

# BULLETIN

of The North American Manx Association

## Christmas



## Greetings

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

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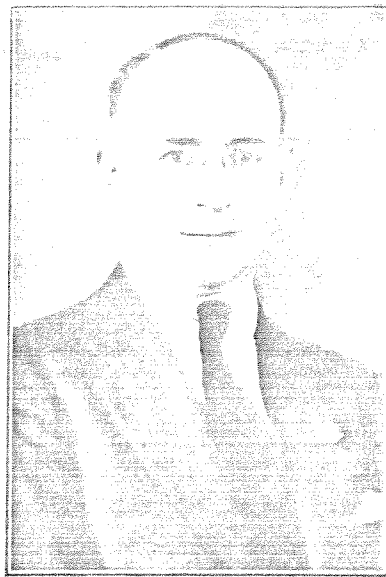
### Christmas Message From Our President

Manx Friends:

Of all the old festivals, that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blends with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment.

It is a beautiful festival, derived from the days of yore and commemorating the announcement of the religion of Peace and Love, and has been made the season for gathering families together and drawing close again those bonds of kindred hearts, which the cares, pleasures and sorrows of the world continually cast loose; of calling back the children of a family who have launched forth in life and wandered widely assunder, once more to assemble about the paternal hearth, that rallying place of the affections, there to grow young and loving again among the endearing mementos of childhood.

We shall see the Glory of Bethlehem's Star reflected in our churches, songs of rejoicing will break forth everywhere, and God's greatest gift to the world 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



RICHARD H. CORKILL  
President N. A. M. A.

Christian spirit, then we could safely say that all this selfishness among nations would cease, and all those happy faces we see everywhere on the anniversary of the birth of Jesus

should be a worldwide practice and constant joy.

When the lights of your Christmas tree are glowing and your dear ones are opening the gifts your love provided for them; when the bells of the city sing their joyous adoration of the Christ who so loved little children that he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me,"—somewhere within the sound of those same bells may be a child less fortunate than others. They too will hear those same bells, and whether they will bring them happiness or only disappointment, we must decide, and to see that every child in our Manx circle is remembered should be our real Christmas joy.

Through the medium of our Bulletin, I extend to all Manx people on the Dear Ill Island, the members of the N.A.M.A., its affiliated Societies and all Manx people throughout the world my sincerest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and may the New Year be a Happy and Prosperous one! 'Tis the songs ye sing, and the smiles ye wear that's a-making the sun shine everywhere."

RICHARD H. CORKILL,

President.

### Christmas Greetings From Past President Moore

If any Nationality enjoys the Christmas Season in its happiest and fullest sense, it is the Manx.

To us, it is a time of happiness and memories.

Happiness, because we, as Manx people, realize that the Greatest Gift ever to be made to mankind was made in that little manger in Bethlehem, nearly two thousand years ago, and we are happy and appreciative for this most wonderful gift.

Memories because we can look back to our childhood days which we spent in the dear little Isle of Man and think of the happy time we had during the Christmas season—"The Callers" who paraded the streets of the

towns and villages during the fortnight before Christmas; then Christmas Eve with the bands and the choirs travelling about playing and singing the Christmas music; then on Christmas Day the true Manx home Christmas gathering; and then St. Stephen's Day with the children at our doorstep the first thing in the morning singing "Hunt the Wren."

Perhaps the fact of our having lived in such a compact and lovely little island with the true season's atmosphere permeating into our very souls enables us to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas and the bringing in of the New Year. Undoubtedly these influences are still with us as I do not think there is anyone on the

North American Continent who enjoys Christmas more than the Manx.

From my heart my wish is that every member of our wonderful North American Manx Association and every Manx soul residing on this North American Continent may have a real happy Christmas in the true old Manx spirit and that the New Year may be good to them bringing them the finest assets that one could possibly possess namely health and happiness.

Therefore in the old wish:

"MERRY CHRISTMAS—  
HAPPY NEW YEAR"

W. D. MOORE,

Immediate Past President.

## N. A. M. A. Executives Past and Present Extend Season's Greetings

Try as we will there seems to be no other phrase which so well conveys the same sincere thoughts we feel for all our good friends at this time of the year as "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

We may add to it as our poetic ability will allow, but I am sure it would have no more sincere meaning than my greeting to all my Manx friends near and far. May this be your Merriest Christmas and may your New Year have 365 days full of Good Health and Happiness.

ALICE GARRETT,  
Vice-President.



