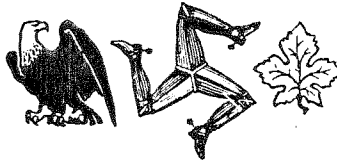


# BULLETIN

## of The North American Manx Association

# Christmas



# Greetings

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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The Christmas season reminds us that the year is drawing to a close and another year is about to be ushered in. With this thought in mind, I wish to present to our membership and those of our readers who are not yet affiliated, a brief review of our years' work and our aspirations for 1934.

### Looking Backward

First we sincerely thank:

The 615 members, the donors to our Special Christmas Bulletin and those whose contributions made our Souvenir Book possible for the financial and moral support that made our year so successful.

Our Honorary President, A. B. Crookall, Esq., Douglas, Isle of Man, for his generous financial support and helpful advice.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. under leadership of Mrs. A. Callow, Toronto. Through their efforts a goodly sum of money was raised to help carry on our work.

Our past president, John R. Cain, of Cleveland. May we express our gratitude and appreciation of a good job well done. He inaugurated the Cleveland membership drive with the Regional Directors which created a wonderful interest in our Association and established a record of 192 paid memberships for the Cleveland District—50 of whom had never before been affiliated with the N.A.M.A. Selling the Association to Manx friends was his hobby and by his perseverance he did much to popularize the N.A.M.A. on this continent. It was a pleasure to be so closely associated with him and the other executives in this work. Besides setting a new membership record, a spirit of goodwill and sincere cooperation prevailed at all times.

The executive officers of all the Manx Societies who were always ready to give us their full support, and the regional directors who did all possible to increase our membership.

The 63 members of the Toronto Society who joined the N.A.M.A. in a group. We greatly appreciate this wonderful support, and invite our other Manx Societies to follow this fine example.

Our Chicago Convention was a great success—the most interesting reunion yet held because of the high grade entertainment, the many new members present, the splendid re-

ports and the fine spirit of good will that prevailed. The banquet was attended by 252. The Chicago Society turned over to the N.A.M.A. a surplus of \$408.46. Again many thanks everyone!



ART. B. KELLY

Secretary of the N. A. M. A. since its inception.

Born at Ballagick, Kirk Santor, Isle of Man.  
Son of late Alderman John and Mary E. Kelly,  
later of Douglas and Road Island, Braddan.

It was our pleasure to help inaugurate a new society at Seattle, Washington, which now has a splendid membership. Also at Peoria, Illinois which has gotten away to a good start. The North Eastern Ohio Manx Society recently inaugurated a junior society, which has been named the Mona's Junior Society. Nine new societies have been inaugurated since the formation of the N.A.M.A.—a fine record.

Our first Manx National Night dedicated to our Manx poet, T. E. Brown, was a great success.

The inauguration of our "Breakfast Club" will do much to create interest with many of our members.

We have opened a Junior membership for which all Manx children under 18 years are eligible. The dues are only 25 cents a year. We invite all young people to join.

The year of 1933, although the most trying economic period in the history

of our continent was the most encouraging for our association. We reached our highest membership and are now past the construction stage and well on our way to build a monument which will be a credit to our Manx people.

### Looking Forward

Future progress for the N.A.M.A. is assured. At Chicago we elected our first Canadian president, James Y. Mann, of Winnipeg, who has always been keenly interested in the N.A.M.A. and we ask for him the same loyal support that has been accorded us in past years.

The Detroit-Windsor Society is working hard to make our seventh convention the biggest, best and happiest Manx Convention. They have the full cooperation of the City Officials and promise to make your visit to the Border Cities a memorial one. We hope our Honorary President, Mr. A. B. Crookall, will head a party from the Isle of Man. Many innovations are in store for those who attend. Come and meet your many Manx friends—feel that joy that comes from greeting again those you have not seen for a long time.

Many inspiring letters from all over the Continent lead us to believe many more communities will have new societies before convention time.

This N.A.M.A. of ours is spreading rapidly. Let's make 1934 a banner year. We need the continued cooperation of all Manx Societies and Manx people to keep this good work going forward.

We hope you enjoy our Bulletin. During the year we mailed over 12,000 copies. We wish it were possible to send you this little paper monthly. Won't those of our readers who have not already subscribed by sending in their dollar, please fill in the application blank in this issue—better still get your friends to fill one in too, and this additional revenue will make this a reality.

Let's adopt the slogan for 1934—"Surely 1000 members"—it can be done with your help. In this true spirit of friendship and kinship, I extend the old, old wish to Manx people everywhere—the Happiest Christmas you have ever known, and Good Health and Good Fortune in the New Year.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

ART. B. KELLY,

Secretary N.A.M.A.

# Christmas Message From Our President

My Dear Friends:

Once again it is Christmas time and with it my opportunity through our Bulletin of wishing all old friends and fellow members the old, old wish and to express my hopes that the coming year will usher in a new measure of hope and prosperity to you all.

Let me hope that the messages you will read in our Bulletin will help and comfort all who read them.

We have a wonderful organization in the N.A.M.A. banded together as we are for no other reason than love of our fellow man having no selfish motives, but merely that love and esteem which we have for all things Manx and all that this word stands for. It can never be said that the present generation of Manx people on this continent are not doing all in their power to spread that patriotic

spirit among their people and instill into the coming generation that love and respect for "Manxland" that their parents hold so dear.

That this has been done in the past is proved by the number of members who attend the convention year after year who were actually born on this continent and do they enjoy themselves. What a pleasure it is to meet old school fellows after an interval of twenty to twenty-five years or even longer and talk over those the happiest days of our life when we did not know the meaning of depression and only partially understood hard times. Hard they may have been, but they were happy days all the same.

Let us all band ourselves together and give our support to our Association so that in the future we can with pride look back on these dark days and realize that we did our

part in keeping together and building for the future during one of the hardest and most trying periods in our time.

And now a word of thanks to my fellow officers both past and present, who have worked so hard in all our interests. A single officer can accomplish very little unless he can count on the whole-hearted cooperation of his colleagues and this has been willingly given to me thereby making the work which I love so well more easy and pleasant to perform.

To all Manx people I send my best wishes and sincerely hope that brighter and more prosperous days are in store for you all and may God grant that your days may be long to enjoy them.

Sincerely and Fraternally,

JAMES Y. MANN,

President N.A.M.A.

## N. A. M. A. Executive Extend Season's Greetings

### From Our First Vice-President

For centuries, the people of our own Manx race have resided upon dear Mona's Isle, a happy and contented folk. Many ambitious Manx young people and their friends have, however, year after year, said good-bye to native land, and dear ones, and departed for distant lands to make their homes. A large percentage of this migration was to the North American continent. No figures are available to us to disclose just what proportion came to America. Doubtless it was large. For many years, small individual groups of Manx people here, have been held together in friendly social fellowship, yet, not until the formation of the North American Manx Association, were these groups brought into close contact with each other. No effective means was available for the transmission of information, and news of interest, to all these various groups or localities. The advent of the BULLETIN very finely provided this means of friendly interchange of thought.

Through the printed pages of this ever interesting publication, we are enabled to extend our Holiday Greetings to our friends and countrymen throughout this great continent, and even across the broad Atlantic to dear Ellan Vannin itself. And may I express the fond hope that the day be not long distant when contact between Manxmen the whole world round shall be an accomplished fact. Then each year at this happy Christmas season, we may picture a beacon light of Manx Cheer and Good Will encircling the world and uniting Manx folks everywhere to the homeland, and to each other, in one great common bond of fellowship.

