 'let' (pret.) [l'ɪg']N ScG. leig
le 'with' [lɛ]N Ir. le (assuming the prep. is permanently lenited?)

- b Internally and finally /l'/ appears as [l'] or [l].

balley 'town' [bɔ:l'ə]N, [ba:lə]S Ir. baile
elley 'other' [el'ə]N/S, [elɛ]N/S Ir. eile
vel 'is, are' (dep. form) [vɛl]N/S Ir. bhfuil
schoill 'school' [skɔl'N], [skɔl]N Ir. scoil

§88 N

/N/ 1a In initial position orig. fortis neutral N (i.e. /N/) is repr. in LSM as [n], sometimes [n'].

noid 'enemy' [no:d']S Ir. námhaid
nuy 'nine' [naɪ]N, [ni:]S, [n^uɪ]N²⁵ Ir. naoi
neayr's 'since' [ni:rɛs]S, [n'Irɛs]N/S Ir. nuair

b In internal and final position /N/ appears as [n], occasionally [n'].

kionnaghey 'buying' [k'anaxə]S Ir. ceannachadh
creeney 'wise' [kri:nə]N/S Ir. críonna
aggindagh 'anxious' [a:gən'dax]?S²⁶ Ir. aigeanntach
ayn 'in it' [u:n]N, [ɔ:n]S Ir. ann
ceann 'head' [k'ɔun]N, [k'aun:]N²⁷ Ir. ceann
dorrin 'storm' [dɔrən']N/S Ir. doineann. Mx. refl.
 would repr. doininn.

/n/ 2a In initial position orig. lenis neutral N (i.e. /n/) appears as [n].

my naboonyn 'my neighbours' [mɛ nɑ:bunən]N cf. ScG.
mo nàbuidh

b Internally and finally /n/ appears as [n], sometimes as [n'] in final position.

annym 'soul' [ənəm]S Ir. anam
yennyd 'spot, place' [inəd]S Ir. ionad
bane 'white' [bɛ:n]S Ir. bán

25. cf. ScG. [nwi:], [nui:]. The [u] in the Mx. form may indicate that /n/ was orig. /N/.

26. from LASID IV s.v. 'anxious'. The [n'] here may be infl. by (or a carry-over from) the prec. (orig.) palat. /g'/; if [n'] were genuine palat. <nd> would equal <nj> as in kinjagh (qv).

27. The [n:] here probably repr. orig. /N/.

glioon 'knee' [glu:dn]N, [gl'u:n']N Ir. glún. The last ex. would probably repr. *gliúin.

/N'/ 3a In initial position orig. fortis palat. N (i.e. /N'/) appears as [n'], sometimes as [n].

nhee 'thing' [n'i:]S Ir. ní
niart 'strength' [n'q:t]N Ir. neart
níe 'washing' [n'i:]N/S, [ni:]N/S Ir. nighe

b Internally and finally /N'/ appears as [n'] or [n]; sometimes there is [ŋ]/[ŋ'] or [ŋg].

bainney 'milk' [ba:n'ə]N/S Ir. bainne
innagh 'woof, weft' [ɪnq̄x]N/S Ir. inneach
bingys 'harmony' [biŋəs]S, [beŋəs]S Ir. binneas
awin 'river' [aun']N, [quən]S Ir. abhainn
shin 'we, us' [ʃin']N/S, [ʃin]N/S Ir. sinn
ching 'sick' [t'ʃIŋ]N, [t'ʃIŋ']N/S, [t'ʃiŋg]N Ir. tinn

/n'/ 4a In initial position orig. lenis palat. N (i.e. /n'/) appears as [n'] or [n].

dy níe 'to wash' [ði'n'i:]S Ir. do nighe
nee 'will do' [ni]N, [n'i]S ScG. ní (orig. (Ir.)
do-ghní).

b Internally /n'/ appears as [n]; in final position there is [n'] and [n].

ennym 'name' [enəm]N/S Ir. ainm; v. also §90.5.
bannish 'wedding' [baniʃ]S Ir. bainis
Innid 'Lent' [ɪnəd]N Ir. Inid
blein 'year' [bl'q̄:n']S, [bl'idn]N²⁸ Ir. bliadhain
kiune 'calm' [k'u:n']S, [k'u:dn]S Ir. ciúin
meen 'meek' [mi:n']S, [mi:dn]S Ir. mín. Note that preoccl. does not cause depalat.; for exx. of [d'n'], [dn'] v. I: §33, 34.

28. For details and comment on preocclusion v. I: §§33, 34.

FINAL NASALS IN STRESSED MONOSYLLABLES

§89. In stressed monosyllables (or in stressed final syllables of polysyllables) in -N or -NN of either quality there has commonly developed a preocclusive [d] articulated with nasal release. In the same way before -M and -NG there has developed a preocclusive [b] and [g] respectively (also [d] with lateral release before -L²⁹, -LL). Examples without preocclusion exist in most cases side by side with those that do not. For a discussion of this feature of LSM v. I: §§33, 34.

§90. N - GROUPS

1. In the groups -(N)NL- and -(N)NS(-) the /n/ in LSM may sometimes be lost. This results in lengthening (or diphthongization) of the preceding stressed vowel, which becomes nasalized. Secondary shortening and denasalization are also attested.

aille 'fire' [ã:i:]S, [qai:]N, [q:i']N Ir. aingeal

ainle 'angel' [ai:]S, [aindæl]N Ir. aingeal. Note in the second ex. the nasal is retained. For the substitution of /d/ for /g/ cf. ST for SC §47.

cainle 'candle' [kã:i'ə]S, [kã:i']S, [kai:]S; also with the nasal retained [kã:i'ə]S Ir. coinneal. For a discussion on this word v. Jackson (1955:115).

ginsh 'telling' [g'ɪ:]N, [g'ɪ:]N, [gin]N Ir. ag innse³⁰

2. In the group -NR- two developments can take place. Either /d/ or /s/ intrudes between /n/ and /r/, or /r/ is modified, i.e. replaced by /s/.

maynrey 'happy' [mendrɔ]S Ir. méanra

oanraghyn 'petticoats' [ɔnzræxən]S fr. E.

poanrey 'beans' [po:nsə]N, [pɔnsə]N Ir. pónra

But without any developments:

29. i.e. final in Manx. Note that (Ir.) Béarla is Baarle in Mx. [bõ:ɹl]N with final -L. Also (Ir.) eorna is oarn in Mx. [o:ɹn]N with final -N.

30. Note here that -NNS has become final in Manx.

ynric, ynrick 'honest' [ɛnrək']N Ir. ionraic
ynrican 'only' [inrəkən]S ScG. aonracan

3. The initial groups CN-, TN-, GN-, MN-, appear in LSM as /kr/, /tr/, /gr/, /mr/³¹, with or without nasalization of the following vowel. The nasality may sometimes manifest itself as [n](or [ŋ]) before a following consonant.

craue 'bone' [krɛ:u]S, [krɛ:u]S, [krɔ:u]N Ir. cnámh
cronk 'hill' [krɔŋk]S Ir. cnoc
croiyn 'nuts' [krɔʃən]N, [krad'n']S ScG. cnóthan
troo 'envy' [tru:]N/S Ir. tnúth
grooish 'countenance' [gru:ʃ]N Ir. gnúis
mraane 'women' [mrɛ:n]S, [mrɛ:n']S, [m^ə're:n']S, [m^ə'rɛ:n]N
 ScG. mnathan³²

4. In the group -MN- in internal position there is dissimilation to /mr/ or /ml/.

fammyragh, famlagh 'seaweed' [fəmərax]N, [famlax]S Ir. feamnach. Note the svarabhakti vowel in the first ex. The svarabhakti took place when the group was still MN, cf. Phillips mynayn 'women' (v. also Jackson (1955:116)). The dissimilation would be at a distance. Another ex. of dissimilation of nasals at a distance is seen in conningyn 'rabbits' [kɔrɪnən]N, [kurən'ən]N ScG. coineanan. Dissimilation of /n/ to /r/ is seen also in dorrin 'storm' [dɔrən']N Ir. doineann; bwoirryn 'female' [borən]S Ir. baineann (ScG. boirionn); partanyn 'crabs' [pɑ:tərən]S ScG. partanan.

5. In the group NM there is regularly metathesis to /mn/ with or without an attendant svarabhakti vowel.

anmagh 'late' [am^ənax]S, [ɪmnax]N; but also [ɔnmɔx]N
 Ir. anmoch
enmagh 'naming' [ɛnmɔx]S ScG. ainmeachadh

31 & 32. A svarabhakti vowel can develop between /m/ and /r/ in initial and medial position; v. §90.4.

enmyssit 'called, named' [ɛmɲəsIt']S, [ɛnməsət']N; also
with loss of /n/ followed by syncope [ɛmzIt']S
*ainmeasaichte

But without metathesis

ennym 'name' [ɛnəm]N/S Ir. ainm

Note, however, that the spelling and the absence of the svarabhakti vowel in it shows how very late this tendency is.

§91. R

/R/ 1a In initial position orig. fortis neutral R (i.e. /R/) is repr. in LSM as [r].

reayrt 'view' [rɛ:t]S Ir. radharc
roost 'bark' [ru:s]N Ir. rúsc

b Intervocally /R/ appears as [r]. For /r/ before consonants in LSM v. §92 below.

arragh 'spring' [arax]N/S Ir. earrach
carragh 'scabby' [kərɔx]N Ir. carrach

c In final position /R/ appears as [r]. In this position /r/ in LSM very often becomes weakened to a weak alveolar fricative, viz. [ɹ] (v. also I: §20.). Quite frequently in this respect, as part of the weakening process /r/ gives way to /ə/, and as an intermediate stage we often find [əɹ]. With complete loss of /r/ either /ə/ is substituted for it, or there is zero. The above applies also to other varieties of R (qv) in final position. For weakening and loss of R before consonants v. §92.

baare 'top' [bɛ:r]N/S, [böɹ]S³³ Ir. bárr
giare 'short' [gɛ:r]N, [gɛ:ɹ]N, [gö:ɹ]S Ir. geárr
ny share 'better' [nə'fɛ:ɹ]S, [nə'fɛ:]N ScG. nas fèarr

33. For the centralizing before /r/ v. I: §43.

/r/ 2a In initial position orig. lenis neutral R (i.e. /r/) appears as [r].

roie 'ran'(pret.) [rei]S ScG. ruith

b Internally and finally /r/ appears as [r], ([ɹ] or is lost, or is replaced by /ə/ in final position).

arryltagh 'willing' [araltax]S ScG. earaltach

bayr 'road' [bɛ:ɹ]N, [bɛ:]N, [bö:]N Ir. bóthar. Note the centralizing in the last ex. caused by the /r/, even though this no longer is present.

mooar 'big' [mu:r]N, [mu:ə]N, [mu:]S Ir. mór

/R'/ 3a In initial position orig. fortis and lenis palat. R (i.e. /R'/ and /r'/), as Jackson has noted (1955:117, 121), became /R/ and /r/ early on in the development of the Gaelic languages.³⁴ These have come down into LSM mostly as [r]. However, in one or two instances orig. fortis palat. R (viz. /R'/) survives as [r']. This varies freely with [r] and has no phonemic significance.

1. As [r]

roih 'forearm' [ri:]S, [rɔi]N Ir. righe; v. also footnote.

ribbey 'trap' [rɪβə]N/S Ir. ribe

2. As [r']/[r]

rio 'frost' [r'o:]S, [ro:]S Ir. reodh

riau 'ever' [r'u:]N/S, [ru:]N/S Ir. riamh

red 'thing' [r'öd]S, [r'Id]S, [rId]N/S, [rɔd]N/S Ir.

réad, rud

b In initial consonant clusters and intervocally /r'/ (no ex. for /R'/) appears in LSM as [r]. For R before

34. In ScG., Jackson (1955:121) notes, the depalat. of /R'/ led in some cases to a glide which then formed a diphthong with the following stressed vowel, usu. /i/, or displaced it. This development is also attested in Manx in such words as roih 'forearm' [ri:]S, [rɔi]N Ir. righe; roie 'running' [rɛi]N, [rɔi]N, [rui]N, [rɔi:]S ScG. ruith; cree 'heart' [kri:]N/S, [krɔi:]S ScG. croidhe.

consonants v. §92.

breck 'spotted' [brɛk]N Ir. breac
arrey 'notice' [arə]S Ir. aire
jeeragh 'straight' [dʒi rax]N/S Ir. díreach

c In final position /r'/ (no exx. for /R'/) appears as [r] (or may be weakened or lost; v. §91.1c above.

abbyr 'say!' [a:βər]S, [a:vəɹ]S, [abə]S Ir. abair
cair 'proper' [kɛ:r]N, [k'ɛ:(ə)ɹ]S Ir. cóir
cuir 'casting' [kwɪɹ]S, [kwir:]S Ir. cur, stem cuir.

The strongly trilled /r/ in the last ex. may be an idiosyncrasy of the speaker. It is not generally attested in the spoken language.

R BEFORE CONSONANTS

§92. In original short stressed vowels before r-groups there is sometimes lengthening of the vowel and weakening or loss of /r/ in LSM. It is not uncommonly the case that the vowel remains short in such groups and /r/ appears as [r] or [ɹ]. In unstressed syllables the vowel naturally remains short (or is reduced), but /r/ may be weakened or lost altogether.

1. Before -RD, -RN, -RL, -RS, -RR, -RT (no exx. for -RTH, -RNG).

-RD ard 'high' [a:d]S, [æ:d]S, [ö:d]S ScG. ard
ard 'direction, region' [ö:ɹd]S, [a:ɹd]S, [örd]S, [üɹd]S,
 [ɹ:d]S ScG. aird
boayrd 'table' [bö:ɹd]N, [bwu:ɹd]S Ir. bord

In unstressed syllables (in Manx):

fardail 'vein' [fɹ'ðe:l']S Ir. fárdal
ordaag 'thumb' [ɹɹ'dɛ:g]N, [ɹ:'dɛ:g]S, [ɹr'dɛ:gən](pl.)N
 Ir. ordóg

-RN baarney 'gap' [børnə]N, [bö:ɹnə]S Ir. bearna
cayrn 'trumpet' [ka:rn]N Ir. corn
oarn 'barley' [ɹ:ɹn]S, [o:ɹn]N, [ö:dn]N, [ö:ɹdn]N,
 [ɹ:ən]N Ir. eorna

-RL murlin 'hamper, basket' [mɹ:l'in]sic N Ir. murlainn

- RS tessyn 'across' [tɛsən]N/S Ir. tarsainn
essyn 'doorpost' [ɛsən]N, [ɛ:zən]S ScG. ursainn; v.
 also §93.6.
- RR kiare 'left' [kɛ:ɔɪ]S, [xɛ:r]S, [kɛ:q]S ScG. cèarr³⁵
- RT gort 'stale' [gɔ:rt]N, [gɑ:t]S Ir. goirt
ort 'on you' [öɪt]N, [ɔ:t]N/S Ir. ort
berçhagh 'rich' [bö:rt'fəx]N, [bö:ɪt'fəx]S ScG. beairteach
partan 'crab' [pɑ:tən]S Ir. partán, ScG. partan

In unstressed syllables

- çhibbyrt 'well' [t'ʃɔpərt]S, [t'ʃɔvəɪt]S, [t'ʃɪvət]S
 ScG. tiobairt
saggyrt 'parson' [sagɔɪt]N, [sa:gɔrt]N, [sa:gət]N
 Ir. sagart

2. Before -R (-RR) plus other consonants

- argid 'money' [ɛgɪd']N, [ɑ:rgəd']S, [ɑ:ɹgəd]S, [ɑ:gɪd]S
 Ir. airgead
- jiarg 'red' [d'zɔɹg]N, [d'zöɹg]S, [d'zɑ:rg]S, [d'zö:g]N,
 [d'zɛg]N Ir. dearg. Vowel in last ex. secondarily
 lengthened then again shortened.
- lhargagh 'hill slope' [lörgəx]N, [l'üɹgəx]S, [lɑ:ɹəx]N
 Ir. leargach
- farkey 'sea' [fö:ɹkə]S Ir. fairrge

3. In original long stressed vowels (or vowels that are intrin-
 sically long) before R plus consonant R may appear as [r] or
 [ɹ], or lost altogether.