To my fellow members of the N.A.M.A., I send my heartiest greetings for A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year. I wish to take this opportunity to extend to the members of the N.A.M.A. my sincere thanks for my election as Vice President at the Rochester Convention, and it will be my endeavor to further the success of the N.A.M.A. so ably carried on by our past officers, to the end that our next Convention at Hamilton will be the best ever!

JOHN COMISH,  
Vice-President.



Once again, thru our Bulletin, may I extend to all our readers my sincere wishes for a Happy Christmas and a more Prosperous New Year? I sometimes think what a blessing this Christmas Season is to us, if only for the fact that it tends to make us forget, if only for a little while, the cares and troubles of our everyday life and be as we should be—happy and contented with our lot in life.

I am extremely thankful for the privilege of being able to greet all my Manx friends in this way, and this is made possible by the publication of our Bulletin. Otherwise, we could not say "Hello" to each other, like we do. Before the organization of our N.A.M.A., we had no means of doing this, but now, we have our own paper, the columns of which are open to all our members, and all that membership costs is One Dollar per year. A New Year's Resolution worth making and keeping would be this one—"I will join the N.A.M.A. and give my personal help and support to a worthy cause!"

Again, in closing, The Season's Greetings to you all, and may God be with you 'till we meet again.

JAMES Y. MANN,  
Past President.

The opportunity of extending greetings to Manx friends everywhere through our Bulletin is appreciated.

In wishing you all happiness at Christmas and always, may I also appeal for a continuance of the loyal support you have accorded the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.

The year now drawing to a close has been a very successful one for the North American Manx Association and its Ladies' Auxiliary. The convention at Rochester was a wonderful success and leaves us happy memories.

I sincerely hope 1938 will bring to us an even greater opportunity for service and that Manx societies, everywhere situated, will all go forward. Again to all Manx people and those they love, a Very Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year.

MARGARET J. CAIN,  
Representative Ladies' Auxiliary.  
N.A.M.A.



There are some things we never forget, and Christmas reminds us of a number of occasions when we were really excited about Christmas Morning, when we were awake much earlier than usual and very anxious to search our stockings and look under the tree for the gifts we had dreamed about for weeks. Perhaps many are reminded of the great joy of finding a real white Christmas, when the Jack Pine and the Spruce shone forth in all their greenness. We would not want to lose such memories, because they remind us of the days of youth bringing great joy to our hearts. We could take more time at this Season to realize the true value of the giving of gifts. My gift to the Manx people of Canada, the United States and the World is that they enjoy a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. May the Breakfast Club members taste a "rale" old Manx Christmas and ring in a Grand Happy New Year.

ROBT. Q. CANNELL,  
Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club.



To all Manx people, wherever they are, my wish is for a Christmas filled with Joy, Peace and Contentment; and for the New Year — HAPPY DAYS!

GERTRUDE CANNELL,  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer

"No other day throughout the year  
Holds such a wealth of friendly cheer,  
No other day can bring to mind  
Such thoughts of love, for all mankind;  
The Christmas Spirit seems to be  
A light that shines, o'er land and sea.  
May its bright rays bring Joy today  
In all you think, or do, or say."

Christmas is that happy season when the warmth and sparkle of humanity's better side is radiant everywhere. Smiles are brighter. Laughter rings truer. Handshakes are more hearty and dispositions are more sunny. What a grand thing if we could keep the Christmas Spirit in our heart always.

As the Christmas Season approaches we think of the many friends we have made through our Manx Associations and we rejoice that the Manx Societies and our N.A.M.A. are furnishing the means of our meeting together as kindred spirits.

Looking backward we honor the men and women who have worked hard to establish these Manx groups and keep them functioning, and looking forward we should all resolve to stand squarely behind the present officers and let them know by what we do and what we say that they can depend upon us for loyal, energetic cooperation. That is the spirit which will keep our Societies ever alive and interesting and preserve forever the fine characteristics of our Manx people.

It is a great pleasure to extend to Manx people everywhere my sincere wishes for a Very Happy Christmas Season and may the Great Giver endow them with His richest gifts—Health and Happiness—in 1938.

JOHN R. CAIN,  
Past President.



It is with pleasure that I again extend Christmas Greetings to Manx folk everywhere. And may the New Year bring you more than the usual portion of Health, Wealth and Happiness!

W. F. QUINE, Vice-President,  
Conquest, Saskatchewan.



Once again our Christmas Bulletin gives the opportunity to express to Manx friends and Societies throughout the world heartiest greetings for a Happy Christmas and a New Year in which each day will unfold new blessings.

CLAIRE M. MYLECRAINE,  
Corres. and Rec. Secretary.

