

The Season's Greetings

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

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Christmas Message From Our President

Fellow Manx People: Greetings—

Christmas has come again and there is nothing new to be said, except that we do have a new appreciation year after year of the birthday of our Lord.

If at this time, as we look out over our world, we are prone to think harshly about its selfishness, its greediness, and its intolerance, let us remind ourselves that the world would be very much more so if Christmas did not come every year. Certainly those who have gone before were wise when they started us on these annual celebrations of the Birth of Christ.

We hear the Christmas words—"peace," "good will"—and whether we will it or not, we become more tender and more kind. The return of Christmas drives away our hardness of heart and brings us the Spirit of Brotherhood.

We do not know the names of those who heard the angels' songs. But we do know that the Shepherds were plain men of the out-of-doors. It was they who received the holy message. The wise men saw the star. They came and wor-

shipped. The kings trembled. But it was the shepherds who saw the sky filled with the glory of God, and whose ears heard the heavenly song, "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

And as, at this Christmastime, we look out on a world



tom by hatred and strife, we as common, plain citizens—and no one class can claim Jesus—we long for the holy anthem, "Peace on earth, good will toward men." It is our duty to keep faith now. Let us not allow gunfire and bombs to blot out the angels' song.

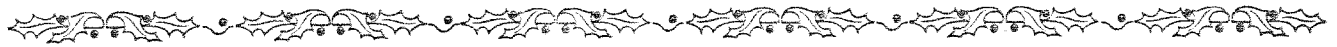
There is something else in this world besides brute force. Love is superior to hate. Righteousness, mercy, and justice, again must find their places in the world, or the world will crumble in the dust.

Let us believe this Christmastime that there is enough goodness left in the world, so that, in the end, evil will be overcome. And to you in the homeland, your homes may lie in ashes, factories may be wasted and twisted, churches may be in heaps and hospitals in ruins, but God survives. God is still on His throne. And because God still rules, His will must be done. Hate will in the end defeat itself.

We pray for a troubled world: we pray for our nation and all nations, we pray for strength and guidance for the tasks ahead and even tho we may have to travel over strange roads, through storms and briars, we will give freely for the sake of Him who will again bring Peace to the world.

A Merry Christmas to you all and may the New Year bring you every wish.

Very sincerely,
JOSEPH PARTRIDGE.



N. A. M. A. Executives Extend Season's Greetings

Christmas greetings may appear trite and merely a mark of courtesy, but we Washington and Baltimore Manx most sincerely wish all Manx in the United States, Canada and wherever they may be, and our kin in Ellan Vannin, a Happy Christmas and New Year. On this side of the water, we look forward to the usual season of cheer and good will, for which we are thankful. However, we are not forgetful of our folk at home, who, in common with the rest of the British, are giving their gallant boys and girls in defense of their country and freedom, and living in anxious dread of what the future may hold in store. We pray that the warring nations will soon seek peace, with honor and justice to all, and that the Christmas Spirit will prevail in the hearts of men.

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J. WILSON JENKINSON,
Vice-President.



A hearty greeting for all of you,
To hope that Christmas Day
Brings lots of Merry Christmas Cheer
And Happiness your way.
And then to add another wish,
That all the New Year through
Good Luck and lots of Happiness
Will come to each of you.

RICHARD H. CORKILL,
Past President.



It is again a pleasure to have the opportunity thru the medium of the Bulletin to wish all my Manx friends here and abroad a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year. I am sure the familiar phrase of Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men has a more heartfelt and sincere meaning this year than ever before in history. I hope soon the clouds of war and destruction may lift and that peace may reign supreme in those countries now fighting and giving their all for justice and liberty, and that they will enjoy the fruits of victory.

ALICE GARRETT,
Vice President.

To all Manx people on this continent, especially our members of the N.A.M.A., and all those interested in and who read our Bulletin; to all our people in the Homeland who are making such sacrifice, that we on this side in a peaceful hemisphere little understand, I extend my sincere greetings for a Merry Christmas and the wish that the New Year may bring Peace and Happiness to the world.

THOMAS H. CORKAN,
Vice President.



Each year brings new friendships and strengthens old ones. Thus life grows fuller and richer with the passing of the years.

Our Manx organizations have contributed much to the formation and continuation of these friendships. So, I deem it a privilege to extend to each and every one my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and for a New Year that will bring you Joy and Happiness.

WILHELMINA ANDERSON,
Representative, N.A.M.A.
Ladies' Auxiliary



"We'll keep our Christmas merry still", says the old, oft-quoted line.

We will keep it merry, regardless of anxiety and heartache, for there is nothing powerful enough to quench the glow of Christmas in hearts which from infancy have known and realized its meaning for the world.

This year we have often joined in a stirring song born of the present conflict "There'll Always Be An England". And while there's an England there'll always be Christmas in British hearts, for never has stress of circumstance and place prevented its observance.

And so to Manx people at Home and in the far outposts of the earth; to the Boys serving by land, air and sea; to the Manx people of Canada and the States—and to our dear friends and neighbors in those countries, so close to us in thought and ideals—a Very Merry Christmas and a Joyous and Hopeful New Year.

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Secy.-Treasurer.

It is Christmas once again, and I take the opportunity, through the Bulletin, to extend to Manx folk everywhere a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

As we remember our loved ones in the dear little Isle, to them we extend our hand for the supreme sacrifices they are making in defense of our homeland, and may we pray that by this time next year we will be enjoying once again "Peace on Earth—Good Will to all Men".