- Baarle 'Eng. lang.' [bö:rl]S, [bö:ɹl]N, [bö:l]S Ir. Béarla
farling 'farthing' [fɑ:rl'ən]S, [fɑ:ɹlən]S Ir. feirling
loayrt 'speaking' [lɔ:ɹt]S, [lɔ:rt]N, [lɔ:t]S Ir. labhairt.
 Note the secondary shortening in 2nd ex.; cf. also
jarrood [d'zɑ'ru:d]S, [d'zɑ'rud]S.

35. In the last ex. [q] would be a substitute for /r/.

dooyrt 'said' [du:t]S, [dʊt]S Ir. dubhairt. Note also secondary shortening here.

mygeayrt 'around' [mæ'gi:ɹt]N, [mæ'giət]N, [mɑ'git]S
Ir. mun gcuairt

4. When R stands at the end of the first element of a compound (whether the second element begins with a consonant or a vowel) it is quite often lost (e.g. in feer compounds).

feer foddey 'very far' [fi: fɑ:ðə]N, [fi:ə fɑ:ðə]S Ir.
fior fhada

feer vie 'very good' [fi: vɑ:i]N, [fi:ə vɑ:i]S Ir.
fior mhaith

5. In (unstressed) proclitics R may appear as [r] or [ɹ], or lost.

er-beealoo 'before him, it' [ɛr'bi:lu]N Ir. ar béalaibh

er-deyr 'on heat' [ɛ'di:əɹ]N, [ɑ'de:r]S Ir. ar dáir

ersooyl 'away' [ɛr'su:l]S, [øɹ'su:l]N, [ɛ'su:l]S, [ə'su:l]N
NIr. ar siubhal; v. also §93.6.

For the group NR v. §90.2.

S

§93. In initial position (whether before vowels or in consonant clusters) original neutral S in LSM appears as [s] and original palat. S as [ʃ] (or [s]), both quite often expressed with lower dental articulation, i.e. the tongue tip can be behind the bottom teeth, with the blade of the tongue as the main articulator. In intervocalic position neutral S gives [s] and palat. S [ʃ], but quite often S when neutral can appear here as [z], [ð], [d̥^ð], and when palatal. as [ʒ], [d'ʒ], [j] or lost altogether. After /l/ there may be [z] (when neutral) and [ʒ], [d'ʒ] (when palat.) After /m/, /n/ orig. neutral S can give [z], [ð], [d̥^ð], [d] (also [l'], [n']), and with orig. palat. S there is [ʃ], [ʒ], [d'ʒ]. In final position there is regularly [s] and [ʃ] respectively. In proclitics there may also be voicing; v. also I: /s/, /s'//. For SC in medial and final position v. §47.1-3. For -LLS-, -NNS-, -MS-, -RS- v. below. SR- has usually become STR- in Manx; v. below.

1a. Initial neutral S

seihll 'world' [sɛ:l]N, [sö:l]N Ir. saoghal
slaynt 'health' [slant]N Ir. sláinte
stroin 'nose' [strud'n']N, [stro:n]S, [straidn']S; note also
 [srödn]N Ir. srón, sróin

b. Initial palatal. S

shiaghtin 'week' [ʃa:xtün]N Ir. seachtain
shassoo 'standing' [ʃa:ðu]N, [sa:ðu]N, [sa:du]S Ir.
seasamh: Note the vowel lengthening with voicing of /s/.
sliEAU 'mountain' [ʃl'u:]S, [sl'u:]N/S Ir. sliabh
stiurey 'steering' [st'u:rə]S, [ʃk'u:rə]sic S Ir. stiúradh
sniaghtey 'snow' [ʃn'extə]S, [ʃn'axtə]N, [sn'a:xtə]N/S
 Ir. sneachta
skilling 'shilling' [sk'il'on]N, [skil'on]N Ir. scilling

2a. Intervocalic neutral S

shassoo 'standing' [ʃa:ðu]N, [sa:zu]N, [nə'ha:su]N,
 [sa:ð̥u]S Ir. seasamh
beasagh 'mannerly' [bɛ:sq̥x]N Ir. béasach
assym 'out of me' [a:zəm]S Ir. asam

b. Intervocalic palatal. S

aashagh 'easy' [e:ʒax]N Ir. áiseach
bishaghey 'prosperity' [bIʃq̥xə]N/S cf. Ir. biseach
cleayshyn 'ears' [klɛ:ʃən]S, [klizən]N, [klɛ:jən]S,
 [klɛ:ən]S, [klI:dn]N ScG. cluaisean
toshiaght 'beginning' [tɔʒax]N, [tod'ʒq̥x]N, [tq̥:jax]S
 Ir. toiseacht

3a. Final neutral S

eulys 'madness' [ɛuləs]N Ir. aimhleas
baase 'death' [bɛ:s]N/S Ir. bás
fys 'knowledge' [fis]S Ir. fios. But note in the phrase
cha nel fys aym 'I do not know' there can be [ha'nel fəð
 'ɛm]N ScG. chan eil fios agam. The voiced spirant in fys
 would be a sandhi form.

b. Final palatal. S

eash 'ease' [ɛ:ʃ]N/S Ir. áis
bannish 'wedding' [baniʃ]S Ir. bainis
crosh 'cross' [krɔ:ʃ]S, [krɔʃ]S Ir. crois

4. -LLS-, -NNS-, -MS-

foalsey 'false' [fɔ:lʰsə]S, [fɔ:lʰzə]S Ir. fallsa
soilshy 'light' [sail'ʰzə]N, [sail'd'ʰziən](pl.)N Ir. soillse
gynsagh(ey) 'learning' [genzəx]N, [g'endə]N, [gen^dzə]N,
 [gend^ðəx]S ScG. ag ionnsachadh

daunsey 'dancing' [daunl'ə]N, [daun'ə]N Ir. dannsa
Purt ny hInshy 'Peel' [pɔ:rtne'hün'ʰə]N, [pɔ:rtne'hinzɛ]N,
 [pöne'hi:n^dʰzɛ]N Ir. Port ny hInnse
chymysagh 'gathering' [t'ʰɔmsəx]N, [t'ʰimðəx]S [t'ʰImnəx]S³⁶
 ScG. tiomsach
trimshey 'sadness' [trɪmʰə]S, [trɪnzə]S Deriv. not certain;
 Mx. form would repr. *truimse.

5. In proclitics

ayns yn aile 'in the fire' [ɔsən'aɪl]N anns an aingeal
ayns yn traa 'at the time' [uzən'trɛ:]N anns an tráth

6. In the cluster -RS- of either quality the R in LSM is neutral and the S expressed with alveolar articulation, viz. [s̥] (or when voiced [z̥]); R may sometimes be lost. Only two exx. of this feature are recorded.

ersooyl 'away, gone' [ɛɹ^lsu:l]S, [öɹ^lsu:l]N, [ɛ^lsu:l]S;
 also [ɛr^lsu:l]S NIr. ar siubhal
essyn 'doorpost' [ɛ:zən]S; also [ɛsən]N ScG. ursainn³⁷

LENITION OF S

§94.1 The lenition of neutral S, viz. /s/, is [h]:

36. The pron. here may be influenced by (or mistaken for) chymney (qv).

37. The /r/ in the Mx. refl. must have been lost early, as it is not featured in the Manx spelling; v. also Jackson (1955:128) It was lost as early as Phillips - RLT.

my hooill 'my eye' [mə'hʊ:l']N Ir. mo shúil
ny hoie 'sitting' [nə'hei]N Ir. ina shuighe

- 2 The lenition of palatal. S, viz. /s'/, is usu. [h]. Before a back vowel there is [x'].

ny hassoo 'standing' [nə'hɑ:ðu]N Ir. ina sheasamh
ass dty hilley 'out of your sight' [ɑs də hɛl'ə]N Ir.
as do shilleadh

my huyr 'my sister' [mə x'u:r]S OIr. mo shiúr

- 3 The lenition of /sl/ is [l].

paart dy leih 'some people' [pö:t də læi]N

- 4 The lenition of /s'l(˘)/ is [x'l(˘)] or [l˘].

my (h)lingan 'my shoulder' [mə x'lɪŋɑn]S; with len. lacking
 [mə kl'ɪŋɑn]S, [mə l'ɪŋɑn]S ScG. mo shlinnean

- 5 The lenition of /s'n˘/ is recorded only for one fossilized phrase, viz.

fo niaghtey 'snowed under' [fo n'a:xtə]N ScG. fo shneachta.
 Note also [fo snɑ:xti]N without lenition. Lenition of
 SN of either quality is, except for the above, not attest-
 ed in LSM.

- 6 Lenition of S after the def. art. is TS, viz. [t] when neutral and [tʰ] when palatal.

ayns yn theihll 'in the world' [ənsən tɛ:l']S ScG. anns
an tsaoghal

yn thoalt 'the barn' [ən to:lt]S ScG. an tsabhal(t). This
 is either a case of wrong lenition or that thoalt sticks
 in the speaker's memory from ayns y thoalt 'in the barn'.

yn çhiaghtin chaie 'last week' [ən tʰa:n 'ka:i]S ScG.
an tseachtain chaidh

- 7 Original neutral TSL in LSM is [kl] (v. also Vol. 1 §§30. 31)

dys y tlouree 'to the potchain' [dəðə'klɪpuri]S ScG.

dus an tslabhraidh

y clut 'the wick' [(ə) klʊ:t]S NIr. an t-slot

8 Original palat. TSL is either [tʲ] or [kʲ].

er yn tlieau 'on the mountain' [erə tʲi'u:]N; with lenition
of the lenited er y clieau [ɛrə xʲi'u:]S Ir. ar an
t-sliabh
woish y clieau 'from the mountain' [wʊʃən kʲi'u:]S cf.
NIr. ón t-sliabh

For lenition v. also I: §62, 63.

VOWELS

Introduction

In LSM there are long and short vowels. The long vowels are about three-quarters the length of their counterparts in Irish, especially original short stressed vowels which have been secondarily lengthened. This feature of secondary lengthening is a characteristic of LSM and can affect all (orig. stressed) short vowels. Equally characteristic, though not so prevalent, is the proclivity of LSM to shorten original stressed long vowels particularly, but not exclusively before preocclusion (v. I: §§33, 34). All such long vowels can be affected by secondary shortening (v. below; also Stress).

STRESSED VOWELS

§95. A

In LSM this regularly appears as /a(:)/, also /e(:)/, /o(:)/, occasionally /u(:)/. There may be raising in the environment of nasals and laterals.

- mac 'son' [mak]N/S, [mæk]S Ir. mac
gad 'withe' [gad]N, [gæd]S, [gɔd]N Ir. gad
ennal 'breath' [anal]S ScG. anal
clag 'clock, bell' [kɪag:]N, [kɪag]N, [xɪɛg]S ScG. clag
lag 'spiritless' [lɪg]N, [lɔg]N Ir. lag
bass 'palm of hand' [bɔz]S, [bɔ:s]N, [bɑ:s]N, [bɛ:s]S
 Ir. bas
moddey 'dog' [mɔ:ðe]S, [mɑ:ðe]S, [mɔ:ðe]N, [mɔ:ðe]N
 Ir. madadh
maggie 'testicle' [mɔgɛl]N, [mɑ:ɣɛl]S Ir. magairle
faggys 'near' [fɔgɛs]N, [fɑ:ɣɛs]N, [fa:gɛs]N/S: [fa:ɣɛs]S,
 [fɛ:gɛs]N ScG. fagus
clach 'stone' [klɔx]N, [klɔx]N/S, [klɔ:x]N ScG. clach

cam 'crooked' [k'abm]S, [k'qm]S, [k'em:]N Ir. cam
monney 'much, any' [mɔnə]N/S, [mqnə]N ScG. manadh
thalloo 'land' [talo]N, [talu]N, [talu]N, [tɔlu]S Ir.
talamh

arroy 'corn' [ə:ru]S, [əru]S, [ə:ro]N, [e:ru]N Ir. arbha
snog, snuig 'nod' [snug]N Ir. snag. The raising to /u/ here
 is prob. as a result of spont. palat. with a later depalat.
 /g/.

§96. AI

In LSM this mainly appears as /a/ (with or without secondary lengthening) and sometimes as /e(:)/, /o(:)/. Occasionally there is /i(:)/, or [ö(:)] before /r/. Some have a variety of forms.

aigney 'mind' [ag'n'ə]S, [əgn'ɪ]S, [a:gn'ə]S Ir. aigne
aittin 'gorse' [azən]S, [a:zən]S Ir. aiteann
echey 'at him, his' [egə]N/S, [eyə]N/S Ir. aige
emshyr 'weather' [əmʃər]N/S, [əmʃə]S Ir. aimsir
claigin 'skull, scalp' [klogən]N ScG. claigionn
clienney 'of children' [kl'inə]S Ir. clainne
faarkey 'sea' [fö:jkə]S Ir. fairrge
argid 'money' [a:rgəd]S, [a:rgəd]S, [e:rgəd]N, [egId']N
 Ir. airgead, airgid¹
ennym 'name' [enəm]N/S, [Inəm]N Ir. ainm. Note the raising
 before a nasal here and above.

§97. Å

This is mostly found as /e:/ (or sometimes [ö(:)] before /r/)². In southern Manx Å may sometimes be retained as /a(:)/ before /l/ and /r/-groupings; in northern Manx there can be /a(:)/ as an alternative to /e(:)/. In some items, however (from both north and south), there is only /a(:)/.