Thus to our Kith and Kin steadfastly remaining on the dear Isle of Man, we Manx of North America send our affectionate holiday greeting; and to our fellow Manxmen and women of Great Britain, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, or wherever you may abide this whole world round, we salute you in true Manx sincerity, and bid you thank God, for your great heritage of Manx ancestry and the proud history of a Nation, small in area and population, yet vast in faith, love and helpfulness—those enduring qualities of Manx character that shall live as long as the race itself. A Merry Christmas to you and yours, and may your lives be filled with happiness!

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS C. KELLY,

Vice-President.

### From Our Second Vice-President

I wish at this jovial season of the year to extend my heartiest good wishes to all my Manx friends everywhere, especially to the officers and members of those societies recently organized. I join and rejoice with them in the fellowship which our association affords us.

May one and all enjoy a merry Yuletide and more prosperous New Year.

ROBT. J. QUAYLE, Second Vice Pres.

### From Our Third Vice-President

Christ was born in the world at a time when the old religions were losing their hold upon the people. Here and there some flickering light sprang up but it soon died down and left humanity in deep despair and hopelessness. Then the light began to shine in Bethlehem's pastures and at once a veritable springtime of song and joy began. There was the song of Mary the Mother: "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

There was the song of the aged Simeon as he took the Baby Jesus into his arms, on the temple steps, "Lord now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation and old Zacharias began to sing; "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people."

Everywhere songs of rejoicing broke forth. From that day to this Christmas has been the Feast of Gladness. Our Christmas anthems are the echoes of their old songs. The glory of Bethlehem's skies is reflected in our beautiful Church. God's great gift to man inspires our gifts as we go about wishing everyone a merry Christmas. If we could only realize that the Christmas joy is not only the true Christmas spirit, but the true Christian spirit, then all this unselfishness would cease, and these happy faces that we see everywhere on Jesus birthday should be our constant joy and practice. In no other year have we needed the Christmas spirit of joy and unselfishness more than this year, when so many families are poverty stricken, sorrowing, and depressed through no fault of their own. The joy of Christmas giving should be our greatest joy and our daily practice. There is no place in the N.A.M.A. for pessimism, discouragement, and despondency. The emphatic word from the beginning of the N.A.M.A. is "Preserve." Preserve that joy, rejoice and be glad. Lift up your hearts, with song. The old prophecies echo

in our hearts today and find their meaning in our true Christmas giving, so on Christmas day with this spirit in your hearts may your gifts be inspired by the spirit of the Christ-child and may the Christmas joy be yours today and every day thereafter.

May the Christmas season bring you good health and happiness, and the New Year prosperity.

R. H. CORKILL, Third Vice-Pres.

### From Our Past President

Christmas is the reawakening of good will and friendliness everywhere. We unconsciously turn our thoughts to the things worthwhile and radiate happiness and good fellowship to all mankind.

It makes us think of the happiest things in life and the greatest joy I feel is that at no time in history have the Manx people of the world been more closely drawn together in the ties of kinship.

Our established societies are living up to the highest ideals of their founders, and are being supported by the Manx of their communities in a wonderful manner. New societies are being formed in all parts of the world, "Our own dear Ellan Vannin, with its green hills by the sea" is being made more dear to us every day.

The N.A.M.A. is gaining new friends and keeping the old. We have had a splendid year, rich in accomplishments. The future of our Association is assured and is in capable hands.

In this friendly spirit, I extend to the members of the N.A.M.A. and to all Manx people, and to those they love, my sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas Season and trust the New Year will bring to you the best life has to offer—Health and Happiness.

Very sincerely,

JOHN R. CAIN, Past President.

### From Our Treasurer

Another year is coming to a close with its memories and accomplishments. To most of us they are happy ones, while others have had to pass through trials and tribulations.

May the joy of Christmas tide be our portion, and the coming year bring us new hope and good cheer.

Sincerely yours,

FRED BOYDE, Treasurer.

# First National Manx Night A Great Success

## Winnipeg

Friday, November 10th, we held our Manx National Night, planned by the N.A.M.A. to honor the memory of our beloved poet and patriot, T. E. Brown, and to bind closer together the Manx of the North American continent, for quite a number of other Manx societies were meeting that same evening.

The programme included the following items: Reading from "Betsy Lee," R. W. Killey; song, Jack Lindsay; recitation, "The Ranther's Goose," and "When Childer Plays," Mrs. R. W. Killey; song, Mrs. H. W. Cowley; readings from T. E. Brown, Mr. E. Moore; song, Billy Lindsay; recitation, Mrs. Piper; song, Miss Elsie Callow; violin solo from the "Manx Airs" by Hadyn Wood, by Mr. Tom Cottier.

Dances were also given by Miss Evelyn Kissack and Miss Francis Harvey: The Highland Fling and the Irish Jig. Miss Mary Mann acted as accompanist for the evening.

Following the concert, refreshments were served, gingerbread horses an' everything; dancing followed, and a very enjoyable evening came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

President James Mann delivered a fine message and invited full cooperation with the N.A.M.A.

We send a greeting to all kindred societies and join in wishing all our Manx friends, far and near, a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year.

E. C. CORKAN, Secretary.

## Cleveland

This annual night sponsored by the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, was held Friday evening, November 10, at the Pilgrim Congregational Church, and took the form of an old fashioned tea-party, concert, broadcast and dance with over 300 attending.

J. Edwin Kelly, president of the society ably presided and a very entertaining program was enjoyed. The artists were Misses Helen and Ruth Harrison of Painesville, Miss Margaret Shearer of Mentor, Mrs. Alex Cannell of Bay Village and Edwin Kelly of Cleveland. Jack Hridson, President of the Akron Manx Society, gave two very interesting Manx sketches.

Rev. W. D. Dickens Lewis, pastor of Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights, gave a wonderful address which everyone present appreciated, on Manxland's Poet Laureate. Walter J. Quilliam presided at the piano.

The tea tables, sponsored by all our Manx Societies of Northern Ohio, were very tastefully decorated. The ladies responsible did a very fine job. There was plenty to eat of the old time bunloaf, seed and flour cake, etc., kindly donated by the ladies. The prize offered for the best decorated table was awarded to a Mona's Mutual Benefit Society table, sponsored by Mrs. F. Nelson, Mrs. R. Cool, Mrs. C. Sutton, and Mrs. R. Cowin, of Cleveland.

Souvenirs from the Isle of Man were drawn for and created quite an interest, everyone wanting to take one home.

Through the courtesy of radio station WGAR, Cleveland, a fifteen minute program was broadcast from this station and heard at our meeting through the radio kindly installed by the Higbee Company. J. R. Cain, past president of the N.A.M.A., gave a wonderful descriptive talk of our Island Home, one of the most interesting yet heard. Miss Evelyn Christian sang "Ellan Vannin" as we have never heard it sang before. Robert Quayle sang the old favorite, "Ramsey Town," with that inspired feeling and effect as only he can do. Mrs. Goodbread accompanied splendidly and played parts of Hadyn Wood's "Manx Rhapsody" to introduce and conclude the program, all of which was greatly appreciated by everybody present.

Dancing followed until midnight to the delightful music of Chief Cook's orchestra of Painesville.

Great credit is due Mrs. J. R. Cain, as chairman of the Ladies' Committee and the lady hosts, helpers, and friends interested for their donations and cooperation which helped the committee to make this meeting a success.

## Toronto

The annual tea-party and concert held at the Jesse Ketchum Hall was a big success. The tables were well supplied with cakes, sandwiches, and fruit, all donated by the lady members.

Mr. A. Callow, president, who had just returned from a trip to the Pacific coast with Mrs. Callow, was warmly greeted and acted as chairman. It was most encouraging to see so many old friends present.

