

**Title:**

Ronague, Isle of Man

**Shelfmark:**

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**Description:**

Amanda expresses her dismay at the lack of discipline she sees in children at the time this recording was made in the 1950s compared with the strictness of her upbringing in the closing years of the 19th century. Ballabeg is a village south of Ronague.

**Lexis:**

*pictures* = cinema; *harvest-home* = local festival; *right* = proper; *yet* = still, now as formerly

**Phonology:**

occasional H-dropping; very occasional rhoticity; geminate consonant (*latter* [latt@])

FACE [e:]; GOAT [o:]; MOUTH [{u]

note also *our* [A`:] and *ours* [A`:z], *contentED* [kQntEnt@d], *work* [w@`:k], *years* [jI@z], *education* [Eduke:S=n] and *right* [r/eIt]

**Grammar:**

*there was* + plural complement (*there was no murders; there was no cinemas; there wasn't even pictures; there was pictures then*); *there is* + plural complement (*there's no manners*)

determiner, those → *them* (*and them kinds of things; in them days*)

double subjunctive (*if we would have done the things* = if we had done the things)

preterite *seen* (*I never seen such children*)

have as full verb (*we hadn't education*)

zero determiner (*we hadn't \_ education* = we hadn't any education)

to be + past participle (*I was left school at thirteen; I was left at thirteen to work = I left*)