1. aail 'brood, litter' [e:l]N, [e:ɪ]N, [e:l]S Ir. ál
baare 'point' [bɛ:r]N/S, [bö:r]S Ir. bárr

1. In this particular ex. at any rate the /a(:)/ form is southern and the /e(:)/ northern.
 2. v. also I: §43.

daaney 'bold, cheeky' [dɛ:nə]N/S Ir. dána
laa 'day' [lɛ:]N/S, [lɛ:ɔ]N/S, [lɑ:]N Ir. lá³
arrane 'song' [a'rɛ:n]S, [a'rɛ:n]N, [a'ra:n]N Ir. amhrán

2. With shortening

bane 'white' [bɛ:dn]S, [bɛ:n]S, [bedn]N, [bɔdn]N Ir. bán
slane 'full, whole' [slɔdn]N, [slɛn]S, [slɛdn]N/S

[slɔdn]N Ir. slán

staabyl 'stable' [stɛ:βəl]S, [stɛ:bəl]N, [stɛb|]N⁴ Ir.
stábla (fr. E.).

3. With /a(:)/

tastey 'notice' [tɔ:stə]N, [tɔft'ə]S cf. Ir. tásc
tastagh 'intelligent' [tɔ:stɔx]S [tɔ:stɔx]N, [tastax]S,
 [tɔft'ɔx]N Ir. táscach. The last ex. would repr. some-
 thing like *taisceach

babban 'baby' [bɔ:bən]N ScG. bában. The foregoing exx. are
 likely secondary lengthenings after an initial shortening
 of the orig. long vowel in init. stressed position, as
 Manx is wont to do (v. Stress). Otherwise we perhaps
 would have got something like *[tɛ:stə], *[tɛ:stax],
 *[bɛ:bən]. Indeed the Mx. orth. suggests a short init.
 stressed vowel.

blah 'warm' [blɑ:]S ScG. blàth. The /a:/ is retained here
 very probably to distinguish blah from blaa 'flower'
 [blɛ:]S.

§98. AI

In LSM AI usually appears as /e(:)/, sometimes /a(:)/. Before /n/
 in stressed monosyllables, and in stressed initial syllables of
 polysyllables shortening can take place. Before /l/, /n/, /r/ in
 particular there can be raising to /i(:)/ mostly in the context
 of initial stressed syllable shortening.

1. laair 'mare' [lɛ:r]N, [lɛ:r]N/S Ir. láir

3. Note also pl. [lɑ:ən]N, [lɑ:yən]S, [lɑ:xən]S, with /a:/ forms
 from the south. The forms with /x/ prob. repr. *lâthachan,
 v. §7 above.

4. The proximity of the /l/ here is prob. responsible for the
 vowel shortening.

nearey 'shame' [ne:rə]N, [nə:rə]S, [ne:rə]S Ir. náire
barnagh 'limpet' [bö:ɲnəx]S ScG. bàirneach
my saillt 'if you please' [məɹ'sa:l't']S Ir. má is áil leat.

The attestation of /r/ in my is probably a confusion with
myr 'as'; v. also §98.3 below.

caarjyn 'friends' [ka:ɹd'ʒən]N/S ScG. càirdean. The /a:/
 here probably repr. lengthening in modern times by the
 weakening of /r/ in a case where the earlier lengthening
 before -RD has been prevented by the short vowel of the
 sg. Instead we perhaps should expect [ö:] as in ard (qv).

2. With shortening

slaynt 'health' [slent]N/S, [slant]N Ir. sláinte
lajer 'strong' [le:dʒɛ]N, [le:ʒə]N/S, [lɔd'ʒə]N Ir. láidir

3. With raising before /l/, /n/, /r/ (+/- shortening)

earroo 'number' [ɛru]N, [Iru]N Ir. áireamh
gearey 'laughing' [gɛ:rə]S, [g'ɛ:rə]N, [gi:rə]S Ir. gáire
mairagh 'tomorrow' [mɛ:rəx]S, [mɛrəx]N, [mirəx]N ScG.
máireach
my sailliu 'if you (pl.) please' [mö'sa:l'u]N, [mə'sI'l'u]S
 Ir. má is áil libh

§99. EA

EA in LSM occurs mostly as /a(:)/, also /e(:)/; occasionally there
 may be /i(:)/. In the environment -LL, -L there may be /o(:)/.

1. bannaght 'blessing' [banəx]N/S Ir. beannacht
brastyl 'class' [vrə:stəl](len.)S Ir. freastal
asney 'rib' [ə:sne]S Ir. easna
hannah 'already' [hə:nə]N, [hanə]S, [hə:nə]S Ir. cheana
beg 'little' [bɛg]N, [bɛg]S, [bɛg]S Ir. beag
bare lhiam 'I would prefer' [bɛ:l'am]S, [bö:l'am]S
 Ir. b'fhearr liom
peccah 'sin' [pɛkə]N/S, [pɛ:gə]S, [pɛ:ɣə]S Ir. peacadh

2. With /a(:)/ and /e(:)/

ben 'woman' [bedn]N/S, [ben]S, [vən](len.)N Ir. bean
kiannaght 'buying' [k'enəx]S, [k'anəx]S Ir. ceannacht
agglagh 'fearful' [əgləx]S, [a:gləx]N, [ɛgləx]N, [ɛ:gləx]N
 Ir. eaglach

smarrey 'fat' [sma:rə]N/S, [smə:rə]S Ir. smearadh
bentyn 'touching' [bɛntən]N/S, [bantən]S ScG. beantainn

3. Occasionally as /i(:)/

kiap, kipp 'block' [kɪb]N Ir. ceap. The Mx. refl. presupposes a form in IO, viz. *ciop

lhargagh 'hill-slope' [lɔrgəx]N, [lɑ:γəx]N, [lʲɔrgəx]S

Ir. leargach. The centralizing to [ö] and the raising to [ï] are due to the following /r/.

chengey 'tongue' [tʰɛn'ə]S, [tʰɛn(')ə]S Ir. teanga. The first ex. prob. repr. *teinge (v. §85.2 above). The raising to /i/ in the second ex. seems to be influenced by the following nasal.

4. In the environment -LL, -L (also) as /o(:)/

chiollagh 'hearth' [tʰɔlɔx]S, [tʰɔlɔx]N Ir. teallach
ollagh 'cattle' [ɔlɔx]N/S, [ɔlɔx]S, [ɔlɔx]N Ir. eallach;

g. sg. [ɔlɪ]S, (with vowel lengthening)[ɔ:lɪ]N.

mollag 'buoy' [mɔlɔg]N, [mɔlɔg]S ScG. mealag

molg 'milt' [mɔlɔg]N, [mɔlɔg]S ScG. mealg

olley 'swan' [ɔ:lə]S Ir. eala

§100. ÊA (ScG. EU)

Here there is /e(:)/ or /i(:)/, sometimes with a glide as /eɪ/ and /iɪ/ respectively.⁵ In initial position /j/ may develop before /i(:)/. There is quite often shortening of original long vowels before /d/. Before /t/, /d/ ÊA has the value of AO (qv). Before dentals there may be breaking of ÊA to IA.

1. As /e(:)/ or /i(:)/ (with shortening before /d/)

breag 'lie' [brɛ:g]

Baarle 'English Lang.' [bɛ:rl]S, [bö:rl]N/S, [bö:l]S

Ir. Béarla

tead 'rope' [te:d]N, [tɛd]S, [tɛd:]S Ir. téad

gyereaghey 'sharpening' [gi:rəxə]N ScG. geurachadh

cheddin 'same' [kiðən]S Ir. céadna. This word is ortho-

5. cf. Jackson (1955:31)

graphically found with permanent lenition.

2. ÉA having the value of AO

eaddagh 'clothing' [e:ðax]N, [eðax]N/S, [iðax]N Ir.

éadach, ScG. aodach

eddin 'face' [øðin]N, [Iðən]S Ir. éadan, ScG. aodann

fod 'can' [fɔð]S, [fIð]S, [fɔð]S Ir. féad, ScG. faod

3. Breaking of ÉA to IA giving /i(:)/

keead 'hundred' [k'i(:)d]N, [k'id]S Ir. céad, ScG. ceud

skeéal 'story' [ski:l]S, [skil]N Ir. scéal, ScG. sgéul

eeanlee 'fowls' [i:nli]N, [ji:nli]S Ir. éanlaith

4. With a glide

beeal 'mouth' [be:l]S, [bi:l]S, [biɹl]N Ir. béal, ScG. beul

neeall 'swoon' [ni:ɹl]N, [mə'ni:lu]N Ir. néall

lhead 'width' [l'i:əð]N ScG. leud

breinn 'filthy' [brɛn'N, [breɹdn]S Ir. bréan. The exx.

suggest a palat. form bréin; the [ɹ] in the last ex. is likely a function of the (now) depalat. [dn] and is to be regarded as a glide.

Note the secondary shortening in the following:

jannoo 'doing' [d'zɛnu]N, [d'zenu]N/S, [d'zɪnu]N/S,

[d'zɔnu]N/S, [d'zɔnu]N Ir. déanamh. ÉA here is treated as EA (qv) which can appear as /e(:)/ or /a(:)/. The form [d'zɔnu] suggests *deunamh.

red 'thing' [rɪd]N/S; [rɔd]N/S, [rɔd]N, [röd]S, [rud]N/S

Ir. réad, rud, ScG. raod, rud

§101. EI

This occurs as /e(:)/ or /i(:)/. But before dental stops, sibilants, and liquids (and in one case before a nasal) EI can be treated as AI (or OI) and appear as /a(:)/ or /o(:)/; the lengthening is secondary.

1. As /e(:)/ or /i(:)/

jerrey 'end' [d'zɛrə]N/S, [d'zɛrɔ]N/S Ir. deireadh

shellan 'bee' [ʃɛlan]S, [ʃɛlan]S ScG. seillean

greimey 'gripping' [grimə]N, [gri:mə]S Ir. greimeadh

breimeragh 'farting' [brɪmərəx]S, [vrɔmərəx](len.)N

Ir. breimneach

elley 'other' [el'ə]N/S, [Il'ə]N/S Ir. eile

2. As /a(:)/ (or /o(:)/ one ex.)

getlagh 'flying' [gɛtlax]N/S, [g'adlax]N cf. Ir. eiteall
sheshaght 'company' [ʃɛʒqax]N, [ʃa(i)ʒax]N/S Early Ir.

seisecht

ellan 'island' [ɛl'an]S, [el'an]N, [al'an]S ScG. eilean⁶
greimey 'gripping' [grimə]N, [gramə]S Ir. greimeadh; v.

also §101.1 above.

ny stroshey 'stronger' [nə'stroʒə]N, [nə'stro:ʒə]N cf.

ScG. nas treise. It is difficult to see how the Mx. refl.
has /o(:)/. Perhaps treas- was taken as tras- and follows
the pattern of cas(cos), coise 'foot'; bas, boise 'palm
of hand'; fras, froise 'shower'.

§102. EI (É)

EI in LSM appears as /e(:)/ or /i(:)/ before /r/ or nasals. Before
/l/ there may be /o(:)/ or /u(:)/. Before nasals there may be the
diphthongs /ei/, /ai/. Initial /i(:)/ may be preceded by /j/.
There may also be secondary shortening before nasals, esp. in
polysyllables. In stressed open syllables É gives /e:/.

1. As /e(:)/ or /i(:)/ (before /r/ or nasals)

keim 'step' [ke:m]S, [k'ɛ:m]N, [køm]N Ir. céim

feailley 'fair' [fe:l't]S, [fe:l't]N Ir. féile

eayst 'moon' [e:ʃt']S, [ɛ:ʃt']N; also [ɛ:s]N/S, [i:s]N

Early Ir. éisce. The non-palat. forms would repr. ÉA.

jeirk 'alms' [d'ʒi:əx]S, [d'ʒi:rk']S Ir. déirce; sic [x] in
first ex. The [ə] is a substitute for /r/.

lheim(ey) 'jumping' [l'ɛbm]N/S, [l'imə]N Ir. léim

2. As /o(:)/ or /u(:)/ before /l/

foillycan 'butterfly' [fɔ:lɪjəkən]S, [fu:ləkən]S Ir.

féileachán

maarliagh 'thief' [mɛ:l'ax]N, [mö:ɪlɔx]N, [mɔ:l'ax]N

Ir. méirleach

ruillick 'graveyard' [rulik]N Ir. réilig

3. With /j/ before /i(:)/ in initial position

Yernagh 'Irishman' [ji əjn'ax]S Ir. Éireannach; sic [n'].

4. With the diphthongs /ei/, /ai/

b'egin, b'eign 'had to' [baidn]S, [brain]S, [böin]N Ir.

b'éigean. I cannot explain the /r/ in the second ex. The [ö] in the third ex. is likely a retracted /e/. The diphthongs here probably indicate an orig. palat. /n'/ viz. b'eigin -later depalat.; v. next.

ny s'breinney 'more filthy' [nəs'brɛid'n'ə]S ScG.

nas bréine. The /i/ in the diphthong is probably a function of the palat. [d'n'], i.e. it is part of the articulatory process of the palat. [d'n'].

5. With Ê as /e:/

tey 'tea' [te:]N Ir. té

jea 'yesterday' [d'ʒe:]S ScG. an dé

§103. I

In LSM this appears as /i/, with occasional secondary lengthening to /i:/. Before /l/, /r/ and nasals there can be /e/.

1. As /i/ or /i:/

brishey 'breaking' [brizə]N, [brüzə]N Ir. briseadh

milley 'spoiling' [mɪl'ə]N, [mül'ə]N Ir. milleadh

earish 'weather' [Irɪʃ]S, [i:riʃ]N Ir. iris

eeym 'butter' [im]N, [i:bm]S Ir. im; with lengthening before unlenited /m/.

2. Before /l/, /r/ and nasals as /e/

biljyn 'trees' [bɪld'ʒən]N, [bɛld'ʒən]N, [bɛldʒiən]sic N
cf. Ir. bile; pl. would repr. *biltean.

shilley 'sight' [ʃil'ə]N/S, [ʃel'ə]S Ir. silleadh

tilgey 'throwing' [tɪlgə]S, [telgə]N ScG. tilgeadh

chirrym 'dry' [t'ʃIrəm]N/S, [t'ʃerəm]N Ir. tirm, tirim

theinniu 'thawing' [tin'u]S, [tɛn'u]N Ir. tineadh

bingys 'harmony' [biŋəs]S, [beŋgəs]S Ir. binneas

Note also:

a) kibbin 'peg' [kɪbən]N, [k'ɛβən]S, [k'ɛvən]S ScG. cipean

The /e/ here may be from the infl. of the final nasal through the weakening of the intervocalic labial.

b) shen 'that' [ʃen]N/S, [ʃedn]N/S, [sedn]N/S Ir. sin and

- aynshen 'there' [un'ʃɛn]N, [o'ʃɛn]N Ir. annsin. These seem to be derived from a *sean or *sion form (v. also Jackson (1955:35))
- c) niurin 'hell' [n'u:rin']N, [n'u:rən']S Ir. ifreann, ScG. niurinagh 'hellish' [n'u:rin'ɔx]N ScG. ifrinneach (ifrinn) The palat. F here has been treated like a palat. (or depalat. i.e. neutral) BH (v. also Jackson (1955:75)); cf. also lout < E. 'loft'.
- d) edyr 'at all' [eðə]N/S, [öðər]S, [iðɛ]S OIr. etir, ScG. idir; v. also Thurneysen (1946:§75) for details of vowel affection.