# Your 1938 Convention City—Hamilton, Ont.

## The City of Opportunity

Now that the Rochester Convention is over and has taken its immortal place along with the other N.A.M.A. Conventions in our minds album, our thoughts naturally turn to the place where friendships, new and old, will be rekindled. With this thought in mind, our eyes naturally turn to Hamilton—the City of Opportunity.

Hamilton, strategically situated on the shores of a natural land-locked harbour, at the western extremity of Lake Ontario, is the immediate centre of the Dominion's largest and wealthiest consuming population. It is located 55 miles west of Buffalo and 200 miles east of Detroit, being in approximately the same latitude.

Founded in 1778, its citizens have continued to build steadily on a sound economic basis. As a result of steady growth, Hamilton has rounded out into the third largest industrial city in Canada with a population of over 150,000. In it are combined the commercial, social, recreational and educational features which are necessary to the progress of an expanding community.

Although Canada's industrial centre Hamilton has retained all of the charms of a residential city. With its natural beauty, landscape gardening and fine homes, it is truly a city in which to reside and do business.

The fact that Hamilton's financial standing was second out of a recent survey of 250 Canadian and United States cities speaks well for the thrift of its citizens. It is this spirit of determination which has made Hamilton a city of home owners and thus reflects the character and stability of its workers, for a city of home owners is of necessity a city of contentment and prosperity.

Hamilton, with a diversity of industry scarcely found in any one centre, is credited with the largest industrial output per capita of any city in Canada. This diversity of production is an economic factor of first importance. It insures a local supply of a large variety of raw materials.

Hamilton, by virtue of its central geographical location, is the "Hub of Transportation"—be it by rail, motor, water or air.

Quick to appreciate the advantages of water transportation, Hamilton has developed the finest land-locked harbour on the Great Lakes. Ocean-going vessels and the largest steamers plying the Great Lakes compete for the great tonnage of this important port.

The great emphasis which Hamilton places on art and culture is to be seen throughout the city in its university, schools, churches, public

buildings, homes, parks and playgrounds.

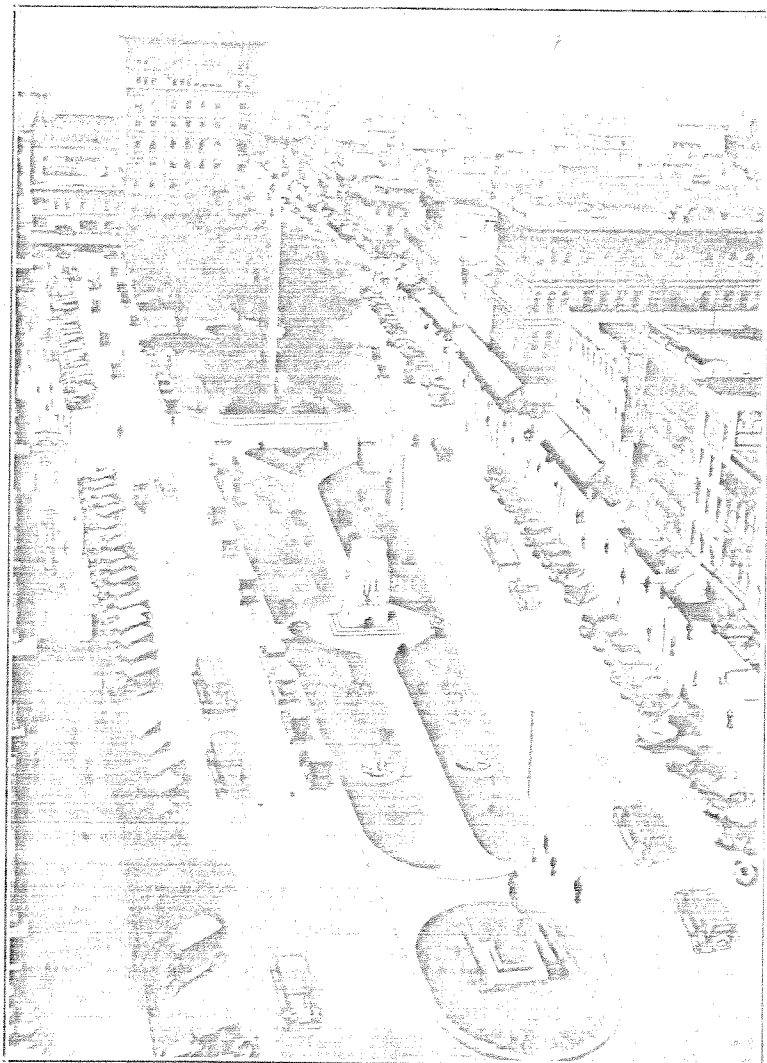
Hamilton is visited annually by countless numbers of tourists from all over Canada, the United States and Overseas. The city enjoys an international reputation for natural beauty-spots — the Royal Botanical Gardens, the sunken gardens of McMaster University, the finest rock garden in North America and the view from Hamilton mountain, the summit of which is reached by unique incline railways.