A wonderful program was arranged, the sixteen numbers being very much appreciated. A special rendering the "Pride of Port La Murra" and "The Manx Wedding" by Mr. R. Fick, were very much enjoyed. Mrs. Gordon Downward was the accompanist.

Dancing followed until midnight. Many enjoyed the old time "Lancers" which reminded us of the good old times away back on the Island.

We were pleased to have with us visitors from Hamilton, Ontario. Mr. Callow made reference to a Hamilton Manx Society and promised the united support of the Toronto Society.

The 130 present spent a very pleasant evening.

J. G. DOWNWARD, Secretary.

## San Francisco

Our evening together on Nov. 10th was a huge success when ninety-seven members were present and several letters were read from members unable to be with us for various reasons.

A splendid picture of T. E. Brown adorned the walls and also the Manx flag was in evidence. The president gave a reading on the life of T. E. Brown and Mr. Josh. Colvin favored us with readings from his work including the "Peel Lifeboat" which was very well done with plenty of the dramatic spirit. Mrs. Stokes and Mrs. Rhodes sang several songs and duets and we had some convivial community singing after which supper was served which consisted of good Manx Bonnag, Cakes, Gingerbread, etc.

We certainly had a wonderful evening and it was a huge success. We are hoping to have a good Christmas party next month when we hope to "hire a hall."

ESSIE QUAYLE,

1537 20th Ave., San Francisco, Cal.

## Arizona

The night of November 10th was the beginning of what I believe will be the best thing that has really happened to draw the Manx people together in this community.

Mr. Caley and I got together and mailed out invitations to attend our Manx National Night. Over 30 attended and everybody enjoyed themselves. We joined in the singing of the songs of the Homeland. I managed to get a book of Manx songs from Mrs. James Kennaugh, the only one of its kind in our state.

We decided to form a society and arranged to meet the second Friday of each month. Our next meeting to be held in December when we will elect officers and outline a program of proceedings.

Now you will be hearing from the Bisbee Manx every month and shall send you a list of our newly elected officers and the names of members and their place of birth in the Isle of Man. I hope to have good news for you next month as I have realized a dream I envisioned many months ago.

Best wishes to the N.A.M.A.

ARNOLD CORRIN,  
Box 3332, Lowell, Arizona.

## Vancouver

A very enjoyable evening was spent Friday, Nov. 10th, dedicated to the memory of our beloved poet T. E. Brown.

The entertainment was provided by our juveniles, even a junior member was chairman of the concert. Dancing followed and everybody enjoyed a wonderful evening. We invite all Vancouver Manx people to join with us in our annual banquet, concert and dance, New Year's Day.

This is the big night every year for our society.

NORMAN BUNT, Secretary.

## London, Ontario

A T. E. Brown night was held by the London (Ont.) Manx Society at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Kissack on Hollontide Night. In spite of the inclement weather a nice crowd gathered to honor the memory of our own Manx poet, who has done so much to keep alive "whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage."

Mr. P. Kissack very ably recited "When Childer Play" and Mrs. R. J. Quayle contributed a comprehensive paper on the life of the celebrated poet. A discussion took place on the merits of various Manx poets in which all took part.

Supper was served by Mrs. P. Kissack, assisted by Mrs. Tom Kissack.

PHILIP KISSACK, President.

## Detroit - Windsor

The annual dinner was held this year at the Bethany Church, Detroit. About 95 Manx folk and friends attended despite the very inclement weather that prevailed. Judge and Mrs. Alva R. Corlett, of Cleveland, were welcome visitors. We greatly enjoyed Judge Corlett's interesting and inspiring talk. We were also pleased to have with us another good Manxman, Rev. Collister of Howell, Mich., who acted as toastmaster. Talks were also given by the British Consul and the American Counsel. Mr. Dick Corkill, our genial secretary, gave us a talk on Tom Brown which was very interesting.

## Chicago

Our Tom Brown Night was a big success.

A fine program included an interesting talk on T. E. Brown by Llewellyn Jones; a duet, "Dear Isle of Mona," by Misses Annie and Winifred Comish; the solos, "Old Oaks Amoving," "Little Woman of Mine," and "Green-eyed Dragon," by George Anderson; a reading, "Tea Party in Michael Street, Peel," Miss Annie Kerruish; a solo, "Carry Me Back to Ellan Vannin," Mr. Crosby Kelly; a solo, "Hush My Darling," Miss Florence Comish; and the solos, "Asleep in the Deep," and "Pharaoh Let My People Go," by W. J. Stevenson.

Mrs. W. J. Stevenson ably presided at the piano.

The community singing led by George Anderson was very much enjoyed, and brought to a close a most pleasant evening.

FRED BOYDE, Treasurer.

## Seattle

Manx National Night dedicated to T. E. Brown was held at the home of Mrs. Lily Wade Robbins, over 30 being present. Mrs. Annie Moore Stewart rendered the poem "Just the Shy" and was very much enjoyed by all present.

Luncheon was served and later cards were played till late. The following officers were elected: Claude Clague, President; James Cubbon, Vice President; Mrs. Lily Wade Robbins, Secretary and Treasurer, 6016 18th Ave., South Seattle.

## Edmonton, Alberta

We had our first meeting November 10th, Manx National Night, and had a very pleasant time together.

Mr. C. S. Sayle was appointed chairman to arrange for another meeting November 30th. I wish to report that at this second meeting the Edmonton Manx Society was formed. We had quite a "cooish," and elected Mr. Sayle president.

A. Lewthwaite, Mrs. A. Galland and W. Cleator were appointed executive officers.

Our regular meeting night will be the last Thursday in each month and through the Bulletin may we invite all Edmonton Manx people to join with us.

ARTHUR TEARE,  
10863 93rd Street.

In addition to the above Peoria, Illinois and Buffalo also held very fine meetings.



# Bringing Christmas Cl

From Our Honorary President



A. B. CROOKALL

Peace on earth, goodwill to all men, with sincere wishes for better world conditions.

Be strong, and untiring in your efforts to do good among your fellow men.

Seek happiness by bringing it to others. Try to look on the bright side and keep smiling.

With best wishes for the success and happiness of the members of the N.A.M.A.

Yours sincerely,

A. B. CROOKALL,

"Woodlands," Douglas,  
Isle of Man.

## Mona's Relief Society Cleveland

The Mona's Relief Society is grateful for the opportunity afforded it through the N.A.M.A. Bulletin to extend the season's greetings to our countrymen and women the whole world over.

The year now fast dying out brought with it many opportunities for service and sacrifice by our people, which have been accepted in a spirit worthy of our great heritage, but we are now confidently looking forward to the dawn of a new day, when our faith and courage will be abundantly rewarded and our hopes and expectations in part at least be realized. And now while we are anxiously watching for the first gleam of the rising sun that will bring with it that new and better day, let us reflect for a while upon our present blessings of which we all have many, rather than upon our past misfortunes of which we all have some.

We join in wishing that the N.A.M.A. will find its Christmas stocking chuck full of assurances that the coming year will be one of even greater success than it has ever been in the past; also that all our people may enjoy a full measure of health and happiness.

ROBERT GORRY, President,  
AMY C. QUAYLE, Secretary,  
1880 Chapman Ave., E. Cleveland.

## Ladies' Auxiliary, Mona's Relief Society, Cleveland

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland, extends season's greetings to all kindred societies and Manx friends everywhere.

The past two years have drawn very heavily on the society's finances and we are pleased and grateful we were able to respond and carry on with our work.

We have suffered through the loss by death of many of our valued members, so through the Bulletin, may I make an appeal to our Cleveland ladies to join our society.

We will be pleased to welcome you to membership.