§104. IO

This appears usually as /i(:)/ or /e(:)/ (or [ö(:)]) before /r/ or /n/. There may also be /o(:)/ or /u(:)/ in the environment of nasals. Initial /i/ or /e/ may be preceded by /j/.

1. As /i(:)/ or /e(:)/

burley 'cress' [børlə]N Ir. biolar

urley 'eagle' [ö:ɹlɛ]S Ir. iolar. The development in these items is probably biolar > biolra > biorla to get the Mx. form; similarly also for urley.

fys 'knowledge' [fis] [fɔs]

ynric 'honest' [ɛnrək']N, [jɛnrək]N, [inrək]S, [jInrIk']N
Ir. ionraic

smeir 'fat' [sme:ɹ]S Ir. smior. Sec. lengthening likely due to the weakening of /r/.

myn 'small' [mɔn]N, [min]S, [mön]N Ir. mion

2. As /o(:)/ or /u(:)/ in the environment of nasals

jummal 'wasting' [d'ʒɔmqɪ]N Ir. diomailt

ymmyrt 'rowing' [jɔmɛrt']S Ir. iomairt

smuir 'marrow' [smur]N, [smör]S Ir. smior

lhune 'ale' [l'udn]S, [ludn]S Ir. lionn

3. Exx. with /i(:)/, /e(:)/, /o(:)/, /u(:)/

ɕhibbyrt 'well' [t'ʃɔβɛrt]S, [t'ʃɔvɛrt]S, [t'ʃɔbɛɹt]S,

[t'ʃiβɛrt]S, [t'ʃIvɛt]S ScG. tiobairt. The northern Manx form is ɕhibbyr (qv).

gubbylyn 'dirty clothes' [g'ɔblɛn]S, [g'ubɛlɛn]S, [g'übɛlɛn]S

Ir. giobal

4. IO to an extent falls in with EA in the following:

kynys 'how, in what way' [k̄inəs]N, [kenəs]N, [k'anəs]S,
[kanəs]S Ir. cionnas. The second ex. with /a/ in the final
syllable would repr. cre'n aght 'how'(qv).
shynnagh 'fox' [ʃ'ünq̄x]S, [ʃInq̄x]S, [ʃɛnax]S, [ʃanax]S
Ir. sionnach

§105. i

This mostly appears as /i:/ with occasional secondary shortening.
With shortening there can also be /e/; cf. also I.

1. As /i:/

jees 'two people' [d'ʒi:ʃ]N; also
mee 'month' [mi:]N/S Ir. mí
cheer 'country' [t'ʃi:ʃ]S Ir. tír
meer 'piece' [mi:r]S Ir. mír

2. With shortening (and with /e/)

injl 'low' [ünd'zəl]S Ir. íseal
firrinagh 'true' [fírənq̄x]S Ir. firinneach

Shortening here is caused by the /n/ and /r/ respectively.

I cannot explain the presence of the nasal in the first
ex.

beeym 'I will be' [bim]N/S, [beb̄m]N/S cf. Ir. bím

§106. io

Here there is usually /i(:)/, sometimes /e(:)/.

1. kere 'comb' [ki:ʃ]N/S Ir. cíor
creeney 'wise' [kri:nə]N/S Ir. crionna
sheese 'downwards' [ʃi:s]N/S, [si:s]S, [ʃi:ʃ]N Ir. síos

The second ex. would repr. *sois or *suis, the third
*sis.

greesaghey 'stirring up' [gri:sq̄xə]N, [gri:ðq̄xə]S ScG.
gríosachadh

2. With shortening

creen 'ripe' [kri:n]N, [kri:dn]S, [kridn]N Ir. críon
d'eeck 'paid' [dik]N Ir. d'íoc

3. With /e(:)/

kerey 'combing' [k'ɛrɛ]S, [k'i:r]sic S Ir. cioradh
greesagh 'embers' [gri:ðɔx]S, [gre:sax]N Ir. griosach

§107. IU

In LSM this appears as /(j)u/, /(j)o/ from the minimal evidence available. In fact there is only one example not complicated by other factors (cf. IUGH, IUDH; v. also Jackson(1955:37)).

fliugh 'wet' [fl'ɔx]N/S, [fl'ɔx]S Ir. fliuch
 With the vowel half long: [fl'u.x:]N.

§108. O

In LSM there are three developments of O: a) as /o(:)/, b) as /a(:)/, sometimes /e(:)/ ([ö(:)] usu. before /r/), c) as /u(:)/ usu. before nasals, but also before /l/, /r/, dental and velar stops and spirants.

1. As /o(:)/

son 'for' [sɔn]N, [san]N/S, [sɔn]N/S, [son]N, [sɔn]S, [sɔn]S
 Ir. ar son

conney 'furze' [kɔnɛ]N, [kɔnɛ]N, [ko:nɛ]S Ir. connadh

corp 'body' [kɔ:p]S, [kɔ:p]S, [kɔ:ɹp]S, [kɔ:ɹp]N Ir. corp

The lengthening here is due to the weakening (or loss) of /r/.

dhone 'brown' [dɔ:n]N, [do:dn]S, [dɔ:dn]S, [dɔ:n]S Ir.

donn. For the lengthening of orig. stressed short vowels in monosyllables before -NN v. §122.

dorrys 'door' [dɔrɛs]N, [dɔrɛs]S Ir. doras

troggal 'lifting' [trɔgal]N, [trɔgal]S, [trɔgal]S ScG.

(Sutherland) trogail; cf. Dorian (1973:130).

2. As /a(:)/ or /e(:)/ also

honnick 'saw' [hɔnɪk]N, [hanɪk]N, [hɔnɪk]S, [hanɪk]S

Ir. chonnaic

caggey 'war' [kɔ:ɣɛ]S, [kɛ:ɣɛ]N, [kɔ:gɛ]S Ir. cogadh

orroo 'on them' [ɔru]S, [arɔ]N, [eru]S Ir. orthu. The

/a/ and /e/ forms probably reflect OIr. erru.

cass 'foot' [kɔ:s]N, [ka:s]N/S, [kɛ:s]N, [kɔs]S ScG. cas,

Ir. cos

3. Raising to /u(:)/ before dentals, velars, nasals

- brod 'poker' [brɔd]S, [brɔd]N Ir. brod
goll 'going' [gɔl]N/S, [gɔl]N/S, [gɔl]S NIr. gol
quirragh 'hatching' [gɔrɔx]S, [gɔrɔx]S, [gɔrɔx]S Ir.
goradh
gorrym 'blue' [gɔrɔm]N, [gɔrɔm]N, [gɔ:rɔm]N, [gɔ:rɔm]S
Ir. gorm
bock 'buck' [bɔk]N/S, [bɔk]S Ir. boc
sluggey 'swallowing' [slɔgɛ]S, [slɔgɛ]S, [slɔgɛ]S Ir.
slogadh, slugadh
thunnag 'duck' [tɔnɔg]N/S, [tɔnɔg]N/S Ir. tonnóg,
ScG. tunnag
purt 'harbour' [pɔ:t]S, [pɔ:t]S, [fu:t](len.)S Ir. port
lurg 'after' [lɔɹg]N, [lɔɹg]N/S, [lɔɹg]N/S, [l'ig']N Ir.
i lorg, ar lorg. The /i/ form prob. repr. luirg.

§109. OI

OI in LSM can appear in the following ways: a) as /o/, b) sometimes as /a/ or /e/, c) as /u/ before nasals and sibilants. There may sometimes be secondary lengthening.

1. As /o(:)/

- er c(h)osh 'on foot, out of bed' [ɛr'kɔʃ]N Ir. ar chois
dorrin 'storm' [dɔrɪn']N, [dɔrɪn']N/S, [dɔrɪn']S cf. Ir.
doineann (with dissimilation)
loshtagh 'burning' [lɔ:ʃt'ɔx]N ScG. loisgeach
gobbyragh 'working' [gɔ:bɔrɔx]N, [gɔβrɔx]S, [gɔvɔrɔx]S,
[gɔ:vɔrɔx]S ScG. ag oibreachadh

2. As /a(:)/ or /e(:)/

- cagliagh 'boundary' [kɔgliɔx]N, [kɔgl'ɔx]S Ir. coigríoch
sterrym 'storm' [stɔrɔm]N, [stɔrɔm]N, [stɔrɔm]N, [stɪrɔm]S
ScG. stoirm. For /i/ before /r/ cf. AI.

3. As /u(:)/

- quint 'stung' [gu:n't']N/S, [gun't']S Ir. gointe
sushtal 'gospel' [suʃt'al]S, [süʃt'ɔl]S, [söʃt'ɔl]S; also
[sɛʃəl]N Ir. soiscéal. The [ö] in the third ex. may repr.
a retracted /e/. Note also yn laue hoshtal 'the left, or
gospel hand' [ən lɛ:u 'hɔʃt'ɔl/hɔʃt'al]S.

conning 'rabbit' [kɔn'ən]S, [koniŋ]N, [kørin']N,
[kun'ən]S ScG. coinean

§110. Ó

In LSM this is found as follows: a) as /o(:)/, b) as /e(:)/,
c) as /u(:)/.

1. As /o(:)/

croa 'sheepfold' [krɔ:]N Ir. cró
oard 'hammer' [o:ɔd]S Ir. órd
scoarnagh 'throat' [skɔ:ɔnax]S, [skɔ:rɔnax]N Ir. scórnach
smayl 'dimness' [smɔl]N, [smɔl]N Ir. smól
feoghaig 'periwinkle' [fə'go:g]?N Ir. faochóg

2. As /e(:)/

braag 'shoe' (pl.) [brɛ:ɣən]N/S, [brɛ:gən]N, [brɛ:ɣən]S
Ir. bróg
dornaig 'handle' [dör'ne:g]N, ['dörnɛg]N Ir. dornóg.
Note the short second syll. in the last ex. due to shift
of stress.
glare 'language' [glɛ:r]S Ir. glór
aeg 'young' [ɛ:g]N/S Ir. óg
paag 'kiss' [pɛ:g]N, [pɛ:g]S, [pɛg]S; also [pɔg]S Ir. póg
foast 'yet, still' [fo:s]N/S, [hwe:s]S, [hwö:st]S, [hwĩs]S
Ir. fós, ScG. fhathast. The [ĩ] in the last ex. is prob.
due to non-stress.

3. As /u(:)/

boayrd 'table' [bɔ:rd]N, [bö:rd]N, [bʷu:ɔd]S Ir. bórd
mooar 'big' [mu:r]N, [mu:ə]N/S, [mu:]S, [mo:ər]S Ir. mór
poosey 'marrying' [pu:ðə]N Ir. pósadh. The init. /p/ would
also contribute to the raising to /u:/.
sthuggey 'young lad' [stɔgɔ]S, [stuyɔ]S, [stɔgə]N Ir.
stócach

§111. ÓI

This appears as /o(:)/(or /u(:)/) or /e(:)/.

1. As /o(:)/ (or /u(:)/)

gloyr 'glory' [glɔ:ɔ]S, [glɔ:r]S Ir. glóir

stoyll 'chair' [sto:l]N, [stɔl']N Ir. stóil
moain 'turf' [mo:n']N, [mɔ:n']N, [mun]N, [mon]N Ir. móin

2. As /e(:)/

anuyr 'day after tomorrow' [I'nɛ:r]S, [ə'nö:r]S, [ə'nø:r]S
 Ir. anóirthir

cair 'right, just' [kɛ:r]N, [k'e:ə]S, [k'ɛ:ə]S Ir. cóir

But note

coar 'decent' [kɔ:r]S, [kō:ə]S Ir. cóir. Pronounced differently probably to distinguish it from cóir 'right, just'.

§112. EÔ, EÔI

In Old Irish this was ÊO which later became EÔ, viz. /o:/ with or without a preceding palat. on-glide, viz. [j]⁶. In LSM EÔ, EÔI appears as /(j)o(:)/, occasionally as /e(:)/; this latter may represent EO(EOI) at an earlier stage before the transfer of stress to the second element of the diphthong. Note that no on-glide precedes initial EÔ in LSM.

1. As /(j)o(:)/ (with the glide absorbed in the preceding palat. consonant).

kiauill 'music' [k'ɔ:l']N Ir. ceol. The [l'] is probably the very frequent unhistorical palat. of late pronunciation.

joarree 'stranger' [d'ʒɔ:ri]N/S Ir. deoraidh

bio 'alive' [bʲɔ:]S, [b'ɔ:]S, [bl'ɔ:]S Ir. beo

oayllys 'knowledge' [ɔ:ləs]S, [ɔ:ləs]S Ir. eolas

oarn 'barley' [o:ɹn]N, [ö:dn]N, [ɔ:dn]S Ir. eorna

2. As /e(:)/

feill 'flesh, meat' [fe:l]N, [fɛ:l']N/S, [fɛ:l]S Ir. feoil

Also

farling 'farthing' [fa:rl'ən]S, [fa:ɹlən]S Ir. feoirling.

The [ə:] here, if correct, is unexplainable, unless it is influenced from the English; cf. ME ferling of which farling is a possible variant by the 16th cent.

6. v. Jackson (1955:43).

dy liooar 'enough' [dɪ'lɪ'u:r]N, [ðə'lɪ'u:ə]S, [dɪ'lɪ'u:ər]S;
note also [ðɪ'lɪ'o:ə]S Ir. go leor

§113. U

In LSM this mostly appears as /u(:)/ which can often vary with /o(:)/. Occasionally there may be /a/ or /i/.

1. As /u(:)/ or /o(:)/

bunnys 'almost' [bʊnəs]N/S, [bunus]N Ir. bunadhas
muck 'pig' [mʊk]N/S, [mɔk]N/S, [mʏk]N, [mük]S Ir. muc
smuggey 'phlegm' [smu:ɣə]S Ir. smuga
fud 'throughout' [fud]S, [fʊd]N/S, [fod]N, [fɔd]N Ir.
ar fud
cummal 'holding' [kʊmɑl]N, [kɔmɑl]N, [kɔmɑl]N ScG. cumail
sluggey 'swallowing' [sluɣə]S, [slüɣə]S, [slɔɣə]S Ir.
slugadh, slogadh
mullagh 'summit' [mulɑx]N, [mɔlɑx]N, [mɔlɑx]N Ir. mullach

2. As /a/, /i/

cappan 'cup' [k'avan]S, [k'abʌn]N ScG. cupan. Mx. form
prob. repr. *ceapán. While ScG. and Welsh prob. repr.
OE. cuppe, oblique case cuppan, it seems possible that
the Mx. has been affected by the ME. alternative coppe,
itself of uncertain origin.
thurrys, chyrrys 'tour' [t'ʃɪrəs]S, [t'ʃɛrəs]S Ir. turas.
For [t'ʃ] < [t'] for orig. neutral /t/ cf. [t'ʃeu] etc
'side' Ir. taobh; U here appears to be treated as IO (qv).