Every large manufacturing centre has certain basic industries which

form the backbone of its industrial structure. The basic industries of Hamilton are steel, iron and textiles with the first two predominating. Known throughout the British Empire and the United States as the steel centre of Canada, it is often referred to as the "Birmingham of Canada" or the "Pittsburgh of Canada." Steel and iron signify strength. It is upon the firm foundations of these industries that Hamilton is built and its future assured.

By Wm. H. Cowin, Jr.,

Secretary Hamilton Manx Society



KING STREET — HAMILTON, ONTARIO

# Christmas Greetings

## SAN FRANCISCO

It is a quiet evening and the hearth is cheerful with its glowing flames, and memory stirs and carries us back to the old days around Christmas, when, as children, we sat and toasted our toes on the steel fender, and wondered what Santa Claus would drop down the chimney for us, and whether grandfather's stockings were really big enough to hold all the good things we hoped for. Time and distance separate us now, but Christmas breaks down the barriers, and we know and feel those days and those old friends are still near and dear to us. Through the wonderful magic of our local Manx Societies, we have been brought into actual contact throughout the years with old friends, whom otherwise we would have missed, and missing, lost many a happy day and friendly association. We owe a wealth of thanks to the founders of the N.A.M.A. and for the unflagging work, time and energy the various officers have put into its growth. Our lives are richer for the contact with Manx people whom otherwise we should never have met, and so it is, with one voice, we say "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to all readers of the Bulletin, and may the Bulletin increase in popularity as the years roll on.

W. D. Callow, President.  
Essie Quayle, Secretary.



## TORONTO

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society send their greetings to all Manx folk for a Very Happy Christmas, with luck and prosperity in the New Year.

R. Fick, President.  
Ivy K. Colquitt, Secretary.



## WINNIPEG

The Executive and Members of The Winnipeg Manx Society extend to all kindred Societies and all Manx people, wherever they may be, the heartiest of Christmas Greetings. Let us all hope that our North American Manx Association also has a very prosperous year, and may the efforts to make it grow meet with the success that they deserve.

Mrs. Thos. Quirk, President.  
Mrs. Gladys Quaitrough, V.-Pres.  
Robert Quaitrough, Sec.-Treas.

## ROCHESTER

To our kinsfolk at home and abroad—the many friends we meet year after year at our wonderful Conventions—the many new friends we met at Rochester at our own Convention in August—The Rochester Manx Society wishes each and every one a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Alice C. Garrett, President.  
Dan W. Christian, Secretary.



## DETROIT-WINDSOR

The officers and members of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society wish to extend to all Manx Societies and Manx people here and abroad Heartiest Greetings, and may 1928 find Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men in all parts of the world.

Richard H. Corkill, President.  
Richard A. Cock, Secretary.



## SEATTLE

The Officers and members of the Seattle Manx 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 Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Edith A. Cubbon, President  
Wm. Moore, Secretary



## VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society wishes to extend to all members of Manx Societies on this Continent heartiest Christmas Greetings and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. C. Moir, Secretary.



## LADIES' AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A.

Again the Season of Good Cheer and Good Will is at hand and the officers and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. extend to all Manx people here and abroad the good old wish—A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Frances Kneen, President.  
Alice C. Garrett Secretary.

## HAMILTON

The officers and members of the Hamilton Manx Society wish to convey best wishes for a happy holiday season to all their Manx kinsfolk on the North American continent and across the seas. May the new year about to unfold bring good health, good cheer and good fortune to Manx folks everywhere.

We feel grateful indeed to the N.A.M.A. who make it possible for us to extend to our fellow men the Seasons' Greetings. To them and all their affiliated societies, the Hamilton Manx Society takes this opportunity of wishing a very Merry Christmas and a most Prosperous New Year.

W. H. Cowin, Sr., President.  
W. H. Cowin, Jr., Secretary.



## MONTREAL

The Manx folk residing in Montreal extend to their fellow country folk, whether on the Northern Continent of America, or elsewhere, the best wishes for a real happy Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

May the time come, through the medium of the N.A.M.A., a Manx Christmas reunion may be held in Cleveland.