SIDNEY W. CORKISH,
Representative, N.A.M.A.
Breakfast Club



This is the season when our hearts go out in good-fellowship to our many friends. How grand it would be if we could drop in on each and every one and exchange Christmas and New Year wishes. That being impossible, since we are not possessed of the powers attributed to that mythical old fellow — Santa Claus, this publication of the North American Manx Association, in some measure, accomplishes our desires in that direction. Through it, we hear from our Manx friends scattered over this great North American Continent, and in return, we go to them to say, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

This harbinger of good cheer comes to our homes at Christmas and carries us back in memory to the many happy meetings we have had together. It also takes many back to their Island homeland, where the hearts of their loved ones must be heavy at this Christmas Season. It is our earnest wish that another year may bring peace, and that we, along with them, will be rejoicing that aggression and greed have been permanently crushed under the heel of righteousness.

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend to Manx people in all parts of the North American Continent, in the Island and in all parts of the world, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness.

CLAIRE M. MYLECRAINE,
Corresponding and
Recording Secretary.

BUFFALO IN 1941 . . . AN INVITATION

The Buffalo Manx Society extends a hearty invitation to every Manx man and woman—from all over the continent—COME TO BUFFALO, the "City of Good Neighbors", for the 14th N.A.M.A. Convention.

A warm welcome awaits you. You'll go places and enjoy things!

Come and enjoy the fellowship of your countrymen. The delight of meeting many old and new friends will be a long-remembered experience.

It will be a pleasure to have you with us—and we, on our part, will do our utmost to make your stay a most enjoyable one.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO BUFFALO — So, "Shuffle Off to Buffalo".

JACK COMISH, President
 FRED TOWLE, Vice President
 MARY SKILLICORN, Secretary

NEWS OF THE MANX SOCIETIES

SAN FRANCISCO

The Annual Dinner and Election of Officers of the San Francisco Manx Society was held at the "Koffee Kup" in San Francisco on October 26th. It was a most enjoyable evening, with members from Sacramento, Petaluma, etc., attending. They also had the pleasure of having a very old Manxman with them—a Mr. Skillicorn, formerly of Douglas, who left the Isle of Man for the States in 1876. He is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Emma Swift, in Sacramento. Dancing and singing followed a very excellent dinner, and during the course of the evening, the following officers were elected to carry on for the Society during 1941:

President—Ivor Stokes.
 Vice President—Warren Callow.
 Treasurer—Katie Stokes.
 Secretary—Mrs. W. Quayle, 1537 20th Avenue, San Francisco, Cal.

On November 23rd, this Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle. Over thirty members attended and they all had a delightful evening. The business meeting was followed by a sing-song and the inevitable "eats."

Their Christmas Party will be held on December 21st. They will have a Christmas tree, but instead of the usual exchange of gifts, the articles brought in by the various members will be collected and handed over to the British Benevolent Society for distribution among the needy British families in San Francisco. This is surely a grand idea and we hope it will meet with much success.

CHICAGO

Our President and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Partridge, were guests of the Chicago Manx Society at dinner and their meeting on November 22nd. Mr. Kewley of Milwaukee, who is an old friend of the Rev. Partridge, also traveled to Chicago to meet him. A raffle, sponsored by Harry Shimmis, realized a sum of \$8.25, which was sent to Peel for the Manx Soldiers' and Sailors' Fund.

A card and Bunco party was being held on Saturday, the 7th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kneale.

ROCHESTER

The October meeting of the Rochester Manx Society, held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Garrett, was one that will be long-remembered by those who attended. On that night, sound movies of the Isle of Man, which had been loaned to the Society by Mr. F. Williamson of Toronto, were shown and they were so interesting that they were run a second time. During the evening a very nice sum was collected for the British War Relief fund.

Their November meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Garrett, whose daughter, Miss Ada Christian of Cleveland, acted as hostess and kept everyone busy and happy with some unusual games she had planned.

GREATER NEW YORK

The first fall meeting of the Manx Society of Greater New York was held at the home of Mrs. William Karran and Miss Eleanor Waterson on October 22nd, with twenty members in attendance. The annual election of officers was held, and the following were elected:

President—Mr. James C. Tyson.
 Vice President — Mrs. Thomas Christian.
 Secretary-Treasurer — Florence M. Gill, 1427 Pacific Street, Brooklyn, New York.

After the business had been disposed of, three of their members told of the enjoyable time they had had at the recent Convention in Montreal. Refreshments were served and brought to a close a very enjoyable evening — a three-tier cake having been prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Jim Karran.

Over eighty members and friends of this Society attended the concert and dance given by the British Empire Circle for British War Relief at the Manhattan Center on November 22nd. A box had been reserved and was draped with Mrs. Wm. Karran's Manx flag, which was also used along with the other British flags in a Pageant during the evening. Mr. and Mrs. James C. Tyson served on the Reception Committee, and a sum of over \$7,000 was raised for this worthy cause.