§114. UI

In LSM this is found as a) /u(:)/ or /o(:)/, b) as /(w)i(:)/ (with shift of stress from U to I, c) occasionally as /a/ or /e/ in circumstances which are not too clear.

1. As /u(:)/ or /o(:)/

builley 'blow, strike' [bu:l]S, [bɔlɛ]N Ir. buille
dooinney 'man' [dun'ə]N/S, [dün'ə]S, [dɔn'ə]N/S Ir. duine
fuill 'blood' [fɔl'ɪ]S, [fɔl'ɪ]S, [fʊl'ɪ]S Ir. fuil
urree 'on here' [uri]N, [ɔri]S, [ɔri]N Ir. uirthi
cuillee 'recess' [kü'l'i]S, [kʊu:l'i]S Ir. cuilidh

2. Also as /w)i(:)/

thooilley 'an increase' [tʰoɪ'ʉ]N, [tʰiɪ'ə]?N Ir. tuilleadh
quiggal 'distaff' [kwigqɑɪ]N/S Ir. cuigeal
suirr 'stop' [skʷr]N, [skʷ]S, [skwɪr]S Ir. suir. The
 first two exx. suggest that non-palat. scor has survived
 in Manx.

uinnag 'window' [ʉn'ag]N, [ɔn'ag]S, [in'ag]N, [ɛn'ag]S
 ScG. uinneag. The last ex. is a lowering of [i] in the
 third ex. This should properly be in §114.3.

3. Also as /a/ or /e/

cruitt 'hump' [krɔt]N Ir. cruit
quailag 'fly' [kwel'ag]N, [kwelɔg]N ScG. cuileag
quallian 'puppy' [kwəl'ən]S, [kwöl'ən]S ScG. cuilean
mwannal 'neck' [mɔnəl]N, [mɔnqɪ]N, [mɔnəl]S, [mwənəl]S
 ScG. muineal

§115. Ó, ÚI

These regularly occur as /u:/, with occasional secondary shorten-
 ing to /u/. Sometimes there is /o(:)/.

1. As /u(:)/

coo 'hound' [ku:]N Ir. cú
moon 'urine' [mu:n]N/S Ir. mún
punt 'pound' [pʉnt]N, [pɔnt]N Ir. púnt
grooish 'grimace' [gru:ʃ]N Ir. gnúis
cooyrt 'court' [ku:t]N Ir. cúirt

2. As /o(:)/

oor 'fresh' [u:r]N, [u:ə]S, [o:r]S Ir. úr
moyrnagh 'proud' [mɔ:nəx]N ScG. mùirneach

But note also

queig 'five' [kweg]S, [kweg]S Ir. cúig, ScG. còig. The
 development is probably as follows: [ku:g'] > [ku'ig'] >
 [kuig'] > [kueg] > [kweg]. As an isolated development
 this is to be associated with ÚI rather than with ÓI
 only on grounds of phonetic plausibility; but cf. quoi
 < cò, caidhe, cuich.

§116. IÚ, IÚI

Here there is regularly /*(j)u:*/ with occasional shortening to /*(j)u*/.

jiooldey 'refusing' [d'zuidə]N, [ju:ldə]S Ir. diúltadh
feeu 'worth' [fju:]N/S Ir. fiú
jiuys 'firtree' [d'zu:s]N Ir. giús
kiune 'calm' [k'u:n']S, [k'üdn]S, [k'u:dn]S Ir. ciúin

§117. AO

In LSM this is mostly found as /*e(:)*/, sometimes as /*i(:)*/ or /*u(:)*/, occasionally as /*ö(:)*/, [*y(:)*], [*w(:)*]. AO may also represent EA before /*t*/, /*d*/; v. §100.

1. As /*e(:)*/

deyr 'dear' [de:r]S, [de:r]N Ir. daor
theyreyn 'madness' [tɛ:riən]S cf. Ir. daoraidh
teayst 'dough' [tɛ:s]S, [tɛ:s]S Ir. taos; v. also §118.1
 below.

2. Also /*i(:)*/, /*u(:)*/; sometimes [ö(:)], [*y(:)*] [*w(:)*]

eyl 'lime' [e:l']S, [ø(:)l]N, [i:l]S, [u:l]S, [y:l]S
 [w:l]S Ir. aol
keyrrey 'sheep' [kɛrɛ]N, [ki:rɛ]S, [xIrɛ]S, [ky:rɛ]S
 Ir. caora
seihll 'world' [sɛ:l]N, [sö:l]N, [sæ:l]N/S, [tɔ:l]N
 Ir. saoghal; v. also AOGH §69.

§118. AOI

Here there is mostly /*e(:)*/, sometimes as /*i(:)*/ or /*u(:)*/:

1. As /*e(:)*/

eoylley 'manure' [ɛ:l'ə]S, [e:l'ə]S Ir. aoileach
keayney 'crying' [kɛ:n'ə]S, [ke:n'ə]N Ir. caoineadh
teayst 'dough' [tɛ:ʃ]S, [tɛʃ]N Ir. taois; v. also §117.1
 above.

2. Also as /*i(:)*/, /*u(:)*/

skeaylley 'spreading' [skɛ:l'ə]N/S, [sk'i:l'ə]N Ir. scaoileadh
eash 'age' [ɛ:ʃ]N/S, [i:ʃ]N/S Ir. aois

foillan 'seagull' [fo:l'an]S, [fʌl'an]N, [ful'an]N

Ir. faoileann. This seems aberrant, as though it contained OI, not AOI.

Note also with diphthongization:

nuy 'nine' [ni:]S, [nɪ:]S, [nei]S, [nai]N Ir. naoi; v. also §38.1a.

§119. IA, IAI

IA in LSM usually appears as /i(:)/, sometimes /e(:)/; there may sometimes be the diphthong /iə/. For breaking of EA to IA v. §100.3.

1. As /i(:)/

jeelt 'saddle' [d'ʒi:lt]S, [d'ʒilt]N Ir. diallait

feeackle 'tooth' [fi:kəl]N, [fi:ʏəl]S Ir. fiacal

sheear 'west' [ʃi:r]S, [ʃi:əʝ]N, [ʃiər]S Ir. siar

2. Also as /e(:)/

grian 'sun' [gri(:)n]N, [gridn]N, [gre:dn]S Ir. grian,

a/d. gréin

Jee 'God' [d'ʒi:]N, [d'ʒe:]S Ir. Dia, Dé

With diphthongization

jeeas 'ear of corn' [d'ʒi:əs]S, [d'ʒi:əs]S Ir. dias

feeagh 'value' [fi:x]S, [fi:əx]N Ir. fiach

3. IAI (No examples)

§120. UA, UAI

These are found as follows: a) as /u(:)/ or /o(:)/, b) as /i(:)/ or /e(:)/, c) as [ö(:)], [y(:)], [w(:)]. There may also be the diphthongs /ua/, /uə/, /iə/, /ei/.

1. As /u(:)/ or /o(:)/

toot 'fool' [tu:t]S, [tut]N Ir. tuata

stoamey 'stately' [stu:mə]N, [sto:mə]N/S Ir. stuamdha

bwoaillee 'halo' [bu:li]S, [bʊli]S cf. ScG. buaile

buinn 'reaping' [bwu:dn]S, [bʊn']N, [bon']N Ir. buain

2. As /i(:)/ or /e(:)/

leaystey 'swinging' [+istə]N, [li:stə]S Ir. luascadh

skeab 'brush' [ski:b]N/S, [skib]N Ir. scuab
geayney 'green' [gø:n'ə]N, [k'injə]S Ir. uaithne. The
 development of /g/ here (in the first ex.) is probably
 from the realization of initial /u/ as [w] repr. a
 lenited form, cf. [wun'ə] < [ɣwun'ə] 'man!' (voc. of
dooinney) with later despirantization of [ɣ]; cf. also
geayn 'lamb', my gheayin [mə ɣi:dn]S 'my lambs'. UAI
 is, therefore, treated as AI; v. §96.

3. Also as [ö(:)], [ɣ(:)], [w(:)]

cheayl 'heard' [xi:l]S, [ki:l]N, [kyl]S Ir. chuala
keayn 'sea' [kidn]N/S, [küdn]S, [kəðn]N, [ky(:)dn]S,
 [kw(:)dn]S, [ködn]S Ir. cuan
geayl 'coal' [gu:l]S, [gl:l]N/S, [gö:l]S, [gy:l]S,
 [gw:l]S Ir. qual

4. With the diphthongs /ua/, /uə/, /iə/, /ei/

boa 'cow' [bu:ə]N/S, [buə]N, [buə]S Ir. bó, *bua. The
 development is prob. [bo:] > [b^wo:] > [bwo:] > [buo]
 > [buə] > [bu:ə].
seose 'upwards' [su:s]N, [ʃo:f]sic S, [sɔ:s]S, [sö:s]N/S,
 [sy:s]N/S, [sø:s]S, [søis]S, [sei:s]S Ir. suas
cleaysh 'ear' [kliʃ]N, [kle:ʃ]S, [klö:ʃ]N, [kle:iʃ]S
 Ir. cluais

UNSTRESSED VOWELS

§121. In absolute final position Gaelic -A or -E (Mx. ey) is usually rendered [ə], or sometimes [ɪ] after a palatalized consonant, e.g.

1. boalley 'wall' [bq:lə]S Ir. balla
doltey 'adopting' [dɔltə]N cf. Ir. dalta
thanney 'thin' [tanə]N/S Ir. tana
dooinney 'man' [dun'ə]N/S, [dɔn'ɪ]S Ir. duine
balley 'town' [bɑ:l'ə]S, [bəl'ɪ]S Ir. baile
maidjey 'stick' [mɑ:d'zə]S, [mæ:ʒɪ]S Ir. maide
2. In internal post-tonic syllables -A- and -EA- are rendered /ə/, -I- and -AI- as /i/ or /e/.
cabbyl 'horse' [k'ə:bəl]N Ir. capall

cabbil 'horses' [ka:biI']N, [kabel']N Ir. capaill
eddin 'face' [ɛdɛn]N, [øðin]N Ir. éadan. The [i] in the
 second ex. is a raising of [ə] before the nasal.
mennick 'often' [mɛnik']N, [menIk]N OIr. meinic
casherick 'holy' [kəʃərIk']S, [kə:ʒərək]S Ir. coisric
bannish 'wedding' [baniʃ]S Ir. bainis

3. Before /x/ or /xt/ -A- or -EA- are usually rendered /a/,
 occasionally /ə/.

ommidjagh 'foolish' [aməd'zax]S Ir. amaideach
bannacht 'blessing' [banax]N/S Ir. beannacht
gynsagh 'learning' [g'enzax]N, [g'enzəx]N ScG.
ag ionnsachadh

4. Final unstressed -IDH, -IGH, -AIDH, -AIGH (Mx. ee) are
 rendered as /i/.

boaddee 'cods' [bʷqði]S Ir. bodaigh
joarree 'stranger' [d'zq:ri]N/S Ir. deoraidh; v. also
 §§72 & 76.

5. On pretonic syllables v. §126.

6. On post-tonic original long vowels v. §§39-42, 126.

7. In proclitics there may be /ə/ or /i/, or in many cases a
 non-reduced vowel (sometimes [ö] before /r/), e.g.

yn veill 'the lip' [ən vɛ:l]N
yn Bible 'the Bible' [In ba:ib|]S
ayns Skylle Andreays 'in Kirk Andreas' [us sk'il' an'dre:əs]
le baghey 'to live' [lɛ be:ɛ]N
myr shen 'like that' [mo'sen]N, [mör'ʃɛdn]S

SHORT VOWELS BEFORE NASAL AND LIQUID GROUPS

§122. In Manx short stressed vowels in monosyllables before original -LL, -NN, -NG, -M, and in polysyllables before original -L- (or -LL-), -N- (or -NN-) plus their homorganic stops are either lengthened (sometimes secondarily shortened) or diphthongized:

1. With A there is either /o(:)/ or /u(:)/ or the diphthongs
 /au/, /eu/, /ou/; before -M there is either /a/ or /e/.

boayl 'place' [bo:l]N, [bq|]N, [bo:l]S Ir. ball

noal 'hither, over yonder' [no:l]S, [e'no:l]S Ir. anall.
Note that the last ex. preserves the initial unstressed syllable.

moal 'slow' [mɔ:l]N/S, [mɔ:l]N/S, [mɔ:l]N, [maul]N Ir.
mall

ayn 'in it' [ɔ:n]S, [ɔ:n]S, [u:n]N Ir. ann

croan 'mast' [krɔdn]S, [krɔdn]S, [krɔn]N Ir. crann

goan 'scarce' [gɔ:dn]S, [gɔ:dn]S, [gɔun]N, [gauən]N Ir.

gann

cam 'crooked' [k'abm]S, [k'ebm:]N, [k'em:]N, [k'qm]S Ir.

cam. Note that lengthening here has manifested itself in the nasal or in preocclusion, or both; cf. exx. below.

2. With EA there is either /o(:)/ or the diphthongs /eu/, /əu/, /au/.

Boaldyn 'May' [bɔ:lɔn]N, [bɔ:lɔn]S Ir. Bealltainn. This is prob. the ordinary rounding of /a/ by -LL.

kione 'head' [k'ɔ:n]S, [k'ɔ:n]S, [k'ɔdn]N, [k'eun:]N,

[k'öun]N, [k'əun]N, [k'aun:]N Ir. ceann

chionn 'tight' [t'ʃɔdn]S, [t'ʃɔdn]S, [t'ʃaun]N Ir. teann

glion 'glen' [gl'ɔ:n]N, [gl'ɔdn]N, [gl'en:]N, [gl'əun]N,

[gl'aun]N, [l'aun]N, [l'ɔdn:]S, [l'ɔdn]S Ir. gleann. For the loss of /g/ v. §46.1. The ex. with /e/ is influenced from the English.

3. IO (No examples)

4. With O there is either /o(:)/ or /u(:)/ or the diphthongs /ou/, /eu/

towl 'hole' [to:l]S, [toul]N Ir. toll

noon 'thither' [nu:n]S, [nun]N Ir. anonn

bonn 'rim' [bon:]N Ir. bonn

boyn 'heel' [bɔ:dn]S, [bodn]S, [bəun]N Ir. bonn

dhone 'brown' [dɔ:n]N, [do:dn]S, [dɔ:n]S Ir. donn

lhong 'ship' [lɔŋŋ]S, [lɔŋŋ]S, [lɔŋŋ]N, [lɔŋ]N Ir. long

lhome 'bare' [lɔ:m]

trome 'heavy' [trɔbm]N, [tro:bm]S, [tro:m]S, [trubm]N,

[trɔbm]N Ir. trom

5. With U there is /u/

cum 'hold!' [kum:]N ScG. cum

6. AI (No examples)

7. With EI there is /e(:)/, /i(:)/

meill 'lip' [mɛl']S, [vɛ:l'](len.)N Ir. meill

greim 'grip' [grɛ:bm]S, [grIm:]S Ir. greim

8. With I there is /i(:)/, with length manifested in the orth. before -LL and -M.

keeill 'church' [k'i:ll']N, [k'i:l']N Ir. cill

ghing 'sick' [tʰɪŋ]N/S, [tʰɪŋg]N Ir. tinn

ginsh 'telling' [gɪnʃ]N, [g'i:ʃ]N, [g'i:nʃ]S Ir. ag innse

Purt ny hInshay 'Peel' [pɔ:tne'hɪnʒɛ]N, [pöne'hɪ:n^dʒɪ]N

Ir. Port na hInnse

eeym 'butter' [i:m]N, [i:bm]S Ir. im

9. With IO there is /i/

fynn 'white' [fɪn]N Ir. fionn

10. With OI there is /i(:)/, /e(:)/, occasionally [y:]

keyll 'wood' [kɛl']S, [kø:l']N, [ki:l]S, [kI:l']S, [ky:l]S

Ir. coill

With diphthongization:

soilshey 'light' [sail'zə]N, [seil'zə]S Ir. soillse

11. With UI there is /i(:)/

mwing 'mane' [wiŋ](len.)N Ir. muing

dreym 'back' [dri:m]S, [dri:bm]N, [drim]N, [dri:bm]N/S

Ir. druim

With diphthongization:

main 'we' [main]N Ir. muinn. Note that this is at best secondarily stressed.