MARY L. HAMPTON, President.  
AMY C. QUAYLE, Secretary,  
1880 Chapman Ave., East Cleveland.

## Mona's Mutual Benefit Society Cleveland

Greeting—to our Manx people. Again we approach the end of another year, and soon will enter upon a new one. We should feel gratified that, despite changing conditions, and more or less chaos, our societies continue to prosper. Indeed, the strenuous times through which we are passing give us a greater opportunity for co-operation, effort, and a renewed interest in our work. Let us ever keep in the forefront that which is indestructible—fellowship and goodwill. May we justify the best traditions of the Manx people by the proper application of the Christmas spirit.

Best wishes for a happy Christmas, and a brighter New Year.

J. EDWIN KELLY, President.  
R. W. SKILLICORN, Secretary,  
4192 E. 96th Street.

## Chicago

Once again the Chicago Manx Society extends its heartiest Christmas greetings and best wishes to all Manx Societies and Manx friends throughout the world. May the coming new year bring with it good health and more prosperous times to each and every one.

We again congratulate the N.A.M.A. in the great work it has accomplished within these few short years. It has created a NEW Deal among ourselves as a people.

Through its conventions we meet and learn to know each other. Through its bulletins—particularly this season of the year, when our thoughts are more often drifting homeward—it has made it possible for us all to exchange greetings and best wishes on a broader scale.

We therefore extend to the N.A.M.A. also our best wishes for a still greater and more prosperous year than ever before.

Sincerely yours,

P. M. WATTERSON, President.  
FRED BOYDE, Secretary,  
5044 W. Superior Street.

## Edmonton, Alberta

We extend to Manx people everywhere sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. SAYLE, President.  
ARTHUR TEARE, Secretary,  
10863 93rd Street.

## Winnipeg

The Winnipeg Manx Society meets on the first Thursday of every month, from October to April, and they are very friendly affairs. It takes the form of a whist drive, followed with refreshments, after which some of the folk dance, while others sit and have a lil' cooish, renewing old acquaintances and reviving fond memories of their dear Ellan Vannin.

At our opening meeting of the season Mr. Mann, president of the N.A.M.A., gave a splendid report on the Chicago Convention. His remarks were interesting and the Manx in Canada, more especially in Winnipeg, are very proud of the honor paid to Mr. Mann, the first Canadian to fill this responsible position.

So far this season we have had two whist drives, one on October 5th and one on November 2nd.

Wishing all our Manx friends far and near, a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year.

J. E. FICK, President.  
E. C. CORKAN, Secretary,  
277 Machray Avenue.

## Detroit - Windsor

Detroit-Windsor Manx Society extends to all kindred societies and Manx people everywhere greetings for a very merry Xmas and a happy New Year. We also extend a hearty invitation to be with us for our 1934 Convention.

We will be delighted to meet and greet you.

R. K. MERCER, President,  
R. H. CORKILL, Secretary,  
14176 Hene Ave., Detroit.

## North Eastern Ohio Society

There are Christmas memories,  
That cluster round our doors,  
Memories of old friends and new,  
That come to us once more.  
So here we are sending them  
The season's Christmas cheer,  
Here's wishing all our Manx friends  
A prosperous glad New Year.

ALBERT KILLEY, President.  
MRS. G. W. SMITH, Secretary,  
535 Mentor Ave., Painesville, O.

## Albany, N. Y.

We send our greetings on to you  
Though Manx in Albany be few  
We're loyal to our country first,  
Then to the land that gave us birth.  
There's Sayles and Kellys, and Braydens too,  
All Manxmen, loyal, brave and true  
Quirk, and Quayle, and Skillicon  
We greet you on this Christmas morn.

Sincerely yours,

WM. S. QUIRK.

## Montreal

The Montreal Manx Society extends to the North American Manx Association and all affiliated societies hearty Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

MONA CREGEEN,  
Honorary Secretary,  
1402 Canora St., Mount Royal, Que.

# er = From Far and Near



## Los Angeles

On behalf of the officers and members of our society away in the golden west, may we extend to all our kindred societies and to Manx people everywhere a very merry Xmas and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

T. DONALD BAIN, President,  
5019 Halldale Ave.

It is a wonderful experience in itself to get into the spirit of Christmas. I am writing the music and words of a Manx anthem which my father and mother (Wm. Caine and Mary Ann Coole Cairne, Kirk Michael), sang and taught the neighbors. For many years this group sang this particular Manx anthem "Glory to God in the Highest," which is similar to that in the oratorio "The Messiah" of the same name, every Christmas in a little country church near Odell, Illinois. I always sat in the front seat—completely thrilled. Of course they had no written music and I was so very young then, and as I haven't heard it for 35 years or more (I just wonder now if I have given too much detail), I am not too sure of the melody and repeats. I hope to have our Manx choir sing it at our Xmas meeting. All these years I have been thinking how romantic were the beginnings of English literature when ballad singer handed down from generation to generation—some bit of history, an heroic tale, or a comic episode—all unwritten and perhaps enlarged with each rendition. Who knows but that I am doing much the same thing. Could any Christmas message from me be any richer than this. May all who read this message sing again a Manx anthem or a Manx carol in fond remembrance of the lil old island with its famous choirs and bequeath it and all good Manx music to coming generations. May the best in Manx literature too, be transferred to those worthy of it.

Nothing gives me more pleasure and honor than as secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society to extend the heartiest of holiday greetings to all Manx people.

MARY ANN CAINE,  
Los Angeles Manx Society.  
714 So. Flower St., Inglewood, California.

## Toronto

To Manx people everywhere, I extend the greetings of the season and best wishes for happiness in the coming year.

A. CALLOW, President.  
J. G. DOWNWARD, Secretary,  
209 Kennedy Road.

## Bisbee, Arizona

Sincere Christmas Greetings from the Manx people of Arizona, and may the New Year bring Happiness.

ARNOLD CORRIN,  
Box 3332 Lowell.

## Mona's Junior Society Painesville, Ohio

Greetings from the Mona's Junior Society. Our organization is only three months old, but we can wish you just as much happiness for Christmas and the coming year as though we were three years old. We will need lots of help from our Manx friends and relatives to make our new organization successful. Although our abilities may be limited our ambition knows no bounds.

Very sincerely yours,  
KENNETH QUINE, President.  
MARLIN CRELLIN, Secretary.

## Ladies' Auxiliary to the N. A. M. A.

As president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, I wish to make an appeal to the ladies of all the societies of the N.A.M.A. to try to help make the Windsor Convention a great success. Last year the ladies were a great help, and with a little activity we should do just as well this year. Wishing all a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

MRS. A. CALLOW, President,  
Toronto.

MISS ADA CHRISTIAN, Secretary,  
3018 Scarborough Road,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

## N. A. M. A. Breakfast Club

The N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club takes pleasure in extending greetings to officers and members of the N.A.M.A. Let's strive for a thousand members by next convention time, and support our new president one hundred per cent.

For the year 1934 may there dawn a new era of peace and good-will for all nations. Within the homes of Manx people in all lands May the candle glow  
Shine like the star of long ago,  
And in their hearts may there abide  
The peace and joy of Christmas-tide.

ALICE J. CORLETT.  
12008 Thornwood Ave., Cleveland.

We appreciate this privilege of sending into every home our Christmas greeting. May there be a spirit of goodwill and kindness everywhere, and may happiness abide for ever.

RICHARD H. CORKILL,  
14176 Ilene, Detroit.

## Buffalo, N. Y.

What a happy feeling prevails when men meet with a slap on the back and a handshake.

In that same spirit may these few lines from the Buffalo Manx Folks at this Christmas time send happy memories and cheerful thoughts to every Manx person everywhere, with the hope that the year 1934 may find us all happier and more strongly bonded together.