NEBRASKA

The Christmas meeting of the Nebraska Manx Association was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Morris in Lincoln on December 1st. After a covered dish lunch, a program consisting of musical items and readings was provided by Mr. T. D. Clarke, Ann Robison, Mrs. John Robison, Vera, Jeanette, Jerry and Robert Humphrey, Don Clarke, Mona Morris and the grandchildren of Mrs. Catherine Kelly Arrison of Lincoln. A feature of their meetings nowadays is the reading of letters from the Isle of Man and the telling of what had been read in the Manx papers relative to those serving in the Army and Navy, and also at home in various capacities. George Kennaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Kennaugh, of Glen Rock, Wyoming, and a student at Creighton University, Omaha, was present and joined the Nebraska Manx Association.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and a shower was given to their President and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Robison of Elk Creek, who were recently married.

Their next meeting will be held on the last Sunday in March at the home of Mrs. Charles Worrest, 1235 South 26th Street, Lincoln.

N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB ATTENTION — ALL MEMBERS!

With the approach of the New Year, this is to remind you that your dues for 1941 are now payable. If this organization is to grow, the full cooperation of EVERY member is necessary. The dues are small—only 25c per year, and membership cards will be sent to each member. The numerous marriages among the members have made inroads on the membership list, but if each of the present members will resolve to secure at least one new member in 1941, it will assist in building the membership to the usual number. Mail your own dues and those for any others you can secure to

Stephen H. Quinney,
 Secretary-Treasurer,
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Christmas Greetings

BUFFALO

The members of the Buffalo Manx Society take pleasure in extending the Heartiest Greetings for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year to Manx friends everywhere, and especially to those in the Homeland who are so bravely carrying on through the tragedy of war. Our prayers are with them for Peace on Earth—Good Will to Men.

Jack Comish, Pres.
Mary Skillicorn, Secy.



GREATER NEW YORK

In these momentous days some of us know the anxiety of having kin in the midst of danger. The world looks in wonder on their fortitude, but we expected it, and are proud of them. We hardly count ourselves fortunate to be in comparative safety, and would rather, if circumstances permitted, be standing by their side. Over the long centuries our history is a story of progress toward light, and right and justice are bred in our bones. We must be watchful if we are to hold fast to the right. The sons of men have muddled along for these past 2000 years with varying fortune. At times they have been on the sunlit uplands, and often in despairing bogs. At this hour they are floundering in the deepest and darkest morass of their history. Still hope surges in the breast of true and brave men, and the fight goes on. All that life means today and in the future is embodied in that Hope that we commemorate at this Season. The Light that was born 2000 years ago gleams through the darkness and beckons us ever onward. And in this Hope and Light our prayers and greetings go out for our brave compatriots across the sea, and our exiled countrymen on this continent.

James Colquitt Tyson, Pres.
Florence Gill, Secy.



DETROIT-WINDSOR

The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society extends to all Manx people everywhere its best wishes for a Merry Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Harold E. Mercer, Pres.
Jean Munro, Secy.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The Mona's Relief Society of Cleveland send their greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year to all our Manx Societies throughout the world.

Wm. H. Gorry, Pres.
Mrs. Lucille Fricke, Cor. Secy.



LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND, OHIO

Christmas Cheer

The tide of time with ending year
Comes in on waves of Christmas
Cheer.

And as we watch its inward flow
It turns our thoughts to friends we
know;

Friends whose faith has been our
stay

In all we've done, from day to day.
For this our thanks go out to you
With heaps of Joy and Good Luck,
too.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society extends sincere greetings for a Happy Christmas season, and every good wish for the coming year.

Margaret J. Cain, Pres.
Amy C. Quayle, Secy.



SAN FRANCISCO

It is with pleasure the San Francisco Manx Society greet their friends of other States and Canada, and wish them a very Happy Christmas and Happier New Year. In spite of all the troubles in the world, the Spirit of Christmas still prevails, and we know that our families and friends across the sea will do their best to keep up the old traditions, despite the war and all it entails.

Let this wonderful Spirit be a lesson to all of us to "never despair", and let us pray that soon "Victory with Peace" will come to the forces fighting to overcome evil, so that "Peace on Earth—Good Will to Men" may soon be a reality.

Ivor Stokes, Pres.
Essie Quayle, Hon. Sec.

NEBRASKA

The officers and members of the Nebraska Manx Association send warmest Christmas Greetings and every good wish for the New Year to Manx people everywhere. We think especially of our folks in the Isle of Man, on the high seas and throughout the war-torn countries. Our hearts are heavy because of what they are called upon to bear, and we pray that Peace will soon come to this troubled world and end the terrors of this war.

God bless and protect our dear ones wherever they are, and may we on this continent be thankful for the many blessings we enjoy and share what we have with those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thomas C. Robinson, Pres.
Nell Joughin Morris, Secy.



MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society extend best wishes for a Happy and Joyous Christmas, and a Prosperous New Year. To our Manx friends everywhere, may the song of the angels at the birth of Christ, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace and Good Will to men", be realized this coming year.

John Callow, Pres.
Raby Kermode, Secy.



N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

As Christmas chimes ring gaily,
Filling us with glad mirth,
Memory, our hearts is stirring,
Sending wireless o'er the earth.
Among the many thousands,
Broadcasting their wishes true,
Let us be the ones to show you that
We have not forgotten you.

The Breakfast Club wishes all Manx people everywhere a Hearty and Jolly Christmas, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Let's "Shuffle off to Buffalo" in 1941!

Stephen H. Quinney, Secy.



From Manx Societies



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

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the North American Manx Association takes this occasion to extend its best wishes and the Season's Greetings to its members and Manx friends everywhere.

We solicit the membership of all Manx ladies, so send your quarter to Miss Mary Hampton and help our Society grow.