SVARABHAKTI

§123. Svarabhakti⁷ is not so prevalent in Manx as in Irish or Scottish Gaelic and is attested in the following instances only. In most cases the svarabhakti vowel occurs as [ə] (sometimes it

7. This feature is adequately described by Jackson (1955:59-61) and by Thomson (1960:116-26). However, for the sake of completeness (to include exx. from other collections) it is dealt with here. The layout follows Jackson (qv).

may have the same or similar colouring as the vowel in the preceding syllable), whether the group be (originally) palat. or not.

1. In Type 1 (i.e. when l, r, m, n, ng are followed by b, f, bh, mh, ch, g, gh) svarabhakti in LSM occurs only in the consonant groups RCH, RG, RGH:

dorraghys 'darkness' [dɔrɔɣəs]N, [dɔrɔxəs]S, [dɔrɔɣəs]S

cf. Ir. dorcha

margey 'fair, market' [vörəgə]N; also [mö:ɹɣɔ]S, [mɛ:gə]N

Ir. margadh

Kargys 'Lent' [karəgəs] Ir. Carghas

For the occurrence of svarabhakti in LBH, LMH, RBH, RMH, NBH, NMH where the element BH, MH has been vocalized v. §§42, 126.

Unlike Irish and Scottish Gaelic svarabhakti in LSM does not usually occur in the group LG, viz.

bolg 'belly' [bɔlɣ]N, [vɔlɣ]N, [bɛlɣ]S Ir. bolg

jolg 'thorn' [d'ʒɔ:lɣ]S Ir. dealg; pl. jilg [d'ʒü:lɣ]S Ir.

deilg

shelgey 'hunting' [ʃɛlɣə]N cf. Ir. sealg

molg 'milt' [mɔlɣ]N, [mɔlɣ]S ScG. mealg

But

bolg my vaggleyn 'my scrotum' [bɔlɣ mɛ vɔgɛlɛn]N Ir.

bolg + magairle. The epenthetic vowel in bolg may be influenced from the central syllable in vaggleyn, so as to assist in the flow of the phrase.

2. In Type 2 (i.e. groups made up only of l, r, m, n, ng) svarabhakti is found in the groups LM, RM, MN, NM, viz.

Collym (proper name) [kɔl:ɔm:]N⁸ Ir. Colm

gorrym 'blue' [gɔrɛm]N, [gɔ:rɛm]N Ir. gorm

fammyragh 'seaweed' [fɔmɛrɛx]?N, [fɛmɛrɛx]N Ir. feamnach

8. The long l and m here is for onomatopoeic effect; v. Texts JTK Vol. 1 p. 292.

ennym 'name' [enəm]N/S Ir. ainm

Note also

mraane 'women' [mə're:n(ʰ)]S, [mrɛ:n]S ScG. mnathan; v.
also §90.3, 4.

mleeaney 'this year' [mə'i'ine]N/S Ir. i mbliadhna. In the last two exx. there is perhaps no svarabhakti in the strict sense, as ml and mr transitions automatically give rise to an intercalated vowel.

3. In Type 3 (i.e. before l, n, r after any consonant other than a liquid or nasal, whether the preceding vowel is long or short) svarabhakti is found in BR, CL, SR. The picture here, however, is complicated by the fact that these groups arise by contraction, and in related words the contraction does not take place. The uncontracted forms are therefore extended by analogy.

gobraghey 'working' [go:bəɾax]N, [gɔvəɾəx]S ScG.

ag oibreachadh. But without svarabhakti [gɔβɾax]S.

fockleyn 'words' [fɔ:ɣələn]N, [fɔkələn]S ScG. faclan. But note also [fa:klən]S, [fɔ:lən]S (here with complete loss of the CL cluster).

fyssyree 'knowledge' [fɔsəri]N Ir. fiosruighe

casherick 'holy' [kə:ʒərək]S Ir. coisricthe. But without svarabhakti [kə:ʃrɪkʰ]S.

4. When medial -NR- gives [ndr] in LSM, a svarabhakti vowel can occur between [d] and [r]:

maynrys 'happiness' [me:ndərəs]S cf. Ir. méanra. But without svarabhakti [me:ndrəs]N.

boandyrys 'nursing' [bɔ:ndərəs]N cf. ScG. banaltrachd.

Without svarabhakti [bonðrəs]S.

The development of a svarabhakti vowel here probably took place to break up the heavy cluster of three homorganic consonants.

HIATUS

§124. Hiatus between vowels in Old Irish was not uncommon, e.g. biäd 'food', aër 'air', diäs 'two people', etc (v. also Jackson (1955:62)). Though this feature died out in Irish when the two vowels contracted, it remains to a certain extent in Scottish Gaelic in stressed syllables. In Manx hiatus in such cases is mostly absent. In one or two places, however, Wagner⁹ noted the occurrence of weak hiatus, particularly in i-diphthongs. Loss of hiatus is attested in original disyllables which have become monosyllabic in Manx.

bee 'food' [bi:]N OIr. biäd, Ir. biadh
jees 'two people' [d'zi:s]N/S, [d'zi:]N OIr. diäs, diis,
 Ir. dios, dís
foast 'still, yet' [fɔ:s]S, [hwɔ:s]S OIr. beös, Ir. fós
raad 'road' [ra:d]N, [rɛ:d]N/S OIr. roüt, ScG. rathad

Hiatus, of course, occurs in nouns ending in a vowel with the plural suffix -yn, e.g. jalloo 'image' (pl.) [d'zaluən]N Ir. dealbh. But here there is a conscious recognition of the presence of a distinct morpheme.

Hiatus can also occur in the endings -aghyn, -aghtyn where /x/, /xt/ are sometimes lost.

annaghyn 'commandments' [a:næn]S, [ənɔxən]S Ir. aithne
smooinaghtyn 'thinking' [smun'a:n]N, [smu:n'ɔxtən]N ScG.
smuaineachduinn

Weak hiatus is found sometimes in i-diphthongs (v. also footnote) The hiatus here is marked with a hyphen.

thie 'house' [ta-i]N, [tai]N, [ta:i]N ScG. taigh
graih 'love' [gra-i]N/S, [grɛi]N/S, [gra:i]N Ir. grádh
fuygh 'wood' [fa-i]N, [fɛ-i]N, [fɛi]N, [fai]N OIr. fiöd,
fidbaid

9. v. LASID IV Point 88 s. 'goose', 'house'; v. also below.

NASALITY

§125. Nasality is rare in LSM, and when met with it represents original MH or NG.¹⁰ Stressed vowels in contact with M, N, NG may one time have been strongly nasalized, but today from the sound-recorded material at any rate the nasality, if it occurs, is so weak as not to be noticeable. There are, however, a few words whose stressed vowel can be strongly nasal (non-nasal varieties are also found).

aile 'fire' [a:ĩl]S, [a:ĩl']N, [qil]N Ir./ScG. aingeal
cainle 'candle' [kaĩl]N, [kã:l'ə]S, [kã:i'nɪə]S, [kã:l']S,
 [kail']S ScG. coinneal, cainneal
cainleyr 'candlestick' [kã:l'ɛ:r]S, [kã'n'lɛ:ɹ]S; also
 [kɔn'tɛ:ɹ]S Ir. coinnleoir. Note here that the nasalized
 vowels are unstressed, or do not bear the primary stress.
croyn 'nuts' [krɔ̃ən]N Ir. cro
sourey 'summer' [tãurə]S, [sɔurə]N, [saurə]N Ir. samhradh
snaue 'swimming' [snɛ̃u]S, [ʃnãu]N, [snə:u]S Ir. snámh
kiangley 'binding' [k'ĩ:ŋli]N, [kĩ:ni]N, [kẽ:l'a]N,
 [k'e:n'ə]N, [k'ɔ:lə]S ScG. ceangladh
gryle 'griddle' [grẽ:l']S, [grã:l]S, [gra:l'l']S ScG.
greideal, groideal. The nasal vowel here may be on the
 analogy of aile.
mainshter 'master' [mãn'ʃt'əɹ]S, [maĩʃt'ə]N, [mɛ:ʃt'ə]N
 ScG. maighstir. The nasality in the Mx. refl. here is
 recognised in the spelling.

A puzzling ex. is injlil 'low' [ind'zəl]S Ir. íseal and
 derivatives where it is hard to see the grounds for nasality.

For CN as /kr/ in LSM v. §90.3.

10. v. also Jackson (1955:63). Marstrander made liberal use of the nasal diacritic whenever a vowel came into contact with a nasal. But his use of it is not always regular.

STRESS¹

§126. In LSM two types of treatment are found when the vowel of the second syllable in disyllables is long, whether originally or via vocalization of a medial spirant, in association with either a long or short vowel in the first syllable. The first type corresponds to the situation in Ulster Irish and Scottish Gaelic, where the stress remains on the first syllable (the vowel of which was originally short), and the second syllable is usually shortened to a clear vowel, e.g.

	Ir.	ScG.
1. <u>beggan</u> 'a little' /began/	beagán	beagan
<u>mwannal</u> 'neck' /mwanəl/	muinéal	muineal
<u>thunnag</u> 'duck' /tonag/	tonnóg	tunnag
<u>uinnag</u> 'window' /unˈag/	fuinneog	uinneag
<u>gennal</u> 'happy' /gˈenal/	geanamhail	geanail

The second type, which will be the main point of the discussion, bears resemblance to the situation in Munster Irish (and elsewhere²) whereby the stress falls on a syllable other than the first, e.g. casóg 'jacket' /kəˈso:g/, spealadóir 'scytheman' /sˈpˈaləˈdo:rˈ/; this type essentially falls into three parts. The first part consists of those native words which have original long first and second syllables, e.g.

2. <u>arnane</u> 'nightwork' /aˈne:n/	áirneán	airnean
<u>buggane</u> 'brownie' /boˈge:n/	bócán	bòcan
<u>caghlaa</u> 'changing' /koxˈle:/	claochlódh	caochladh
<u>carrane</u> 'sandal' /kəˈre:n/	cuarán	cuaran
<u>faagail</u> 'leaving' /feˈge:lˈ/	fágáil	fàgail
	note also /fe:gelˈ/	
<u>faasaag</u> 'beard' /feˈse:g/	féasóg	feusag
	note also /fe:sag/	

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1. This section is based on a paper first read at the Tionól at the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies in April 1982.
 2. According to O'Rahilly (1932:86) forward (or free) stress is also attested in parts of Leinster, and in the west in parts of south and east Connaught. In a forthcoming paper on non-initial stress in Irish Diarmuid Ó Sé discusses the causes of stress-shift and outlines the various stages in which, he believes, it took place.

The second part, closely allied to the first, consists of those words of Anglo-Norman/Middle English extraction containing free or forward stress which have come into the language, e.g.

	Ir.	A.Norm/ME
3. <u>bodeil</u> 'bottle' /bo'de:l'/	<u>buidéal</u>	<u>boteille</u>
<u>cabbane</u> 'cabin' /ka'be:n/	<u>cábán</u>	
<u>corneil</u> 'corner' /kə'ne:l'/	<u>coirnéal</u>	<u>cornel</u> (E.dial)
<u>danjeyr</u> 'danger' /dan'd'e:r/	<u>dainnséar</u>	
<u>pryssoon</u> 'prison' /pri'su:n/	<u>príosún</u>	
<u>shirveish</u> 'service' /s'ər've:s'/	<u>seirbhís</u>	

The third part is comprised of those words in which the second syllable has been made long through the vocalization of a medial spirant (where the spirant is the final element of a consonant group) and the reduction of two syllables to one.

4. <u>annoon</u> 'weak' /a'nu:n/	<u>anbhfann</u>
<u>jarrood</u> 'forgetting' /d'a'ru:d/, /d'a'rud/	<u>dearmhad</u>
<u>thallooin</u> 'of land' /to'lu:n'/	<u>talmhain</u>
<u>femoil</u> 'necessary' /fe'mo:l'/	<u>feidhmeamhail</u>

This last ex. is representative of a whole class of adjj. in -amhail, Mx. -oil.

The problem of stress in Manx has previously been the subject of some discussion by such scholars as T. F. O'Rahilly (1932:113-17), Kenneth Jackson (1955:20ff.), Robert L. Thomson (1960:116-26), and Heinrich Wagner at public lectures.

We will deal with the third part first, as it is the least problematical. It has been commented on briefly by O'Rahilly (1932:115) and more fully by Thomson (1960:122-24). In this part a long vowel, usually long u or long o, can develop from the reduction of an unstressed second syllable with a svarabhakti vowel between a medial spirant (which has become vocalized as a result of the svarabhakti vowel) and a preceding consonant, usually a liquid (v. 4 above). In such circumstances the stress falls on this new long vowel. But should the spirant occur in final position, either originally or as a result of loss of a final open non-inflexional syllable in a trisyllable), then the

Jackson (1955:20) also held similar beliefs. He noticed that in the material he collected those words containing initial stress had an original short vowel, with the original long vowel of the second syllable shortened, as in thunnag, bangan, etc, and that the preceding syllable in those words with forward stress was originally long (or a diphthong) or half-long before a heavy homorganic group. He held, therefore, that 'in words with an original long vowel in the second syllable that vowel was shortened when the vowel of the first syllable was short, so that the stress remained on the first; but when the vowel of the first syllable was long by nature or position, that of the second syllable was not shortened, and the main stress shifted to it, after (Jackson's italics) which the vowel of the first syllable was reduced because unstressed'.

However, the matter could perhaps be looked at in another way. Recently I mentioned this alternative to my friend Heinrich Wagner, who told me that he had come to a similar conclusion more than thirty years before! The contention is that, rather than the first syllable in those words containing forward stress being shortened as a result of the stress-shift, the opposite is the case; that is, that the stress is advanced because of the shortening of the initial syllable. It is also a noticeable feature of Manx that stressed long vowels in monosyllables are usually, or can be shortened, e.g.