## BUFFALO

The Buffalo Manx Society sends greetings to all members of the N.A.M.A. and Manx friends everywhere. We extend our heartiest wishes for the merriest Christmas you have ever had, and may the New Year be Happy and Prosperous.

Edith Bury, President.  
Betty Caine, Secretary.



## VANCOUVER LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society send Greetings and best wishes to the Association and to all Manx Societies, their members and friends, and hope that the year 1928 will be a very prosperous one for all.

Alice Halsall, Secretary.

# From Manx Societies



## EDMONTON

To Manx people everywhere, we extend the Greetings of the Christmas Season and Best Wishes for Happiness in the New Year.

A bit of Christmas Spirit,  
A lot of Friendliness,  
The Season's cherry Greetings,  
A world of Happiness!  
All sent to hope that Christmas  
And New Year days will bring  
Good Luck to you, and Gladness,  
And Joy in everything!

W. S. Cleator, President.  
Arthur Teare, Secretary.



## PEORIA, ILLINOIS

The Peoria Manx Society sends Christmas Greetings to all readers of the Bulletin, and also expresses the hope that the year 1938 will be a prosperous one for all Manx Societies.

John Caley Craine, President.  
Gertrude Shimmin Taylor, Sec.



## THE LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland are glad to have this privilege of wishing Manx friends everywhere a Very Merry Christmas, and we hope that the New Year will be a happy and prosperous one for you, wherever you may be.

Florence Gorry, President  
Amy C. Quayle, Secretary



## LOS ANGELES

As the Yuletide season approaches, our thoughts turn to the old-fashioned Christmas spent in the land of our childhood. With this thought in mind, the officers and members of the Los Angeles Manx Society send to the people of the Isle of Man and the Manx people wherever they may be the old, old wish "A Merry Christmas and Health, Wealth and Happiness throughout the Coming Year."

J. Edward Storey, President.  
John Callow, Vice President.  
T. Donald Bain, Secretary  
Joseph Rodger, Treasurer.

## NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Christmas and Season's Greetings from the Northeastern Ohio Manx Society.

Kenneth D. Quine, Secretary.



## THE CLEVELAND JUNIOR MANX SOCIETY

The Cleveland Manx Juniors extend greetings to all Manx people not only on the American Continent but wherever they may reside.

May your Christmas be Merry and the New Year a very Happy one. We hope, too, that the coming year will be a most successful one for the N.A.M.A.

Bill Wade, President.  
John Kewley, Secretary.



## CHICAGO MANX SOCIETY AND LADIES' AUXILIARY

Once again we are glad to have the privilege of extending through the medium of the Bulletin our heartfelt wishes to Manx people everywhere for a very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Just health enough to banish care,  
Just wealth enough to give and spare,  
Just friends enough sincere and true,  
May this glad season bring to all of you.

Ethel M. Shimmin, Secretary.



## MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The Mona's Mutual Benefit Society of Cleveland wishes, thru the medium of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin, to convey to Manx Societies and Manx people everywhere a Christmas full of joy and happiness, and prosperity throughout the coming year.

Fred T. Gorry, President.  
Norman Cowin, Secretary.



## BISBEE, ARIZONA

The Bisbee Manx Society members wish to extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Manx Societies and Manx Folk everywhere.

Arnold B. Corrin, Secretary.

## GREATER NEW YORK

This is the season when we Manx go back in spirit to old customs and traditions. We hear once again the voices of Carval Singers on the frosty night air; or the piping of boys' voices on a crisp St. Stephen's Day, singing "Hunt the Wren." Once more in the mind's eye, the old house is decorated with ivy, holly and other evergreens, and over the door is a bit of mistletoe, "an' if you don't twig it, you'll be caught, yesser." Well, in communities of the U.S. and Canada where our countrymen and women are in goodly numbers, there will be gatherings around firesides, and plenty of "cooishing" over bunloaf and flourcake. What yarns there will be! Here in New York we are not so lucky, for our group is small, and we are scattered. But individually, it is a safe bet that we will all be living over again those bygone days.

In spite of our small numbers here in N. Y., there are old friends of our members scattered throughout this continent and in fact over the earth. We will be thinking about them at this Festive Season. May they have in the fullest all the joy and happiness which the good old wish carries, as we say from our hearts, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

William Karran, President.  
Robert Cabbon, Vice President.  
Florence Gill, Secretary-Treas.  
James C. Tyson, Publicity Dir.



## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

Another year has gone and we find ourselves at the Christmas season—the time of the year when we should remember our friends wherever we are.