Edith Bury, Pres.
Alice Garrett, Secy.



WINNIPEG

The Winnipeg Manx Society's executive and members join in wishing all our Manx friends in Canada and across the border a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

John Fick, Pres.
Margaret Quirk, Secy.-Treas.



TORONTO

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society extend cordial Christmas and New Year Greetings to their kinsfolk at home and abroad. Our thoughts and prayers are especially with those who are so courageously facing such fearful odds. May the New Year bring victory and peace is the sincere wish of us all.

Tom Moore, Pres.
Mona Q. Downward, Secy.



CHICAGO

Greetings and all Good Wishes for a Very Happy Christmas, and a New Year full of Happiness to all Manx friends everywhere is the sincere wish of the Chicago Manx Society.

Thomas C. Kelly, Pres.
Ethel M. Shimmis, Secy.

MONTREAL

The Montreal Manx Society sends heartiest Season's Greetings to Manx people everywhere. We salute our compatriots at home for the magnificent contribution they are making to the defense of our freedom, and hope their Christmas may be as merry as ever, in spite of war-time restrictions.

To those of us west of the Atlantic front line, it is suggested our New Year Resolution should be to do all we can, in whatever manner we can, to help them and us win through to victory, so that happier and brighter New Years may follow.

F. W. Quane, Pres.
Catherine C. Sloan, Secy.



LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx Society are happy on the occasion of our seventeenth Christmas Anniversary.

The officers and members extend the best of good wishes for a Joyous Christmas and a Most Happy and Prosperous New Year. Let us pray that the message of Peace on Earth—Good Will toward Men may abide with us all.

Robert C. Craine, Pres.
Mrs. Fenton Bellamy, Secy.



ROCHESTER

Greetings from the Rochester Manx Society!

While our hearts are heavy—and our thoughts are with our loved ones across the water—one feels it would be a mockery to wish those brave hearts a Merry Christmas. We hope that in the near future new happiness may be born and may God grant us His peace. To our many friends in Canada and the United States, with a very special greeting to our many friends we meet every year, we wish one and all a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

Alice Garrett, Pres.
Dan W. Christian, Secy.

VANCOUVER

The officers and members of the Vancouver Manx Society extend the most cordial greetings and good wishes to all Manx friends everywhere for Happiness at Christmas and throughout the coming New Year.

We also extend a hearty welcome to visitors of Manx origin to call upon us while in Vancouver at any time.

J. E. Costain, Pres.
Fred Killip, Secy.



LADIES' AUXILIARY TO VANCOUVER

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society sends greetings to all Manx Societies and their members—wishing them a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. F. Killip, Pres.
Mrs. A. Halsall, Secy.



PEORIA

The officers and members of the Peoria Manx Association extend cordial Christmas Greetings to Manx people everywhere.

May the New Year be a Happy one, despite the sad conditions prevailing in "The Dear Homeland" today.

Rev. J. C. Craine, Pres.
Eva Kelly, Secy.



NORTHEASTERN OHIO

" 'Tis the season of kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart."

As the Season comes, may it bring cheer and gladness. As it goes, may it leave pleasant memories and renewed friendships.

Murray Morse, Pres.
Blanche Killey, Secy.



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About Things Manx

"Hath not old custom made this life more sweet?"

Shakespeare said this, in his marvelous way of stating things we all know but can't express. The French, in their brief, concise phraseology have said that happiness is found, not in change, but in custom.

If anyone doubts it, stop and think about it, now, at Christmas.

It is because of this that year after year, at Christmas, Mr. Lionel Barrymore reads Dickens' "Christmas Carol" to the radio audience. It is an old story—one that many of us know almost by heart—and just because of this, year after year we tune in to hear it again.

It is because of this that for hundreds of years, plum pudding and mince pie have been traditional Christmas fare. Who would be bold enough to try to change the Christmas menu?

It is because of this that when we go to church at Christmas it is not to hear the new anthems, but to join in singing "Hark the Herald Angels", as we have done ever since we were children.

And it is because custom is so dear to us that here in America, or at any rate in Cleveland, until very recent years Manx boys, and girls too, have gone out to sing carols for Manx friends on Christmas Eve. In the Isle of Man, years ago, it was a thrill to be awakened by "the choirs" in the small hours of Christmas morning. There has been a deeper thrill for those who have heard a Manx choir in Cleveland streets at Christmas.

Picture it—the cars drawing up outside a Manx home, the singers climbing out into the snow and standing, closely grouped, before the steps. The laughing and chatter ceases as "the note" is given on the pitch pipe; someone says "Crofton"—and clear against the snow and darkness, warm and hearty in the bitter cold, come the old, familiar, heart-stirring strains that once woke the midnight

silence of Douglas, Ramsey, Peel and Castletown—"Glory to Thee, My God, This Night." A pause, and the voices are raised again (with plenty of good Manx bass) in "While Shepherds Watched". The door opens, a Manx voice calls "Merry Christmas", and the choir sings "O Come All Ye Faithful", then troop inside for a good hot cup of Manx "tay" or coffee or a glass of wine, — bunloaf and mince pie. Then—"Merry Christmas" and out again into the snow to travel miles to the next Manx house (and there were years when these tours were made, not by auto, but by street car and afoot). And so on, all night, until the Wattersons and Gells and Kellys and Christians and Wades and Gorrys and many others had been visited, and their neighbors delighted and inspired by the singers from the Isle of Man.