C. G. KERRUSH, President.  
272 Huntington Avenue.

## San Francisco

To all Manx Societies and friends we kinfolk in San Francisco send hearty greetings and warm wishes for a real jolly old fashioned Christmas and a New Year full of prosperity and happiness.

May the year dawn bright with promise of abundant joy to all Manx people the world over is the sincere wish of the Manx Society of San Francisco.

CHARLES H. KERMODE, President.  
ESSIE QUAYLE, Secretary.  
1537 20th Avenue.

## Seattle

To wish you all the joys of the season and a New Year ever bright with the sunshine of happiness.

"In future days where e'er we wend  
Our ways prosperity attend.  
What can we say that will give you pleasure,  
Our wish is as old as the ancient hills,  
May every hour hold a hidden treasure,  
And sunlight dance on a thousand rills."

For all our Manx folk where e'er they be.  
CLAUDE CLAGUE, President.  
LILY WADE ROBBINS, Secretary.  
6016 18th Avenue, South Seattle.

## Cleveland Manx Juniors

The Cleveland Junior Manx Society extends greetings and best wishes for a happy holiday season, and for bright and sunny days throughout the coming year.

ALAN FRICK, President.  
ELINOR CAIN, Secretary,  
488 East 126th Street.

## Vancouver

The Vancouver Manx society extends the best of good wishes for a happy and joyous Christmas and a most pleasant and prosperous New Year to all Manx people throughout Canada and the United States, with the hope that the Detroit-Windsor convention next year will further the cause of cementing more firmly the bonds between the Manx people of this continent.

J. H. CONNOR, President.  
NORMAN BUNT, Secretary.  
421 44th E.

I recall the old Christmas song of my childhood days, which expresses my thoughts at this season of the year:

"I wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year.  
Your pockets full of money,  
And your cellars full of cheer,  
Long may you live,  
And happy may you be;  
With your heart content,  
And your fortune free."

Yours sincerely,  
ROBERT H. GREGGOR,  
1452 13th Ave. West, Vancouver, B. C.

## Akron, Ohio

May we, the officers and members of the above society, send greetings to all members and friends of the N. A. M. A., and to all kindred societies and Manx people everywhere, a very Merry Christmas and a bigger and brighter New Year?

JACK BRIDSON, President.  
MRS. E. HOUSEL, Secretary.  
32 Willard Street.

## Peoria, Illinois

As the newest Manx Society affiliated with the N. A. M. A., we extend greetings to Manx people everywhere.

REV. JOHN CALEY CRAINE, President,  
Princeville, Ill.  
MISS GLADYS CARTER, Secretary,  
Brimfield, Ill.

## Milwaukee, Wisconsin

We were very pleased to have had the privilege of attending the Convention at Chicago and meeting such a wonderful bunch of Manx Americans. My wife and I had a grand time and assure the Manx people of North America, that they, like ourselves who have never attended such a gathering, surely are missing a treat as no other body of people can give.

I am a full fledged American citizen and love the land of adoption but can never forget the land of my birth.

We send you greetings from a few Manx in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and wish all of those who come across from the old home to a new home, God's best blessings for a glorious Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours very truly,  
JAMES H. KILLEY,  
Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Juvenile Court, Milwaukee.

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**Toronto**

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to write a few lines for the Christmas Bulletin to tell what a great organization the N.A.M.A. really is. Following the Convention in Chicago, Mrs. Callow and I attended the World's Fair after which we went on to California. In Oakland we stayed with Mrs. Callow's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Naughton, who are members of the San Francisco Society. We were about two weeks in Oakland when Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kermodé and Mr. and Mrs. J. Callow of San Francisco came to visit us and invited us to attend a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kermodé. There we met the Misses Iris and Dorothy Corkill, Mr. Harold Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cain, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cottler, Mrs. Lancaster, Mr. and Mrs. Lavine, Mrs. W. Wood and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle and enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

We attended the meeting of the society held September 21st, at American Hall, San Francisco, where we received a very happy welcome. This well attended meeting opened with the singing of the Manx National Anthem.

When called upon by the president, Mr. Kermodé, I told their members of the N.A.M.A. Convention in Chicago. Mrs. Callow told them of the fine work done by our Ladies' Auxiliary. After refreshments, the meeting came to a close with the singing of "Ellan Vannin," "Ramsey Town," "I'm a Native of Peel" and the "Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn."

We arrived in Los Angeles October 2nd, very sorry to learn that Mrs. Dan. Teare had passed away while we were in Oakland. When Mr. Donald Bain and Mr. J. E. Storey came to our hotel to see us, Mr. Bain invited us to the meeting which was held in his home on Friday evening, October 6th. At this committee meeting we were most pleased to meet twenty-two members of the society.

Mr. Bain took Miss Marion Teare and us for a very enjoyable drive on Saturday up the mountains overlooking the Pacific Ocean and then to Long Beach, the scene of the earthquakes.

It was indeed a great pleasure to meet so many Manx people, members of the N.A.M.A. such a long way from home.

A CALLOW, President,  
 Toronto Manx Society.

**Study Club**

A new movement was set in motion by the Winnipeg Manx Society on Friday, Dec. 1st, in the formation of a "Study Club" under the direction of Mr. Edward Moore (Peel). The object being to make our members more familiar with their origin and old Manx customs and folklore.

A committee was formed and a most delightful evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore and to listen to the able discourse was to realize that Ed has given a lot of thought and considerable time to this subject.

**Quebec**

It was a great disappointment for me not to have been one of the lucky ones to have been in on that wonderful convention at Chicago. I didn't seem to realize all they meant to me until I was forced to miss one, and to you folks who have never attended one of these annual events, get busy and make every effort to be at Windsor this coming year, for I'm sure you will feel the same as I do, after having attended one, you never like missing another; they become a habit, but a very nice habit, I must say.

Success to the workers of the Windsor Society. You will feel your efforts have been well rewarded, after the convention, knowing you have given so many of your own kinsfolk so much happiness and pleasant memories. This is the time of year our thoughts go out to those people and places which are most dear to us and by means of this wonderful little Bulletin.

I want to convey to all friends whom I have met through the N.A.M.A. my sincerest of good wishes for a very happy Xmas and a most bright and prosperous New Year.

MRS. DOROTHY BENSON,  
 160 Maison Neuve, Quebec City.

**Interesting News Item**

The following item appeared in the Mona's Herald of August 22, 1933 and will be interesting to many readers of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin, more so as part of this family are living on the American continent:

August 25, 1858.

First Manx Reaping Machine  
 "The first successful reaping machine made on the island was tried out last week and proved to be equal in every way to its English rivals. It was made by Mr. Thomas Teare, a clever smith, at the Cronk, Ballaugh; the woodwork by Mr. P. Kelly, an ingenious wheelwright of Kirk Michael, to both of whose skill in their respective crafts it does much credit. It is now at work at Ballasteen, Andreas, having been made for Mr. Quarry."

The sender of this article knew all of these gentlemen and the riding ponies, King George and Robin Hood, also a Canadian bred driving mare, was often shod by Mr. Teare.

CANUCK.

**My Own Dear Native Land**

(Air: "On Wings of Song," Mendelssohn)

Deep draughts of love I send thee,  
 O Mona, my dear land,  
 On mem'ry's scroll I tend thee  
 Far, far on foreign strand;  
 No stormy seas can sever  
 The ties by Mona bound,  
 And joy and peace shall ever  
 In thoughts of thee be found.

In childhood's hours I wandered  
 By Sodrick's rocky shore,  
 And happy days I've squandered  
 Where white-capped billow roars;  
 'Twas on thy purple mountains,  
 Proud source of crystal streams,  
 And by thy fairy fountains,  
 I dreamed my youthful dreams.