The Mona's Relief Society sends greetings of good wishes to everyone that this N.A.M.A. bulletin reaches, and trusts that 1938 will be everything you could hope and wish it to be.

W. Harry Kelly, President.  
Amy C. Quayle, Financial Sec.  
Lucille Gorry, Corresponding Sec.



## NEBRASKA

We send our heartiest greetings to Manx folks everywhere, and wish them Health and Happiness at Christmas and through the coming New Year. May God's Blessing go with them!

Nell Joughin, Secy-Treas.



## NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

### LOS ANGELES

On Sunday morning, October 10th, in the beautiful country church nestling among trees in a quiet restful valley in Wintersburg near Huntington Beach, the Los Angeles Manx Society joined in a Manx Service. Many came long distances. Rev. Quayle, pastor of the church, preached a very inspiring sermon — "What has Religion to Offer," and the Manx choir sang the old favorite hymns dear to them in the Isle of Man. Mr. Charles Kaneen of Santa Ana, a fine old Manx gentleman nearing his 78th birthday was gladly welcomed, also Mrs. Lambert, a dear old lady who with her late husband came to America in 1910. On September 24th, the annual election of officers was held, the following being unanimously elected. President, J. Edward Storey; vice-President, John Callow; secretary, T. Donald Bain; treasurer, Joseph Rodger. At this meeting Mr. Storey related the high lights of a recent vacation in Alaska, particularly describing a beautiful garden resort called Benny-Chree, founded by a Manxman, Mr. Partridge.

### VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society held their annual "Tom Brown Night" November 12th. Extracts from the poet's works, read by Mrs. J. Hornall, were greatly enjoyed, and the young people of the Society rounded out the evening with a very entertaining program. The Ladies' Auxiliary to this Society held a very successful bazaar on the afternoon of the same day. On October 15th the Vancouver Society elected the following officers: President, Mrs. A. M. Stevenson; Hon. president, Mr. S. Cain; vice-president, Mr. A. Halsall; secretary, Mrs. C. Moir; treasurer, Mrs. A. Halsall; press correspondent, Mr. J. Hornall.

### TORONTO

At the Jessie Ketchem Hall on November 2nd the Toronto Manx Society celebrated Hollantide with a tea party and concert, with 150 Manx people attending, including 30 from the Hamilton Manx Society. The guests of the evening were His Worship the Mayor of Toronto, Mr. W. B. Robbins, Senator Mullins, J. H. McNichol, M. P., and Controller Conboy. They were made honorary members by the President, Mr. R. Fick. Their fine speeches were followed by an enjoyable concert.

### DETROIT-WINDSOR

At the banquet of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society, held on November 19th, it was announced that Miss Marge Kennish of Cleveland was the winner of the beautiful quilt, on which they had recently distributed prize tickets.

### CHICAGO

The regular monthly meeting of the Chicago Manx Society was held on Saturday evening, September 18th at Hotel Cass, through the courtesy of the manager,—one of their members —Mr. Geo. Anderson. After the regular business had been disposed of, reports on the Homecoming were given by Miss Ann Kerruish and Mrs. W. J. Stevenson. It was Miss Kerruish's first visit to the Island, and judging from her enthusiastic report, she will soon be making another trip to the romantic Isle. This Society had about 20 representatives at the Rochester Convention. Mrs. R. C. Kelly, official delegate, gave a splendid report and told how well they had been entertained.

### LADIES' AUXILIARY TO N.A.M.A.

The Cleveland branch of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. held a card party and dance at the K. of P. Hall in Warrensville (near Cleveland) on October 15th, when they cleared a net amount of \$76.14. Over three hundred Manx people and their friends attended, many coming from Akron and Painesville to lend their support. A card party was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Heman, Cleveland Heights, on November 20th, when interesting movies were shown by Mr. Wm. Sayle and a net amount of \$20.00 was realized.

Mrs. F. P. Kneen, president, appeals to all members in the various cities for co-operation by holding "get-together" meetings, and says that she would be pleased to help in any way possible to make these parties a success.

### CLEVELAND

The Mona's Mutual Benefit Society annually commemorates "Tom Brown Night." This year, it was held in connection with their regular meeting night, November 8th, and all Cleveland Manx were invited. Mr. John R. Cain read a paper dealing with the life of our National Poet, and this, together with musical numbers and refreshments, rounded out the evening. The President, Mr. Fred T. Gorry, acted as chairman.