It would be close to daybreak when these Manx carollers would reach their own homes, tired and cold but with the heartwarming satisfaction that a bit of "Old Manx Christmas" had been carried to a dozen Manx firesides, and again "old custom" had "made this life more sweet" because the singers were round at Christmas, just like old days in the Isle of Man.

Christmas in the Isle of Man! How our thoughts turn there, year after year. The December days were dark—you dressed by candlelight if you got up as late as eight o'clock, and lights were lit in the afternoon at four. There were windy nights when the moon rode the flying clouds like a ship; there were sharp, cold nights when the stars were thick as daisies in the fields in springtime. There were quiet, dark rainy Sunday afternoons—children in Sunday school singing "Once in Royal David's City" and one eye peeping ahead for Christmas—the tinkle of cups and saucers, the singing kettle, and tea and toast in the firelight. There were evenings busy with stirring of plum puddings—aroma of baking bunloaf—bringing in the holly (how red the berries were, and how glossy the dark green leaves). And on Christmas morning the greeting and handshaking in church doorways, and the triumphant strains of "Christians, Awake"!

It will not be the Christmas of old custom for our people this year. There will be no lighted windows, no singing in the streets. But perhaps they are closer than ever to the very roots of old custom—to the real, first Christmas of peace and goodwill, to be bought at the price of giving and sacrifice and suffering. We will think of them this year when we sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem"—we will think of the towns and villages of Britain, of our own little Manx towns and villages where we know every street, so dark under the Christmas stars — and we will see them more clearly than we have ever done before.

"Yet in thy dark street shineth
The Everlasting Light,
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight."

GERTRUDE CHANNELL.

"Season's Greetings" To Manx Servicemen!

"Tom Brown Night" was observed this year in Cleveland on November 11th. by means of a card party sponsored by the Manx Servicemen's Cigarette Fund Committee. This was made possible by the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, usual sponsors of "Tom Brown Night," who generously offered the opportunity, and the use of their hall for the object close to everyone's heart at present—to help create a little Christmas cheer for the Boys. This was a fitting way to celebrate the evening dedicated to the Manx poet and patriot.

A most enjoyable evening was spent by the large assembly present, and thanks are due the Benefit Society for the use of their hall, and to the many friends who donated the refreshments. The proceeds from the sale of tickets was augmented by contributions from well-wishers who were unable to attend in person. To these people as well as those who purchased tickets, the committee extends hearty thanks for their support.

The success of this special effort enabled Miss Mylecraine, treasurer for the Cigarette Fund, to send twenty pounds to the Manx press, which would be received in plenty of time for their Christmas mailing of cigarettes and similar small packages.

Contributions received from friends outside of Cleveland who have responded to appeals made in the Bulletin, have swelled the fund to a point where it will be possible to send some more money very soon.

To all who have responded to this worthy cause, the Committee offers hearty thanks. We quote a few lines from a letter received from Mr. Tom Radcliffe, Editor of the Isle of Man Examiner:

"It is indeed most kind of your people to help us to give cheer to our boys serving with the fighting forces, and on their behalf may I say a very heartfelt 'Thank You.'

"It will interest you to know that, as far as has been possible, we have contacted any overseas Manx serving on this side, and have a number of Manx Canadians on our list for the reception of the always welcome smokes."

While we are enjoying our comforts and pleasures this Christmas, let us remember those of our own blood who are sacrificing all, and remember, too, that our contributions, however small, bring a wealth of cheer into lives devoted to hardship and danger. The Treasurer for the Cigarette Fund Committee, Miss C. M. Mylecraine, is always happy to receive donations. Address her at 10525 Baltic road, Cleveland, Ohio. Even if you have contributed once—or twice—send another dollar soon.

Fred T. Gorry, Chairman.
Gertrude Cannell, Secretary.
Manx Servicemen's
Cigarette Fund Committee

OUR OWN PEOPLE

"The Manx Wedding's"

A recent wedding in Detroit, Michigan, was that of Miss Mildred Mawson and Mr. Arthur Gough, which was solemnized on Saturday, November 23rd. The bride is a niece of our Past President, Mr. Richard Corkill.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Eccles were married in Reno, Nevada early in November. Mrs. Eccles was the former Margie Pefley and Mr. Eccles is the son of Mrs. Forrest Eccles of Reno. Among those in attendance at this wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle of San Francisco.

William Louis Quirk and Clara B. Payne were married in Baltimore, Maryland on September 30th. Mr. Quirk is the son of Colonel Willie Quirk, S.A., of Manasquan, New Jersey, formerly of Peel and Cleveland, who performed the wedding ceremony.

On November 16th, the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Hallett P. Foster took place at St. Christophers by the River in Gates Mills, Ohio. Mrs. Foster is the former Miss Virginia Crowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Callow of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

Thomas Crellin Robison, President of the Nebraska Manx Association and son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, was married on October 29th to Miss Ida Gottula, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Guttula. After a wedding trip to Texas, they are now at home on a farm adjoining the Robison home farm in Elk Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Cowley, Lincoln, Nebraska, announce the marriages of their daughters, Margaret E. and Mildred Lucille, to Mr. Bernard Huston and Mr. Kenneth Nice respectively. The former was married on November 16th, and the latter on September 28th. Both couples will live at 2015 Stelleman Avenue, Alhambra, California.

To all of these young newlyweds, we extend sincere good wishes and congratulations!