Sweet home of faith and duty,  
 Where kindness is rife,  
 Green isle of deathless beauty,  
 I love thee more than life:  
 May God the Father guard thee  
 Safe in His mighty hand,  
 And Christ forever guide thee,  
 My own dear native land.

JOHN HENRY QUINE.

Rochester, New York

**Information, Please**

I am writing to ask you if you can locate some of my mother's relatives. The last news we had was during the War when the address was of one Mr. John Watterson, Coal Bluff, Indiana, and his sister, Mrs. Ellen Kermodé, who lived near. Her husband is dead. If alive, they are about 80 years old. My mother is 86 and has been constantly asking about them.

My uncle was at one time at a place called Jasonville. Perhaps some of their children are still there. I often read about your Manx gatherings, and wonder if I could trace any of the family in that way.

My mother, Annie, would be very glad of some news, as she is the only one left of the family of Watterson.

Thank you for any inquiries you may make for us.

MRS. MAGGIE SAYLE,  
 21 Hatfield Grove, Douglas, I.O.M.

**In Memoriam**

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden passing of Mrs. Molly Christian, wife of Rev. William Christian of Hopewell, Ohio, on October 23rd.

Mrs. Christian, a very earnest Church worker, with a pleasing personality, was loved by all her friends and interested in all Manx activities.

To her husband, daughter, son, and relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy.

With deep regret we report the passing of Walter C. Crebbin, 1958 Hilton Road, Colonial Heights, Ohio, on October 25th. He was always interested in Cleveland Manx Activities, and was a past president of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society and a member of the N.A.M.A. since its inception.

To his widow, relatives and many friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

We regret to report the passing away of our member, William D. Beck of Aspen, Colorado, on September 27th. Mr. Beck was born at Laxey, Isle of Man, and left there 35 years ago to settle in Aspen. He was held in high esteem and greatly beloved by his fellow citizens.

To his widow, daughter and relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy.

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden passing of that grand Manx lady, Miss Jennie Radcliffe of 1303 E. 110th street, Cleveland, on September 16th. Miss Radcliffe was one of the pioneer members of the Mona's Relief Society and of its Ladies' Auxiliary, and an interested member of the N.A.M.A. To all relatives and many friends, we extend our sympathy.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mrs. Dora Radcliffe Hudgeon, widow of the late Thomas Hudgeon, 3618 Washington Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio, on October 28th, after a brief illness. Mrs. Hudgeon was born at Peel, the daughter of the late William Radcliffe, in 1865.

She has always been interested in Manx affairs, and attended our Sixth Convention in Chicago with her daughter, Eleanor. To her eight children and other relatives, we extend our deepest sympathy.

We regret to report the passing of Mrs. Philip Kerruish, 272 Huntington Avenue, Buffalo, N. Y., one of the oldest members of the Buffalo Society and mother of its president, C. G. Kerruish. Mrs. Kerruish passed on November 4th, as the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. She was of a kindly disposition and beloved by all with whom she came into contact.

To her husband and family, we extend our sincere sympathy.

One of Toronto's best loved Manx ladies, Mrs. William Kelly, of 121 Gough Avenue, passed on October 9th. Mrs. Kelly had been an invalid for 17 years but had endeared herself to all by her cheery disposition.

She was a loyal member of the Toronto Manx Society, many of whose members attended the funeral.

To her mother, Mrs. L. Fayle; her husband and daughter, Mona, we extend our sympathy.

We regret to record the passing of one of the most prominent members of the Chicago Manx Society, Mr. Samuel Webber, 2147 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Ill., who died suddenly on November 29th. Mr. Webber has been an enthusiastic member of the N. A. M. A. since its inception. Both he and Mrs. Webber have attended every convention, including the Homecoming in 1930.

To his widow and loved ones, we extend our sympathy.

Mrs. William Skillicorn, Toronto, who put aside her own sufferings that she might minister to the sufferings of her bed-ridden son, died September 22 from cancer. Her son is Jack Skillicorn, young carillonneur, who on June 3, 1930, in a dive into the Ottawa River, dislocated his spine and still is confined to bed.

Mr. Skillicorn was assistant Dominion carillonneur, and the youngest in Canada. Since he was injured more than three years ago, Mrs. Skillicorn had nursed him continuously, though suffering intense pain at times.

"If Victoria Crosses were awarded to women, she is one who should have had it," said the father.

To the relatives we extend our sympathy.



## AN APPRECIATION

This special Christmas Bulletin has been made possible through the generosity of the good friends listed below. They take this opportunity to wish you—

A Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year!

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May we sincerely say "thank you" for your kindly cooperation and support.

### Cleveland Combined Societies Annual Manx Festival

The eighty-third annual festival of the combined Manx Societies was held at Pilgrim Church Friday evening, December 8th, and was one of the most interesting Manx evenings held in our city.

Over 250 sat down to a well served and enjoyable dinner, after which a very delightful entertainment was given. Allen Corlett, former State Representative, was chairman and his short stories were enjoyed by everybody.

The speaker was Ed. Bang, well known sports writer of the Cleveland News, whose interesting talk on sports newspaper work and his many Manx friends was something new and greatly appreciated. Robert Gorry, president of the Mona's Relief Society, gave a short talk on the aims and objects of the Cleveland Manx Societies, and detailed the wonderful work each society is doing to help our people in these times of depression. He extended a hearty invitation to all to become members to help in the good work being done. The soloists, who were very much enjoyed, were Miss Dorothy Roberts and George B. Stran. Lois Quiggin recited in her usual fine style and was well received. Steve and Leonard gave duet accordion selections which were much appreciated.

Dancing was enjoyed until midnight to the wonderful music of Tomson's Orchestra. Miss Marion Teare of Los Angeles, who is returning to the Isle of Man, was an interested visitor, and we were pleased to have her with us.

The committee is to be congratulated on an enjoyable evening well spent. Mr. W. Harry Kelly was chairman of arrangements.

## FROM HERE AND THERE

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred A. Corkish, 67 Broad street, New York:—"Sorry we were unable to make the Chicago Convention. However we had such a grand time at the Buffalo Convention it will take mountains of business to prevent us being at Windsor next year. Best wishes and greeting to the N.A.M.A."

Rev. John J. Lacey, 684 So. Williams St., Denver, Colorado:—"Enclosed find my subscription to the Bulletin. I appreciate this little paper very much and would not be without it. I belong to the oldest generation but frequently observe names which are familiar and like to see the Manx representatives successful and recognized. Success to the N.A.M.A."

Thomas Stephen, 312 Market St., Camden, N. Y.:—"Enclosed find subscription dedicated to the memory of that grand old Manxman Thomas Stephen the first who left the blessed Isle of Man about 1810, raised eight good Americans who helped to build America and whose last prayer was in Manx, praying for the welfare of the place of his birth and the Manx people."

Mrs. E. C. Corkan, 277 Machway Ave., Winnipeg, Man., Canada:—"Enclosed find membership for Thos. H. Corkan and three junior memberships for Tom, Betty and Juan. We thoroughly enjoy the Bulletin and find many items of interest in same. Wishing you a successful year with increased membership."

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Karran, Box 208, Smithdown Branch, Long Island, N. Y.:—"Enclosed please find check for our birthdays with a little one for good measure. We thoroughly enjoyed the Chicago convention are looking forward to the Detroit-Windsor event. Greetings to all friends."

Mrs. M. A. Reimer, 2504 Marlborough Rd., Cleveland Heights:—"Enclosed find check for five dollars to renew membership for myself and Mrs. Werner of Sandusky. Please apply balance to Xmas Bulletin to help the good cause along. With best wishes for the coming year."