The Annual Election of Officers for the Mona's Relief Society was the main business at their monthly meeting held on December 2nd, and all of the 1937 officers were unanimously re-elected for the coming year, headed by Mr. W. Harry Kelly, President. The meeting, falling close to the 94th birthday of the oldest member, Mr. John Teare, members had the opportunity of congratulating him, and presented him with a plaque bearing the Three Legs Emblem and the name of the Society. This was made by Mr. W. H. Collister. A special Christmas program, prepared by Miss Evelyn Christian, added to the festivities.

## OBITUARIES

**Collister**—Richard, 11810 Castlewood Avenue, Cleveland, age 71, a member for 44 years of the former firm of Davis, Hunt, Collister, passed away November 26th. Mr. Collister came to Cleveland from the Isle of Man more than fifty years ago. He was a brother of the late J. H., Robert, George and William. He had been an officer in the Mona's Relief and Mona's Mutual Benefit Societies.

**Caine**—Arthur, of Chicago, and formerly of Peel, Isle of Man, passed away Sunday, September 5th. Rev. T. Harry Kelly of Park Ridge, Ill., officiated at the funeral services. Interment was in Forest Home Cemetery.

**Cannell**—Thomas, of 7749 Evans Avenue, Chicago, died suddenly on September 18th. Mr. Cannell was an active member of the Chicago Manx Society.

**Kewin**—Harry C., 43, of Jackson, Michigan, died suddenly last month. Mr. Kewin came to America from the Isle of Man three years before the World War, and in March, 1915, joined the 18th Canadian Battalion. He was in active service overseas for three and one-half years. Two daughters and a son survive.

**Quayle**—Thomas, 56, of 265 Young Street, Winnipeg, passed away suddenly at his residence following a heart attack. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. Quayle and was born in the Isle of Man. Mr. Quayle served during the World War with the Canadian forces.

To the relatives and friends of the above, we extend our deepest sympathy.

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—What is the Manx name for Peel?
- 2—What is the highest headland in the Isle of Man?
- 3—What is its height?
- 4—What is "Corrin's Folly"?
- 5—What was its purpose?
- 6—What structure in the Isle of Man bears the nickname "Lady Isabella"?
- 7—What great British author mentioned the Isle of Man in several works?
- 8—Which of his books deals chiefly with the Isle of Man?
- 9—Where is the name of Britain's ex-King preserved in the Isle of Man?
- 10—What famous character in American history is supposed to have been a Manxman?

## OUR OWN PEOPLE

Among the Homecoming Party this year were the Misses Ada and Ethel Moore of Toronto, who are now residing permanently in the Island. Their address is "The Maples", Somerset Square, Douglas. The Misses Moore are keeping up their membership and their interest in the N.A.M.A. Their brother Wilfred has returned to Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Costain of 407 East Main St., East Helena, Mont., were sorry that due to Mrs. Costain's illness, they had to miss the Rochester Convention. However, during the summer they entertained Manx friends from Glenrock, Wyo., and from Kansas City.

Miss Maud Joughin, a graduate nurse at the Central Alberta Sanatorium, Calgary, Alberta, is a new member and comes from Peel. She is a daughter of Clucas Joughin; her grandfather was the late John Joughin, M.H.K.

In the medical profession we also find Mr. Atholl Quirk of Peel, who is connected with the University of Alberta Medical School, St. Joseph, Alberta.

"I always enjoy the Bulletin, and don't want to miss one"—writes Mrs. Ada R. Creer, 200 Southmayd Rd., Waterbury, Conn.

Miss May Craine of Douglas who has had a long visit with friends and relatives in Cleveland, sailed for Home on December 4th.

Mona's Relief Society members had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Gamble of Johannesburg, South Africa, at their December 2 meeting. Mrs. Gamble is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gorry.

A new member of the N.A.M.A. is Rev. T. Porter Drumm, Minister of the North Reformed Church at Newark, N. J. Rev. Drumm was born in Circular Road, Douglas. When the family moved to Ramsey some years later he attended the Ramsey Grammar School, where he was a colleague of the Mylchreest boys; of Percy Cowell, son of the late J. R. Cowell, M.H.K.; Ralph, son of Hall Caine; also Tom and Percy Cowley, who are prominent figures in the life of the Island today.

Mrs. T. Quirk, President of the Winnipeg Manx Society, has been in the hospital for sometime, but recently returned to her home at 128 Luxton Avenue, Winnipeg, where she is convalescing.

The Metropolitan Male Quartette of Chicago is managed by the former President of the Chicago Manx Society, Mr. Walter J. Stevenson, 321 North Lutus Avenue, who is also a member of the group.