	Ir.	ScG.
7. <u>eeast</u> 'fish' /jis/; also /ji:s/	<u>iasg</u>	<u>iasg</u>
<u>moain</u> 'turf' /mon/, /mun/; /mo:n'/	<u>móin</u>	<u>móine</u>
<u>paag/pog</u> 'kiss' /peg/, /pog/; /pe:g/	<u>póg</u>	<u>pòg</u>
<u>queig</u> 'five' /kweg/	<u>cúig</u>	<u>còig</u>
<u>slane</u> 'whole' /slen/	<u>slán</u>	<u>slàn</u>
<u>trome</u> 'heavy' /trom/; tro:m/	<u>trom</u>	<u>trom</u>
<u>thoin</u> 'bottom' /ton/	<u>tón</u>	<u>tòn</u>

Note that the last three exx. can also be affected by preocclusion; v. also I:§§33, 34.

If this were applied to the stressed element (comprising a long vowel) in words of more than one syllable, this element could become shortened, e.g. in jarrood above. It is interesting to

note here that this shortening has occurred on a long syllable that has attracted the stress. It is therefore suggested that the proclivity³ of Manx to shorten stressed long vowels in monosyllables spread to the initial (original) stressed long vowel in words of the faagail type (i.e. to the init. (orig.) stressed long syll. of polysyllables) causing it to shorten, viz. /fe'ge:l'/⁴, as a result of which the stress shifted to the long second syllable. Wagner has already noticed that shortening of stressed long vowels in initial position occurs also in some dialects of Ulster Irish, e.g. féasóg [f'üsɔg] LASID Point 68, [f'əsag] Point 70, [f'üsɔg] Point 75.⁵

In the case of those words containing initial stress on an original short vowel, but whose second syllable, once long, has become shortened because unstressed, as in beggan, thunnag, etc, it may be asked why then did the stress not shift to the long vowel when it was long. The answer, perhaps, is that the long vowel here had already become shortened at the time of the stress-shift in disyllables of the faagail type. It is noticeable that words of the beggan type ending in original Á or Ó are shortened to /a/, and that those of the forward stress type with original Á or Ó have these as /e:/ if long, and /e/, sometimes /ə/ if short. Bearing in mind that OIr. Á and Ó became /e:/⁶ in Manx generally, had the stress been attracted to the long a vowel in (Ir.) beagán or the long o in (Ir.) tunnóg, this would have given

3. It is not certain how this proclivity for shortening came about. It is noticeable, however, that stressed monosyllables (containing an original long vowel) which are affected by preocclusion can have this long vowel shortened; v. I: §§33, 34.
4. Note that in section 2 of the exx. faagail and faasaag have forms with initial stress and a long initial vowel, and so would fall in with forms like dooghys 'nature' /du:xəs/ Ir. dúthchas; gerjys 'joy' /gəd'is/ Ir. gáirdeas, etc. But note here that even in words of this type the (orig.) long init. vowel can become shortened, e.g. eaddagh 'clothing' /edax/; also /e:dax/ Ir. éadach; earroo 'number' /iru/ Ir. áireamh. Note also the short initial vowel in (Ir.) éirghe (Mx. irree) above.
5. cf. mórán [moran] [mɔran] and (na) móna [mɔnə] [Nə mɔnŭ] in Hamilton (1974).
6. OIr. Á is sometimes retained in northern Manx, e.g. laa 'day' /la:/ (also /le:/), /fa'ga:l'/. The retention of /a:/ in Phillips (who almost certainly learned his Manx at Bishop's Court (on the northside)) has to be seen in this context.

something like /bə'ge:n/ and /tu'ne:g/ respectively. The fact that we have /'began/ and /'tunag/ indicates that shortening of the second syllable took place in words of this type before OIr. Á (and Ó) became /e:/ in Manx, as Jackson (1955:20) has already pointed out. That is, that shortening of the unstressed long second syllable in words of the beggan type took place before the stress-shift to the long second syllable in words of the faagail type.⁷ The addition of the Anglo-Norman/Middle English loanwords with forward stress would fit into this pattern, and perhaps help to establish it, but would follow rather than initiate the stress-shift.

With regard to words of the jarrood type, Thomson (1960) has already demonstrated that the creation of long vowels (though vocalization of medial spirants) from the reduction of two syllables to one occurred in Manx before 1610, as evidenced in Phillips. Palatalized BH, MH occurring in original monosyllables are retained at this date, but fall in with neutral BH, MH and become vocalized during the seventeenth century.

7. A word of this type when followed by an adjective (or a dep. noun), etc, can have initial stress as a result of rhythmic regression, e.g. caghlaa bayr 'a change of route' /'kaxle: 'be:r/; but should the rhythm of the phrase not be affected then no change in stress takes place, e.g. caghlaaghyn mooar 'great changes' /kox'le:xən 'mu:ər/. However, the examples are too few to suggest any pattern.

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§127. In LSM there are a number of lexical items which differ in origin and perhaps in spelling, but which have the same sound:

- arragh 'spring' /arax/ Ir. earrach
arragh 'any more' /arax/ Ir. athrach
- bee 'food' /bi:/ Ir. biadh
bee 'will be' /bi:/ ScG. bithidh
- briw 'judge' /bru:/ Ir. breitheamh
broo 'bruising' /bru:/ ScG. brùth
- cheu 'side' /t'eu/ Ir. taobh
chiow 'warming' /t'eu/ ScG. teodhadh
- chea 'fleeing' /t'e:/ Ir. teicheadh
ch eh 'hot' /t'e:/ Ir. te
- cleiy 'digging' /klei/ OIr. claide
cloie 'playing' /klei/ Ir. cluiche
- coar 'decent' /ko:r/ Ir. cóir
coar 'heron' /ko:r/ OIr. corr
- da 'to, for' /de:/ Ir. do
daa 'two' /de:/ Ir. dó
daah 'dyeing' /de:/ OIr. dathad
- darrag 'fishing line' /darag/ cf. Ir. dorga
darrag 'oak' /darag/ Ir. daróg
- dooyrt 'said' /du:t/, /dut/ Ir. dubhairt
dooyt 'doubt' /du:t/, /dut/ fr. ME.
- feeagh 'worth' /fi:x/ ScG. fiach
feeagh 'raven' /fi:x/ Ir. fiach
- fee 'weaving' /fi:/ Ir. fighe
feh 'muscle' /fi:/ Ir. féith
- feie 'wild' /fei/ cf. ScG. fiadhaich
fuygh 'wood' /fei/ OIr. fiod

feeu 'worth' /fju:/ Ir. fiú
fieau 'waiting' /fju:/ Ir. feitheamh
foast 'yet, still' /fo:s/ Ir. fós
foays 'benefit' /fo:s/ Ir. feabhas
gah 'sting' /ge:/ Ir. gath
ga 'although' /ge:/ Ir. gé
glass 'grey' /glas/ Ir. glas
glass 'lock' /glas/ Ir. glas
goan 'words' /go:n/ ScG. guthan
goan 'scarce' /go:n/ Ir. gann
greie 'tool' /grei/ Ir. gréith
graih 'love' /grei/ cf. Ir. grádh
keeill 'church' /k'i:l/ Ir. cill
keeayll 'senses' /k'i:l/ Ir. ciall
keyl 'narrow' /ki:l/ Ir. caol
keyll 'wood, orchard' /ki:l/ Ir. coill
chied 'first' /k'ed/ Ir. céad
kied 'permission' /k'ed/ Ir. cead
laair 'mare' /le:r/ Ir. láir
laare 'floor' /le:r/ Ir. lár
lag 'slow' /lag/ Ir. lag
lagg 'hollow' /lag/ Ir. lag
laa 'day' /le:/ Ir. lá
lah 'lad' /le:/ Ir. láth
leoaie 'lead' /lei/ Ir. luaidh
leoie 'ashes' /lei/ Ir. luaith
lheie 'melting' /lei/ Ir. leaghadh
leih 'forgiving' /lei/ OIr. do-luigi, Ir. loth
leigh 'law' /lei/ ScG. lagh
lhey 'calf' /lei/ Ir. laogh
lhie 'lying' /lai/ ScG. laighe
lhiy 'colt' /lai/ cf. ScG. loth

- lhiass 'need' /l'a:s/ Ir. leas
lhiasst 'slothful' /l'a:s/ ScG. leasg
mean 'middle' /me:n/ Ir. meadhon
meinn 'meal' /me:n/ OIr. men
nhee 'thing' /n'i:/ Ir. ní
níee 'washing' /n'i:/ Ir. nighe
noi 'against' /nai/ Ir. i n-aghaidh
nuy 'nine' /nai/ Ir. naoi
oaie 'grave' /ei/ Ir. uaigh
oie 'night' /ei/ Ir. oidhche
oor 'hour' /u:r/ Ir. uair
oor 'fresh' /u:r/ Ir. úr
ooir 'soil' /u:r/ Ir. úr, úir
rea 'flat' /re:/ Ir. réidh
rea 'ram' /re:/ Ir. reithe
sey 'stirring' /sei/ Ir. suathadh
soie 'sitting' /sei/ Ir. suidhe
shee 'fairies' /s'i:/ Ir. sídhe
shee 'peace' /s'i:/ OIr. síd
shleeu 'whetting' /s'l'u:/ cf. Ir. liomhadh
slicau 'mountain' /s'l'u:/ Ir. sliabh
skeeah 'vomit' /ski:/ cf. Ir. scéith
skee 'tired' /ski:/ ScG. sgíth
teigh 'axe' /tei/ Ir. tuagh
teiy 'picking' /tei/ Ir. toghadh
traie 'shore' /trei/ Ir. tráigh
treih 'sad' /trei/ Ir. truagh

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APPENDIX A

C A T A L O G U E O F T E X T - S O U R C E S

- V - Vienna Recordings (made on wax cylinders nos. 1072, 1088-96 from 5th-8th August 1909)
- M - Marstrander Recordings (made on wax cylinders Jan./Feb. 1933; surviving cyl. of Harry Kelly, Cregneash(qv); Marstrander Collection (in phonetic script) (Cat. as M + vol. no. + page no(s).; coll. made June-Sept. 1929, Aug./Sept. 1930, Jan./Feb. 1933).
- M.Di. - Marstrander's Diary (of visits 1929, 1930, 1933).
- IFC - Irish Folklore Commission Recordings (made on wax discs between 22nd April and 5th May 1948; Cat. nos. refer to tape copies in Manx Museum archives).
- MM - Manx Museum Recordings (made on paper tapes 1950-52).
- YCG - Yn Cheshaght Ghailckagh Recordings (made on paper tapes 1951-53).
- PR - Private Recordings (1 - made in 1947; 2 - made c.1960; 3 - made on 13.06.1962).
- LSS - Linguistic Survey of Scotland Recordings (made on poly-ethylene tapes in Aug. 1972).

SPEAKERS FROM THE NORTH

THOMAS CHRISTIAN (The Carter), Ramsey

Material collected between 25.06. and 08.09.1929; Marstrander Coll.

1. Christie Sayle M.II.835-37
2. Creg ny Baa M.II.863-65
3. Splitting Oaks M.II.917, 921
4. Man who sought alms M.II.931-33
5. Harry Yalderan M.II.937
6. The Buggane of Gob ny Scuit M.II.949-51
7. Giving thanks to God M.II.953-55
8. Origin of the name Ballajora M.II.959, 963
9. Juan Christeen of Lewaigue M.II.965-71
10. Customs relating to May Day M.II.973-75
11. Blessing the fishing boats M.II.975
12. Blessing a horse fatigued by the fairies M.II.975

13. Priest curing a cow M.II.977
14. Keeping in with the fairies M.II.979
15. Well on Maughold Head M.II.981
16. Boat stranded on the shore M.II.982-83, 987
17. Keeping the fire lit M.II.994
18. Banjagh M.II.1117 (recte 1017)
19. The lazy man M.II.1119 (1019)
20. Some family details M.II.1085-91
21. Firing stones at trees M.II.1091-93
22. Ghost unable to cross newly ploughed field M.II.1095
23. Fisherman coming home with his clothes wet M.II.1095
24. Scaa dorrys M.II.1097
25. Pig of plenty M.II.1097-99
26. Rowan brings luck to fishermen M.II.1099
27. The Glashtyn M.II.1001 (recte 1101)
28. Gadflies M.II.1006 (1106)
29. Birds and hawthorn berries M.II.1008 (1108)
30. Small house on the Barony M.II.1011 (1111)
31. The Tarroo-ushtey M.II.1015-17 (1115-17)
32. The dung-beetle M.II.1019 (1119)
33. Making a mollag M.II.1121
34. Striking the foreman M.II.1121
35. A riddle M.II.1125
36. Another riddle M.II.1125
37. A children's rhyme M.II.1125
38. John Kerruish M.II.1127-33
39. Billy Hudn M.II.1139-41
40. How the 'Adam's Apple' came to be M.II.1141-43
41. Perick ny Molgyn M.II.1144-45
42. Humpy Mitçhooragh M.II.1150-51
43. The Woman in White M.II.1161-67
44. About lambs M.II.1167
45. Wild mustard M.II.1171
46. Tom Christory M.II.1173-75
47. An Irish card-sharp M.II.1177
48. Marking sheep serviced by the ram M.II.1181
49. Rumboo M.II.1183-87
50. Custom re christening a child M.II.1187

51. Murderer, murderer M.II.1188
52. Rachel M.II.1189-91
53. About a large swamp M.II.1191
54. A tired man coming home M.II.1203
55. Jemmy Quine M.II.1205
56. An old shepherd M.II.1217
57. A curse M.II.1226
58. Stocking herring on St. John's Day M.II.1237
59. Mannin Veg Veen (frag.) M.II.1237
60. Playing at see-saws M.II.1238
61. About a hare M.II.1241-42
62. Pipe and tobacco M.II.1267
63. Earning a piece of bread and cheese M.II.1268
64. Making a whistle from willow M.II.1269
65. Making a soddag M.II.1270
66. Making bonnag M.II.1271
67. Sollaghyn M.II.1272-73
68. Goadng slow oxen M.II.1274
69. The sow of Dhoon Skylley Maghal M.II.1291-92
70. The Manx Fairy M.II.1305-6
71. Lighting a fire M.II.1321
72. Going to a woman charmer M.II.1351-54
73. The Meillia M.II.1361-64
74. About the primrose M.II.1365-67
75. An old woman from the Jalloo M.II.1369
76. The marsh penny-wort M.II.1371
77. A man from Balnahowin M.II.1397
78. Chewing pea-pods M.II.1401
79. Making oatmeal M.II.1403
80. A blessing M.II.1409
81. Mohlt y gynsaghey M.II.1422-23
82. Va yn dow buirroogh M.II.1412
83. Cum ort, gad! M.II.795
84. Arrane Oie Vie (frag.) M.II.737