Maryellen Robison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robison of Elk Creek, Nebraska, recently was made a member of the Soccer Team of the University of Nebraska.

From all over the continent come reports from Manx people of their activities in aid of British War Relief. In Florida, where Manx people are not so numerous, Mrs. James Moughtin of Sanford is taking a prominent part in local efforts for this great cause.

Many Manx people heard the fine baritone voice of Crosby M. Kelly, son of Past President Thos. C. Kelly of Hinsdale, Illinois, at the Cleveland Convention in 1935. Crosby has just returned from a course of study in Mexico and his first recital in his home town, given on November 8th, was a tremendous success. He was heard over NBC National Net Work in a concert given December 1st. Heartly congratulations to the Kellys on the success of the young baritone, who is acclaimed among the best of the younger concert singers of America.

Another Manxman whose fine endeavors have won merited recognition is Fred T. Gorry of Cleveland, who was elected recently as President of the United British Societies of Cleveland. Fred's work in the Manx Societies has been well known and appreciated for several years, and his recent election shows how he has enlarged his sphere of activity. Manx friends will be pleased to hear of this honor being conferred upon a Manxman. Fred is also Chairman of the Cleveland Committee for the Manx Servicemen's Cigarette Fund, and with Mrs. Gorry—"Flo"—is a member of the N.A.M.A. Bulletin Committee.

Our genial Vice President, Tommy Corkan of Winnipeg writes: "20' below—quite a bit of snow around, and winter sports are in full swing, but my pastime is cleaning sidewalks and putting out ashes—and I keep singing 'Another load of ashes nearer spring!'." You know what they say, Tommy, "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" — so let's hope it won't be long now!

Alec Cannell, formerly with the Cunard-White Star Line in Cleveland and now with the same company in New York, described in a recent letter the Nineteenth Annual British Harvest Festival, held on October 27th at old Trinity Church in New York. "I don't think I ever witnessed such a beautiful and impressive service in any church before"—wrote Alec. "First, the processional, to the old favorite 'Onward Christian Soldiers'—and how the congregation joined in, as they did also with 'We Plough the Fields'. The flags, banners and harvest decorations lent true atmosphere to the occasion. The most touching part of the service was the singing of 'God Save the King.' Tears rolled down the cheeks of some, while others were too choked to sing." The British Consul General, representatives of the Governor of New York State and of Mayor La Guardia, as well as many other notables were present at this service.

Mr. Tom Howland, 3318 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, California, found a new Manx friend through having his name in the Patron's List of the Lincoln Convention Souvenir Book. Mr. John J. Killey of Fort Dodge, Iowa, saw the name, referred it to a friend, Mr. Cleator of Fort Dodge, who was going to California to spend the winter. Mr. Cleator called on Mr. Howland, revisited him this year, and went with him to the Harvest Service of the Los Angeles Manx Society. In this way are the links formed which hold Manx people so closely together!

Mrs. Margaret Kneen, who will be remembered by many of the 1930 Homecoming Party and who is one of the oldest members of the Chicago Manx Society, is in a Nursing Home at 25 S.N. West Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois. She is always glad to hear from any of her Manx friends.

John Halsall of Kirkland Lake, Ontario, whom many will remember meeting at the Convention in Hamilton in 1938, is now on active duty with His Majesty's Forces, writes his aunt, Mrs. William Halsall. He is still an interested N.A.M.A. member.

We are glad to announce that Jane Allen, daughter of Mrs. R. Allen (nee Helen Gorry of Cleveland), won the silver cup at Arewa Camp Fredericksburg, Pennsylvania, for being the best all-around camper this summer. Jane will retain the cup until next summer, when we hope she will return to camp and win it again.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Burrows, 3353 West 95th Street, Cleveland, announce the arrival of Ramsey Bert, on November 18th. Mrs. Burrows is well known to Manx friends on both sides of the border as Florence Kennish. Congratulations to the proud parents and to the equally proud grandmother, Mrs. E. B. Kennish.

Congratulations again! — to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Ruedy, 2430 Spangler Road, Cleveland Heights, on the arrival, on December 3rd, of Robert William. Mrs. Ruedy (nee Eleanor Kelly) was active in committee work for the 1935 Convention in Cleveland and many will remember meeting her there.

AND—Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Keig, Jr., on the arrival of James Thomas on October 24th. Both Mr. and Mrs. Keig were enthusiastic members of the Breakfast Club. Santa Claus apparently is presenting our young Manx folk with *bays* by preference this year.

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Is It Worth A Dollar?

What is the return for one dollar per year invested in a membership in the North American Manx Association?

Here are extracts from three letters, differing in expression but alike in appreciation—typical of many letters received by the N.A.M.A. secretaries—which will throw some light on the “reason for” the North American Manx Association.

From California:

“Enclosed please find my dollar for the N.A.M.A. Really this is a cheap price to pay for the Bulletin. It is worth many times that for the cheer it brings to those so far from the ‘Lil Island’.”

From Iowa:

“I find the articles in the Bulletin very good material in helping me when I am asked to give a talk on the Isle of Man.”

And from a Cleveland member who thoroughly enjoyed the Convention this year in Montreal, and has been for years an enthusiastic reader of the Bulletin:

“Best wishes to the officers and to all Manx people who have given so much of their time and talent to make the evening of life pleasant and entertaining for us older members.”

