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PROFESSOR GUSTAV BURCHARDI MEETS SOPHIA MORRISON (1910)

Professor Gustav Burchardi, Ph.D., Berlin and Paris, the well-known German philologist, was in Peel on Tuesday last. Professor Burchardi, who is a member of the Manx Language Society, is now writing a work about the number systems in the Indo-European languages, which will appear in some months' time. He thinks the Keltic systems are of the greatest value in this department, and that the Manx number system is the most valuable of all, and is closely related to that of the Czechs and Bretons. If the Czechs too are Celts, that throws fresh light on Bohemianism! The Professor had an interview with Miss Morrison when in Peel.

“Professor Gustav Burchardi” *Peel City Guardian* 16 April 1910: 5c.

Whilst Gustav Burchardi could be described as “well-known” in 1910, now he is just a name to be puzzled over. That said, he was sufficiently interested in the Celtic languages and Manx such that he visited the Island, and as reported here, “had an interview with Miss Morrison when in Peel.”

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