Mr. Arthur H. Kelly, 400 Winston Avenue, Govans, Baltimore, Maryland, is anxious to contact people who are related to him. He writes that he was born in Ballasalla in 1869, and went to New Zealand with his parents in 1874, where he remained until 1893, when he left there to become a Marine Engineer, settling in Baltimore in 1900. His father was born in St. Johns, and his mother (nee C. Kneen) in Ballasalla. They both passed on in Nelson, New Zealand. His father's brother, John Kelly, settled in Ohio prior to 1874 as a farmer. Can anyone assist Mr. Kelly in locating his people?

Mr. Wm. Gill of Braddan, Isle of Man, son of Mrs. Frances Gill, is anxious to learn of her whereabouts. He says that by all accounts, she is just as anxious to hear from him. She was supposed to have been in Cleveland prior to 1936. If anyone has any information regarding Mrs. Gill or any clues as to her present address, please communicate with the Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. C. C. Marsh (nee Greggor) 701—12th Street, Medicine Hat, Alberta, and formerly of Peel, writes: "I do enjoy reading the Bulletin. When living in Vancouver, I never missed a Manx meeting or gathering, but we have only three or four families in Medicine Hat. I wish the N.A.M.A. and Societies every success".

Mr. James C. Tyson, 2153—24th Street, Astoria, Long Island, New York, recently passed thru Cleveland when returning from a trip to Indiana. About twenty Manx friends met him at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cottier, 3295 W. 129th Street, where he stayed overnight. There was much pleasant reminiscence of old days in Castletown and Ballasalla.

### ANSWERS TO GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUESTIONS

- 1—Purt-ny-Hinshey.
- 2—Bradda Head.
- 3—765 feet.
- 4—A tower on top of Peel Hill.
- 5—Erected, 1814, by a Mr. Corrin who, with his family, is buried there.
- 6—Laxey Wheel.
- 7—Sir Walter Scott.
- 8—Peveril of the Peak.
- 9—In the new "Edward Pier" at Douglas, completed before the abdication.
- 10—Myles Standish, Captain of the Pilgrims who sailed in the "Mayflower", 1620.

## STRANGE BUT TRUE

When Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama in 1513 and discovered the Pacific Ocean, one of the first thoughts of these Spanish conquerors was—a canal through that narrow neck of land! Actually, the Isthmus was surveyed with that in mind in 1534. Succeeding generations dreamed over the mighty project of connecting two oceans. How many know that a Manxman—William Kennish of Cornua—was the first to come forward with a practicable scheme?

Kennish was born in 1799. When he entered the Royal Navy at 22, he spoke only Manx—could neither read nor write—yet in seven years rose to be master carpenter of the Mediterranean Fleet. He had wonderful engineering ability, inventing many methods and instruments for naval application.

When he was about 50 he crossed the Atlantic to undertake the task of surveying the Isthmus of Panama. As a result, in 1855 he submitted his design for a canal—so revolutionary and yet so practical—that when in 1880 a banquet was held in New York in honor of De Lesseps, builder of the Suez Canal and the first to excavate at Panama—the Manxman was hailed as the discoverer of the "first and only feasible route."

Readers of Manx newspapers will have observed the Notice of Sale by Public Auction of that fine old mansion "Harold Tower"—a landmark to every Douglas resident because of its magnificent situation on Douglas Head. It was built about 1835 and named in honor of Harold, last of the Anglo-Saxon kings, who fell resisting William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings. In its early days Harold Tower was occupied by High Bailiff Quirk. Well-known people have resided there during the century it has overlooked Douglas Bay—among them John Martin, painter of the famous "Plains of Heaven".

"A MANXMAN HAS NO CUSS WORDS—he cannot swear in his own language, no matter what the provocation may be. He has to use English! News of this caused quite a sensation when T. J. Reubens of Ramsey publicly revealed the fact. No swear words, eh? No wonder the language is nearly extinct!" Mrs. A. Knight, Box 244, Retsil, Wash., sent us this interesting item.

In Cleveland (of all places) lives a Manx lady, for thirty years a resident of the Island,—who never saw Peel!

### CHRISTMAS THANKS

(Author unknown)

Let me be thankful for the sun  
For rest and sleep when day is done  
For summer rain and winter snow  
And Silver stars to cast their glow  
From midnight depths across the earth,  
For joy and laughter, toil and mirth.

Let me be thankful evermore  
For all my dear loved ones, and for  
Fellowship and hours alone.  
All the friends I've ever known,  
For children and carols to sing—  
God, make me glad for everything.

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