B. Quattrough, 198 Spence St., Winnipeg, Man., Canada:—"Enclosed please find my membership. The Bulletin is very much enjoyed. Was glad to hear the convention was successful. Kind regards to all friends."

John T. Shimmmin and Family, 6544 Perry Ave., Chicago, Ill.:—"Please find five dollars subscription to Bulletin for our family. Anything we can do for the N.A.M.A. do not hesitate to call on us. Regards and Xmas greetings to all friends."

A. W. Gleaves, 656 Seymour St., Vancouver, B. C.:—"Enclosed find my subscription to the Bulletin again, it is a pleasure."

Pleased to read the convention was a success. Accept my congratulations on the success of the N.A.M.A. Wishing all friends the compliments of the season."

Annie Brayden, 98 Morris St., Albany, N.Y.:—"Enclosed find subscription for mother and myself for the Bulletin and another to help towards the Xmas edition, which we very much enjoy. My mother is the daughter of the late John Christian Wheelwright of Ballaslegg, Kirk Andrews. I am also the grand daughter of the late Capt. Thos. Brayden for many years Harbor master at Ramsey. Greetings and kind regards to all friends."

Leece Clucas, 1583 Fifth St., Muskegon, Michigan:—"Enclosed find my subscription. We enjoy the Bulletin. Wishing all Manx people and the N.A.M.A. greetings and success."

Mrs. Charlotte S. Ashman, 308 Barker Ave., Peoria, Ill.:—"The Bulletin came and I sat down and read every word of it. The spirit of the convention which we so much enjoyed was all there. The Bulletin meant more than ever to us than before. After meeting all those Manx friends in Chicago. Success to the N.A.M.A."

Richard Wade, 2540 Manistique Ave., Detroit, Mich.:—"Enclosed find membership for mother, brother, and myself. Had a wonderful time at the Chicago Convention but we will have a better time at Windsor next year. 'Come on Over'."

Robt. S. Killey, Treasurer, Pitkin County, Aspen, Colorado:—"It is with deep regret I report the sudden passing of our Kinsman W. D. Beck, whose death is a great blow to our city and his many friends. This was shown by the large numbers in attendance at his funeral. Enclosed find my dues. Here's hoping for a prosperous year for the N.A.M.A. Greetings to all friends."

A. A. Kelly, 33 Berkeley Rd., Maplewood, N. J.:—"Enclosed find my dollar for membership to the N.A.M.A. I was born in the Isle of Man and came to the United States with my parents when very young and have only a few recollections of the Island but its history, traditions and beauty have always appealed to me."

Mr. and Mrs. T. Jones, Ox Pasture Hill Farm, Rowley, Mass.:—"The enclosed two dollars are for membership dues to the N.A.M.A. for Mrs. Jones and myself. We do enjoy meeting friends at the conventions and all being well, we hope to attend the meetings at Windsor next summer. In the meantime, we expect to keep in touch with events through the Bulletin which is greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work."

## Automobile Accident

We regret to report a very serious automobile accident at Greenwich, Ohio, Monday evening, Oct. 23rd.

Rev. W. H. and Mrs. Christian of Hopewell, Ohio, were driving home after visiting friends at Willard, Ohio. Owing to the dimming of bright lights when passing another automobile Mr. Christian did not discern a truck standing on the highway without lights (we are informed). His car collided with same.

Mrs. Christian was killed instantly. Mr. Christian very seriously hurt, was removed to Willard hospital.

We are pleased to report Rev. Christian has been removed back to his home, but still is in a very serious condition.

May we hope for a speedy recovery.

Request From Douglas  
Isle of Man

"I have been asked by the Manx Museum if it is possible to get the following programs and badges in connection with N. A. M. A. Conventions

Cleveland, 1928—Badge and Souvenir Program.

Toronto, 1929—Badge.

Douglas, 1930—Souvenir Program.

Buffalo, 1931—Badge.

London, 1932—Badge.

Perhaps some of our readers have one of these to spare and would forward same to:

T. R. RADCLIFFE, Editor,

I. O. M. Examiner."



## AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT



After reading the messages of Manx friends from all over the Continent, you will readily realize the possibilities of a national organization. We have gotten away to a good start, but must continue to build up our membership to insure future success. Do your part in making our goal of 1000 members before next Convention time a reality by giving to one person among your many Manx friends a membership card for 1934. As each issue of our Bulletin comes to them, they will again be reminded of your thoughtfulness.

Enclosed find \$1.00 for the membership of:

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Mail to ART B. KELLY, Secretary, 2711 Dover Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Canadian Membership to ROBERT J. QUAYLE, 589 Hamilton Road, London, Ontario.



## A Christmas Prayer

God of our fathers: with the shepherds of Bethlehem, we offer Thee our reverent adoration. We give thanks for a gracious providence by which we come again to the season of The Nativity. We bless Thee for Thy unspeakable gift; that this world can never be wholly dark since He has come; and for the manifest aspiration and purposeful endeavor in our time toward "peace and good will among men."

Sanctify to us the return of Christmas. May it bring back to all, especially to us of a common ancestral heritage, sweet memories of childhood, gratitude for home and parents, regard for worship, a revival of personal devotion. May it awaken our Christian faith, inflame our spiritual zeal, restore our complete allegiance to Him,—no longer the babe of obscurity nor the martyr of prejudice but The King eternal, immortal, invisible; Mediator, Savior, Lord.

May Thy blessing rest upon all Manx people everywhere, not only in the Homeland but scattered throughout the earth. May they continue to cherish and to exemplify the acknowledged virtues of their race,—piety, honor, integrity, patriotism. May they likewise continue to be good exemplars of duty, merit the confidence of their fellow citizens and enjoy the favor of God.—Amen!

REV. JOHN J. LACE,  
681 So. Williams St., Denver, Colo.

## Los Angeles

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles Manx Society was held in the I.O.O.F. building on Friday, November 24, 1933, with Mr. T. Donald Bain, presiding. A good attendance of one hundred fifty persons anticipated a royal entertainment from the Canadian Legion which provided the turns and orchestra for dancing. The arrangements for the evening were in charge of Mr. Arthur Callister and Mr. Richard Pilkington who had left no stone unturned to make the evening a success.

After the opening ode was sung, with Mrs. Edwin Storey presiding at the piano, the necessary business was dispensed with as rapidly as possible. Interesting communications were read from the president of the N.A.M.A., Mr. James Mann, from the secretary Mr. Arthur B. Kelly, and from the third vice-president Mr. Richard Corkill.

Mrs. George Marmon then presented a pair of lovely metal book ends with the Manx legs in bronze which had been donated by Mr. Wm. Cormack and Mr. Jack Christian for the raffle. \$10 was received from this for the society. The recipient, who was a lady among our Canadian friends, was very highly pleased with the prize.

The following enjoyable program was presented by the Hollywood and the Culver City posts; reading by Rev. Frank Wood, State Chaplain of the Canadian Legion; Songs by Pinky Pilky of the Warren Doomed Comedies, accompanied by his wife Mrs. Tom Pilkington; dance by Miss Norma Bentley, accompanied by Mrs. Storey; solos by Mr. Joe Marks, accompanied by Mr. Henry Lock; comic dance by Miss Norma Bentley; song by Mr. Hood, accompanied by Mrs. Storey; solos by Mr. Dave Young, accompanied by Mrs. Tom Pilkington; novelty acts, consisting of songs, acrobatics, Spanish dance, toe dance, and clog, ending with the duo hula dance in costume, presented through the courtesy of Francho and Marco, by the little Misses Gwenth Verdon and Beverly Payse, accompanied by Miss Quallie Eaton.