Is any comment necessary on tributes such as these? If you have not sent in your 1940-41 membership, show you are one with the Manx family of North America by renewing it now.

GERTRUDE CANNELL,
Financial Secy.-Treas.

OUR OWN PEOPLE

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Mrs. C. H. Cowley recently left Lincoln, Nebraska, with her two children, Paul and Marie, to join her husband at Toledo, Ohio, where Mr. Cowley has been employed for the past two years. They are now located at 509 Wall Ridge Road, Toledo. Their oldest son, Robert, is still in Lincoln, where he is studying radio work.

Interested attendants at recent meetings of the Los Angeles Manx Society were members of the Clague family, formerly of Buffalo, New York, and now connected with the 20th Century-Fox Studios in Hollywood; and the Cowley family, formerly of Cleveland, who are engaged in the insurance business and the aircraft industry in Los Angeles.

Colonel W. S. Quirk, S.A., writes that he is already looking forward to meeting his Manx friends in Buffalo next August. He was sorry that, due to engagements he had made for a year in advance, he was unable to be with us in Montreal, but that he was compensated to some extent in reading about the convention in the Bulletin.

Manx-Built Ship At San Deigo

How many Manx people know that at San Diego, California, there is a Manx-built sailing ship, now owned by the Zoological Society of San Diego and operated as a Maritime Museum? This interesting bit of information was sent in by Mr. Tom Howland of San Diego, who says that when he has Manx visitors he likes to take them to see this relic of bygone days. A picture postcard view of the ship, enclosed by Mr. Howland, carries the description “Built at Ramsey, Isle of Man, 1863. Christened ‘Euterpe’, one of the first iron ships”. The bark has been rechristened “Star of India”. The following description quoted from an advertising circular sent in by Mr. Howland, will be found very interesting:

“Spend an interesting hour or two aboard the American bark ‘Star of India’ (Ex-British full rigged ship Euterpe)—The Oldest Iron Sailing Vessel Afloat—Built in 1863 in the Isle of Man by all hand labor. You’ll marvel at the hand construction of this former emigrant ship. You’ll see the intricate hand forged iron fittings and hand riveted plates, the well-preserved cabins and staterooms made of teakwood, the old original Lord Kelvin compass with its Latin inscription “Domine Dirigenos”, and the many other exhibits of this Maritime Museum. This old sailing vessel has been stranded on a coral reef in the Tropics, frozen in the ice of Bering Sea, and after 77 years of service on the seven seas is still here to welcome you.”

No wonder Mr. Howland is proud to show this fine old nautical survival to his friends!

Ohio State Sales Tax Stamps

We appreciate the splendid response which some of our Ohio readers made to our recent appeal for cancelled sales tax stamps. This is to remind you again that the Ladies’ Auxiliary to the Mona’s Relief Society of Cleveland is still anxious to get as many of these stamps as possible. This organization is constantly doing a wonderful work for the relief of needy Manx families, and what more worthy organization can we, as Manxmen, find as the recipient of our cancelled sales tax stamps.

Mrs. R. G. Anderson collects these stamps for the Auxiliary, sorts them out and handles the return of them to the State of Ohio. As you know, for every \$100.00 worth of cancelled stamps turned in, the State allows a \$3.00 refund, and since it would take us, as individuals, many years to acquire \$100.00 worth of tax stamps, it is useless for any of us to save them for personal profit. However, it may be that many of us simply don’t bother to pick them up when they are given to us in the stores, or if we do pick them up, we throw them away. Let’s not do either of these things. Instead, let us keep them until we get a few, and then put them in an envelope and mail them to Mrs. Anderson. She will be more than glad to get them to add to those which others are periodically turning over to her for the benefit of the Ladies’ Auxiliary to the Mona’s Relief Society.

Let’s all pull together on this effort and help Mrs. Anderson to greatly increase the nice amount which the State of Ohio has already paid the Auxiliary for these cancelled stamps. Her address is:

Mrs. R. G. Anderson,
13622 Beachwood Ave., S. E.
Cleveland, Ohio

MAIL YOUR STAMPS TO HER TODAY!

NEWS FROM BRITAIN

Our Vice President, Mr. J. Wilson Jenkinson of Washington, D. C., has just sent us the following excerpt from a recent letter which he received from his brother who lives in London, and which we feel will be of interest to our readers:

“It is remarkable how people are taking everything without a grouse. There are people who have been bombed out more than once and there is never a grumble. One hears a person telling of a bomb in their garden which has blown all doors and windows in and the roof off as if it had been a joke. Of course, they don’t look at it as a joke, but as an unfortunate incident which they can’t help and, therefore, accept its lighter side. London has had its share of damage, but that has absolutely no effect whatsoever upon the people from the point of view of feeling that they have had enough of war. It is simply a disagreeable side of war, which has to be accepted pending final victory. I have yet to

meet one person who has the slightest doubt about the eventual outcome, although it is ruinous from a financial point of view.”