JOHN KNEEN (The Gaaue), Ballaugh

1. His 'Vita' in brief YCG.1 ([30].11.1951)

2. Going to school at Jurby YCG.1
3. Working at the smithy YCG.1
4. Money earned at the smithy YCG.1
5. Going to Douglas 1 YCG.1
6. Going to Douglas 2 MM.32 (25.02.1952)
7. Cutting turf YCG.2 ([30].11.1951)
8. Dancing and playing music YCG.2
9. At Castle Rushen YCG.2
10. Bus to Peel YCG.2
11. Harvesting the corn YCG.3 (20.01.1952)
12. Preparing the corn for use YCG.3
13. Building sod-houses YCG.3
14. Making houses for the poor YCG.3
15. Took by the fairies YCG.4 (20.01.1952)
16. Fairy Fair at Ballaugh 1 YCG.4
17. Fairy Fair at Ballaugh 2 MM.32 (25.02.1952); also frag. on PR.1 (1947)
18. Fairies under Ballaugh Bridge YCG.4; also MM.32
19. The Tarroo-ushtey YCG.4
20. Smuggling whiskey YCG.5 (20.01.1952)
21. Collecting dust at the crossroads YCG.5
22. Row oo ec y margey? YCG.5
23. Thurot as Elliott YCG.5
24. Fishing boats leaving from Gob Gorrym YCG.6 (April 1952)
25. Making loaves of bread YCG.6
26. Poor man who left thousands YCG.6
27. Seeing a car for the first time YCG.7 (?May 1952)
28. Drowned in the Mersey YCG.7
29. Doing penance at church IFC.38 (Apr./May 1948)
30. Old smithy at Coan ny Kishtey, Andreas IFC.38
31. Getting turf from Snaefell IFC.38
32. Number of smiths in the north of Man IFC.951¹ (Apr./May 1948).
33. Working on the farm IFC.951
34. Managing at home in the old days PR.1 (1947)

1. This is the LSS cat. no., but as it contains IFC material it is so classed here.

HARRY BOYDE, Ballaugh

1. Chased by the bishop's dog MM.25 (?1950)
2. Father and son MM.25
3. Man and his dog MM.25
4. Juan Mooar Ety MM.25
5. Born at Bishop's Court MM.25
6. Man who was drunk MM.25
7. Two men hunting rabbits MM.25
8. Man about to die intestate IFC.36 (Apr./May 1948); last sentence from MM.25
9. Woman who was fond of the drink IFC.38
10. Cleator Brothers IFC.38
11. Building hedges IFC.39 (Apr./May 1948)
12. Putting pigs into the field IFC.39
13. Thinning turnips IFC.39
14. Setting potatoes IFC.39
15. Talking about the weather IFC.39
16. Pigs in a coalsack IFC.39
17. Woman who married twice IFC.39
18. Old Mess YCG.14 (May 1952)
19. Man who woke up blind YCG.15 (May 1952)
20. Man who wanted to drown himself YCG.15; also YCG.16 (20.11.51)

JOHN TOM KAIGHIN, Ballagarrett, Bride

1. Preparing the land for sowing MM.22 (Feb. 1950)
2. Going to Ramsey MM.22
3. Reaping corn MM.22
4. Learning English at school MM.22
5. Putting sheep to the mountain YCG.19 (1952); longer version on MM.22; a shorter version on MM.35 (01.02.1951)
6. Parson and the pig MM.22; other versions on MM.35, IFC.951, PR.1
7. Smoking out the schoolhouse MM.22
8. Cracking the churchbell at Bride MM.22; also YCG.18 (1952)
9. Going to school barefoot MM.22
10. A Manxman's prayer IFC.951
11. Farmwork IFC.951
12. Thatching a house IFC.951

13. Fair at Kirk Bride IFC.951
14. Going to the shore IFC.951
15. Saggyrt Qualteragh YCG.17 (17.01.1952)
16. Prices of various commodities YCG.17
17. Moving to Ballagarrett YCG.17
18. Building the new church at Bride YCG.18 (1952)
19. Put to shame for not having Manx YCG.18
20. Preacher keeping a lodging house in Douglas YCG.19 (1952)
21. Illiam y Close preaching in the south of the Island YCG.19
22. Putting geese to the mountain YCG.20 (1953)
23. What was eaten and drunk in the old days YCG.20
24. Speculating at Ramsey YCG.20
25. Man who kept sheep on the Mooragh YCG.20

Mrs ANNIE KNEALE, Ballagarrett, Bride

1. Poddash pishyragh IFC.36; also frag. on IFC.39
2. Juan Gawne IFC.39 (twice)
3. Colbagh breck er sthrap (song frag.) IFC.39; also IFC.36
4. An Irishman's toast IFC.39

DANNY CAINE, Little London, Kirk Michael

Recorded in Ramsey

1. O Yee, cur skianyn credjue dou (frag.) YCG.21 (?April 1952)
2. Some sayings YCG.21
3. Lord's Prayer (frag.) YCG.21
4. Christmas greeting YCG.21

JOHN CAIN, Ballamoar, Jurby

Marstrander Coll.; material coll. 02.02.1933

1. Arrane er Inneenyn Eirinee (song frag.) M.IV.2637
2. Children's rhyme M.IV.2632-33
3. The Manx Fairy (song frag.) M.IV.2624
4. Hie son Skylley Breeshey (song frag.) M.IV.2625
5. Colbagh breck er sthrap (song frag.) M.IV.2635
6. Lord's Prayer M.IV.2635

WILLIAM COWLEY, Kirk Christ Lezayre

1. Myr s'liauyr yn oie geuree (song frag.) V.1088 (06.08.1909)
2. Goll dy schoill V.1088

JOHN CHRISTIAN, Sulby Glen, Lezayre

1. Lord's Prayer M.Di.45 (20.06.1929)

JAMES KEWLEY, Maughold

1. Cre'n sorçh dy 'wreck' (song frag.) M.Di.52 (21.06.1929)

JOHN NELSON, Ramsey

1. Tom learning his ABC V.1093 (08.08.1909)
2. Ny Kirree fo Niaghtey (song frag.) V.1094 (08.08.1909)

WILLIAM QUANE, Peel

1. Lord's Prayer (frag.) M.IV.2564 (28.01.1933)

SPEAKERS FROM THE SOUTH

HARRY KELLY, Cregneash (rec. Sept. 1930. Cyl. rec. end Jan. 1933)

1. His 'Vita' M.III } M.III.1807-35 (31.08.1930)
2. Fishing customs and practices } Cyl. 8-16 (25-28.01.1933)
3. The Slouree M.III.1866
4. Graih my chree (song frag.) M.III.1901
5. Processing wool M.III.1917-8
6. Farmwork M.III.1926
7. Oh, soieym seose syn uinnag (song frag.) M.III.1929
8. Shee as fea M.III.1929; Cyl.17
9. Illiam M.III.1930
10. Catching birds M.III.1996
11. The Tarroo-ushtey M.III.2011; Cyl.4 (25.01.1933)
12. Beisht y Kione Dhoo M.III.2012; Cyl.5 (25.01.1933)
13. Shannon Rea (song frag.) M.III.1931-32; Cyl.5
14. Two fishermen at sea M.III.1939
15. Lord's Prayer M.III.1971; Cyl.6 (25.01.1933)
16. Cha beeym's ayns aggle geddyn baase M-Cyl.3 (25.01.1933)
17. Vermayd caabyl dys yn anker (frag.) M.Cyl.17 (28.01.1933)
18. As lhig da'n corp shoh geddyn baase M.Cyl.19 (28.01.1933)

19. Ny Kirree fo Niaghtey (song frag.) Lines 1-2 M.Cyl.24
(28.01.1933); Lines 3-4 M.III.1874
20. Some sentences M.Cyls.2, 3

NED MADDRELL, Glenchass, Port St. Mary

1. About people in Cregneash and on the Calf of Man YCG.8
(02.03.1952)
2. How Cregneash got its name YCG.8
3. First visit to Laxey YCG.8
4. The fishing boat 'New Leader' YCG.8
5. The White Boys YCG.8
6. Learned Manx from an old aunt YCG.9 (02.03.1952)
7. Who speaks Manx now? YCG.9
8. First visit to Fleshwick YCG.10 ([02.03].1952)
9. A man with whiskers called Keig YCG.10
10. Neddy Hom Ruy YCG.10
11. Selling fish in Ireland YCG.10
12. Buying provisions in Scotland YCG.10; also LSS.902
in English
13. Going to the fishing YCG.10; also PR.2 (c.1960)
14. Woman who wanted to hear the Lord's Prayer in Manx YCG.12
(18.02.1953)
15. Lord's Prayer YCG.12; also IFC.38, PR.1, LSS.903 (17.08.1972)
16. Brig Lily (song frag.) YCG.12; also IFC.40 (Apr/May 1948),
PR.1
17. Arrane mysh coayl ny baatyn-eeastee (frag.) YCG.12; also
IFC.40, LSS.902
18. Wanting boats repaired YCG.12
19. Ned prepared to cut his veins YCG.12
20. Row shiu ec y vargey? YCG.12
21. Man who wanted to get by the fire YCG.12
22. Visiting his great-grandmother YCG.13 (18.02.1953)
23. Falling down the stairs YCG.13
24. Putting cuirn-crosses behind door to keep out fairies YCG.13
25. Living with an old aunt YCG.13; also YCG.30 (1947 - contain-
ing material not on PR.1)
26. Ned's jingle a) YCG.13; also YCG.30, IFC.40
b) LSS.903
27. Forgetting some of his Manx YCG.13
28. At the fishing in Ireland YCG.13

29. Caillagh ny Drommag YCG.13
30. Killing a sheep belonging to Billy Bill Harry YCG.13
31. Using Manx when not wanting others to understand YCG.13
32. Telling a man off for lying in bed YCG.30 (1947)
33. Charlotte Christie YCG.30
34. Going with the old fishermen IFC.40
35. Sun rising in the west IFC.40
36. Children's rhymes IFC.40
37. A proverb PR.3 (13.06.1962)
38. Ovens and onions PR.3
39. Man who left plenty of money PR.3
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Mrs ELEANOR KARRAN, Cregneash

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TOM KARRAN, Cregneash (rec. in Peel Road, Douglas)

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Mrs EMILY LOWEY, Kirkill, Rushen

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THOMAS TAGGART, Grenaby (rec. Aug./sept. 1930)

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JOSEPH WOODWORTH, Port Erin (rec. Aug./Sept. 1930)

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ADDENDUM TO VOL. 2 : DICTIONARY

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As mentioned on p. xxvi of the Introduction in Vol. 1, it was my intention to provide for those scholars unfamiliar with Manx an index of what are felt to be, where applicable, the (nearest) Gaelic equivalents (whether Old, Middle, or Modern Irish, or Scottish Gaelic) of the Manx forms in the Dictionary. It must not be assumed, however, that such equivalents give any indication of the etymology of the Manx forms, though granted in some cases this may be so. If the Modern Irish and Scottish Gaelic equivalents are the same the Irish form is usually given; in some cases both forms are given. The orthography used for the Old and Middle Irish items is that of RIA DIL, for Modern Irish usually that of Dinneen's Dictionary, and for Scottish Gaelic that of Dwelly's Dictionary. The map references in the Dictionary refer to Heinrich Wagner Linguistic Atlas and Survey of Irish Dialects vol. 1 (Dublin 1959; reprint 1981: Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies). Abbreviations used below can be found in the list in Vol. 1.

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APPENDIX C

ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA
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p. xvii fn. 8: John Kneen was born at St. Jude's, Andreas, on 5th November 1852, according to the late Mrs Florrie Morris of Ramsey, one of his daughters.

p. xix section F: Ewan Christian died in mid January 1985 at the White Hoe Hospital, Douglas.

p. xxiv §2 for 'it is then translated' read 'it is usually translated'.

p. xxvii: add the following two minor northern speakers:

CC : Caesar Cashen, Peel

Ki : Mr Killip, Sulby

p. 34 §50: kiaulteenyn is probably a triple plural, as the first element is (Ir.) ceall the orig. nom. sg. form.

p. 39 §62: add: g. slane: [ən slɛdn 'bɔ:l] 'the entire place', [tɛ: slɛdn 'pa:l't'eyq] 'he has really plenty'.

h. ynrican: [mə 'inrəkən 'ɛ:dn] 'my only lamb'

p. 56 §89 regarding the pronouns she and shee, add: In some examples cited above these forms follow final /-x/ in the preceding word. As /x/ can develop into [ʃ], cf. aght 'way, method' [a:x], [a:ʃ], the sibilant in she, shee could here at any rate be a function of /x/.

p. 92 §131 pret. dep. of goll: for 'sg. 1' read 'pl. 1'.

p. 94 §136 after '... danger around' add: It can also be followed by the substantive vb. + pers. pn., e.g. [ʃe dɪn'ə 'dɔ:iax tɛ] 'he is a decent fellow'

p. 111: to the adv. of manner not taking dy add: car y chree/ car y cree [ha 'nel ad gobərax k'a:rə 'kri: niʃ] 'they don't work with all their heart now'.

- p. 119 §166 add: pirriagh: [te pɛ:riax fu:ɹ] 'it is awfully cold'.
- p. 159 §260: for (i.e. third sg. masc.) read (i.e. third masc.).
- p. 162 §265: for 'In monosyllables' read 'In stressed monosyllables'.
- p. 163 §266: for 'in monosyllables' read 'in stressed monosyllables'.

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- p. 8 s. ANE add: Ir. aon
- p. 15 s. AW for [aɹ] read [aɹ]
- p. 16 insert AYNS: [us, os, uns, ɹns] etc. - in, into; for uses v. Grammar.
- p. 59 s. CAM add: Ir. cam
- p. 67 s. CHA N'EEAGH for 'it is not worth' read 'is not worth'
s. CHA N'EEU for 'it is not worth' read 'is not worth'
- p. 76 s. ÇHIBBYR add: ScG. tiobar
s. ÇHIBBYRT add: ScG. tiobairt
- p. 144 s. EH add: Ir. é, ScG. è.
- p. 150 s. ER-LHIAM add: ScG. ar leam
- p. 208 s. GRAIH add the meaning 'love'!
- p. 220 s. HIE for 'pret. dep.' read 'pret. indep.'
s. HIG add: ScG. thig.
- p. 225 s. IS for 'it is' read 'is'.
- p. 295 s. MEE add: ScG. mi.
- p. 300 insert MISH: [mi], mI]JK, NM - I, me; emph. Ir. mise.
- p. 325 s. NOGHT for [nak] read [nax].
- p. 359 s. RAAD add: ScG. rathad
- p. 365 s. REN add ScG. rinn
- p. 375 s. ROSHTYN add: ScG. ruigsinn (with metath. in Mx. refl.)
- p. 390 s. SHAGHEY add: Ir. seacha

- p. 405 s. SHLISSAG add: Nlr. sliosag
- p. 415 s. SLIEAU add: ScG. sleibhtean.
- p. 416 s. SLUGGEY add: slogadh
- p. 458 s. TRAAUE for [tʰr^əʒu] read [tʰr^eʒy].
- p. 463 insert TROGH: [trɔ:x]HK - trough. E.
- p. 471 s. VEES add: ScG. bhitheas.