After this wonderful entertainment, refreshments were served.

The Canadians and Manx people proved themselves good companions for the rest of the evening until midnight brought to a close the lively dancing to the excellent music furnished by the Canadian Legion orchestra. The large hall was scarcely able to contain the circle of friends as they joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

MARY ANN CAINE,

Secretary.

Ten memberships were enclosed with this report. Thanks, Los Angeles.

## The Late Mrs. Daniel Teare

On Monday afternoon, October 2nd, 1933, more than four score members and friends of the Los Angeles Manx Society assembled at "The Little Church of the Flowers" in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, to pay our last tribute of respect to the beloved wife of our

late president, Mr. Daniel Teare.

Mrs. Teare had not been in good health for more than a year. The best medical care and the loving attentions of her family and friends were shown her at all times. The death of her beloved husband eleven months ago was a shock from which she never recovered, and on the evening of September 28th, she passed peacefully away. Mrs. Teare was of a quiet and retiring disposition, never seeking to be in the limelight. The cares and worries of every-day life were never reflected in her make-up. We marvelled at her unbounded cheerfulness and good-nature; and during her illness though suffering a great deal, she never complained.

Manx people the world over have lost a great friend. She was always ready to aid and assist in everything that pertained to the welfare of our race. Her many financial gifts to the Los Angeles Manx Society, to Manx people in distress, and to many charitable organizations will never be forgotten.

The Reverend Wm. C. Hodgson, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Glendale, conducted the service. He spoke of the great love Mrs. Teare had for the little Island of her birth, and of the number of times she revisited the scenes of her childhood. The minister whose parents were Manx, said that he often had been told of the beauties of the Isle of Man, and some day he hoped to visit the place so dear to us all. The funeral service was very simple. "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me" were feelingly sung. And during the address Mr. Hodgson recited "Ellan Vannin," and closed with the reading of the "Manx Fisherman's Evening Hymn." The mourners present were Mrs. Alice Johnson (daughter), Mrs. Hadley (sister), Mr. H. J. Quayle (brother), Mr. Martin Johnson, Mr. Howard Johnson, Mrs. Johnson Sr., Miss Marion Teare, and Mrs. Holden.

At this time the friends passed by the casket which was surrounded by many beautiful wreaths and flowers, and viewed the last mortal remains of our beloved friend. The pallbearers, W. R. Callister, Robert Greig, John Bain, Edwin C. Kilip, J. Edward Storey, and T. Donald Bain, slowly carried the casket to the hearse, and the procession wended its way to the Masonic section of Forest Lawn, where the Committal Service was held. We left Mrs. Teare at rest beside her loving helpmate.

T. DONALD BAIN.

## Orrin Quiggin, Oldest Manxmen Honored on His 103rd Birthday

His 103 years setting lightly on his still squared shoulders, Orrin Quiggin, Manx pioneer from Perry, Ohio, sat at the table of honor celebrating this birthday, October 27th, at the Baptist church, Painesville, Ohio, over 150 being present. Judge Alva R. Corlett and John R. Cain, Past President of the N.A.M.A., were the principal speakers.

Tributes were paid by the Rev. F. C. Anderson of Painesville, A. B. Kelly, Secretary of N.A.M.A., Miss Lois Quiggin, of Cleveland, and solos rendered by Walter J. Quilliam. Pianoforte solo by Mrs. Heffelfinger of Painesville. Mrs. Allan Kermode on behalf of the North Eastern Manx Society presented Mr. Quiggin with a year's subscription to a well known magazine, given because of his interest in current events and topics.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program with a large birthday cake decorated with candles climaxing the celebration.

Miss Loomis was chairman of the entertainment and the committee were A. Killey, Mrs. Allan Kermode and Mrs. G. W. Smith.

A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Tribute by L. A. Kelly,  
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

It is far more than just your birthday that we are here to celebrate tonight.

Rather, we have come together to lend our support to a fellow Manxman, for his courage and zeal, in attempting to glorify the Manx race by wresting the title for longevity from a well known character, known as Methuselah, as set forth in the Good Book. That man is still the undisputed champion, greatly to the honor of the tribe of Moses.

The Manx have long coveted this title and now that you, friend Orrin, have entered the lists some new records may be expected.

So tonight I wish you godspeed, upon the beginning of the 104th lap in your Marathon.

## A Romance of Ballavaren and Ballabeg

by Thomas Stephen, III

Sometime in the closing years of the Eighteenth Century there lived on the Isle of Man a hard family—the clan of Stephen. It was a very large family, as no member of it, as we know of, ever believed in race suicide.

The names of only two, do we know, of our present memory, the oldest son was named Humphrey, the next in line was Thomas, (it is of Thomas that our heart thrills,) there were other sons and daughters, all sons and daughters of toil, their vocation in life was that of a Fisherman and Farmer. They were a home and folk loving people, whose chief characteristics were that of Honesty and Integrity, not much for intellect nor anything else, but of these two traits they were paragon.

All through the growing season they farmed a large farm, (for the blessed little Island), it was a farm of about fifty acres, owned outright by the Hardy Manx Father, located at a place called Ballavaren. All of the family worked in these two industries, and the old Father, like a Patriarch of old, was the boss of the clan, holding tight to the purse strings of the one and only purse of the Clan.

They raised all kinds of fruits, berries and vegetables on this farm, and so valuable was the space, that the rays of the sun and spacing of the rows was planted with the view of conservation. For instance, the ground being very rich from the guano deposits of Centuries, the Island being the home of sea gulls, wild ducks and geese and other wild sea birds, before the advent of man on this blessed Island, thus leaving a deposit that enriched the soil abundantly thick even unto the present day and generation. The sun's rays were conserved by the planting being done with the rows running north and south, this allowed the sun to kiss the soil between the rows, and when the soil was tickled with the hoe, ah! where were there such potatoes as those dug up by spade and picked up by hand, as came from the Ballavaren Farm.

The old man was thrifty with his pennies and tried hard to build up an estate to leave his all to his oldest son Humphrey. They all knew it and were satisfied that was the right thing for him to do, and each of the children worked hard to help the old man to obtain his desire, so as to pass on to Humphrey his estate unweakened by any other donations whatever, so as to strongly perpetuate the Clan, which was his heart and soul.

After the farming season was over and the crops disposed of or garnered in the barn,—this hardy family would fish for the herring all during the cold and barren winter. He owned two large fishing smacks, that they harbored off Port Soderick. There only, in this part of the Island, was a beach, on which they could beach their boats, to unload their catch of the herring, almost all other parts of the Island were rock bound with the waves splashing and dashing against the almost perpendicular cliffs, thus forming a mist of the sea, in times, so dense, as to form a fog, that one has but to open his mouth for a drink of the mist, while he grogs his way, feeling his way, around the rugged cliffs, while the wash of the waves and the squawk of the sea birds, fit in with this rugged wild scene, hardy men here, they born of this hardy bulwark of Nature, with their hearty sea brown complexion, there is no place for a weakling in this heroic struggle, with the elements of Nature.

The two sailing smacks were provisioned for two or three days, at least. The Mother of the Clan was on the cliff nearby, watching her man and her boys making ready for the sailing to the fishing banks. This was always a great event for the Clan Stephen.

These hardy men with their oil clothes and hat, pulling at the sails,—and then a bit of the wind, and away they go, waving good by on the cliff, there stood the Mother until they faded from her sight, she falling on her knees, (as she was a faithful Wesleyan), she was full of prayer, in her heart for the safety of her loved ones, they had taken a perilous trip, (for weaklings) but not for these men, who could fight the elements, and breast the storms.

Aye and of life.

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