Vice President Jenkinson also says that his brother had the publisher forward him a copy of the November 2nd issue of the “London Overseas Daily Mail”. He sends us the following item from this publication, which is also most interesting:

“Now for a change of subject. One hears very little nowadays about the Isle of Man, except that it has a large internment camp for aliens. Few people realize what a fine fighting record it has. Despite the small population, the number of men serving are:

Army	1994
Air Force	298
Navy	491
A. T. S.	36
Mercantile Marine	180
M. S. A.	542

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MONTREAL

At the annual meeting of the Montreal Manx Society held in the Windsor Hotel on October 8, 1940, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Hon. President—Mr. E. Brayden.
 Hon. Vice-Presidents — Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson and Mr. J. Agnew.
 President—Mr. F. Quane.
 Vice-President—Mr. J. Bell.
 Treasurer—Mr. D. Corlett.
 Secretary—Miss C. C. Sloan.
 Committee—Messrs. B. C. Bell, J. Bridson, J. Kneale, T. A. Moore, F. Quayle, Miss Mona Crellin and Mrs. W. Duggan.

Ladies Auxiliary

President—Mrs. T. A. Moore.
 Vice-President—Mrs. J. Bell.
 Secretary—Mrs. W. Duggan.
 Treasurer—Miss J. Sloan.
 Committee—Mrs. J. Agnew, Mrs. J. Bridson, Mrs. T. Corlett, Miss M. Crellin, Mrs. T. Delves, Mrs. F. Quane.

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday in each month throughout the season. The first, an evening of games, took place on November 6th, with a splendid attendance. A wide variety of games was enjoyed and War Savings Stamps were given as prizes. Mr. J. Bell gave an interesting resume of the latest news from the Isle of Man, and will continue this feature at each meeting.

An oil painting, by Mr. J. R. Wright, was presented to Mr. T. Moore as a token of the Society's appreciation of his fine work during his occupancy of the presidency. Mrs. Moore was the recipient of a handbag from the Ladies' Auxiliary.

Refreshments were served by the ladies.

A concert, under the direction of Mr. T. Moore, was being held on December 4th. As all those who attended the Convention will agree, the arrangements for this concert were in capable hands, and everyone was looking forward to an enjoyable time.

TORONTO

The Toronto Manx Society held its annual Hollantide Supper and Social on November 9th, and it is reported by the Secretary, Mrs. G. Downward, that it proved to be the most successful one in years. About 100 Manx and their friends attended and some of the finest talent in Toronto performed. Mrs. W. Fick, who had made and donated a clothes hamper, was accorded a vote of thanks, and the evening concluded with singing and dancing.

Their election of Officers was held on December 2nd, with the following results:

President—Mr. Tom Moore.
 Vice President—Mrs. J. Costain.
 Treasurer—Mrs. F. Williamson.
 Financial Secretary—Mrs. R. Russell.

Secretary—Mrs. G. Downward, 60 Marchmount Rd., Toronto, Ontario.

Their Annual Christmas Tree Party for the children will be held on Thursday, December 19th, at 7:30 P. M.

CLEVELAND MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The November monthly meeting of this society was held on the 5th. Mr. W. H. Gorry, president, conducted the business meeting, after which was a card party. There were about one hundred people present and a very enjoyable time was had, the usual Manx refreshments being served after the card party.

This Society held its annual election of officers at the regular monthly meeting held on December 3rd. The results of the election are as follows:

President—W. H. Gorry.
 Vice President—J. H. Gell.
 Financial Secretary—Miss Amy C. Quayle.

Corresponding and Recording Secretary—Mrs. Alan Fricke.

Treasurer—Miss Chrissie Quayle.
 Relief Committee—Mrs. C. J. Sutton, Miss Mary Hampton, Robert Gorry.

Trustees—W. C. Kissack, W. Harry Kelly, Harrison Crellin.

Historian—W. H. Callister.

President W. H. Gorry thanked the members for their confidence and support expressed in their re-election of him as their chairman for another year. The Society voted to take a fifty dollar membership in British War Relief, Inc., and reports were made on Cigarette Fund efforts and on the knitting of socks and other garments for soldiers, in which the ladies are very active. A short entertainment included solos by Mr. Jack Gell and Mr. Walter Quilliam, and the usual refreshments included seasonable fruit cake and mince pies.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

The ladies of this society are ever ready to do their bit and right now are busy working hard for British War Relief. Numerous articles are being knitted, such as socks, mufflers, sweaters and mittens, which are so badly needed in Britain these days. Mrs. Fred T. Gorry has charge of the knitting and Mrs. F. W. Smith is busy taking care of sewing garments for the homeless and refugees. The Society has also donated \$50.00 to the British War Relief Society, Inc.

MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY

At the December meeting of the above society held December 11th, the following officers were elected:

President—John Callow.
 Vice-President—Alan Fricke.
 Financial Secretary—Roland Corlett.

Recording Secretary—Raby Ker-mode.

Treasurer—Norman Cowin.
 Trustees—John Watterson, Fred T. Gorry, John Lewin and Fred Brew.

Chaplain—Robert Gorry.
 Conductor—Jos. Clucas.
 Warden—Robert Cooil.

The committee to British War Relief, Inc., John R. Cain and Robert Gorry, reported they had collected and turned in the sum of \$55.00, credited to the society. They will be glad to receive further subscriptions.

VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society held its annual "Tom Brown Night" in the Maccabee's Hall, 2227 Main St., Vancouver, on November 29th, when Mrs. Thomas Killip gave a well prepared account of the life of our beloved poet. A number of talented young Manx artists gave a varied and enjoyable program of vocal and instrumental numbers. Mrs. Simpson (nee Quayle, and formerly from Ramsey), and her son, who recently arrived in Vancouver from Alberta, were introduced and welcomed.

Through a misinterpretation of the report submitted by the Vancouver Society covering their August 15th meeting, it was stated that it was held at the home of Mrs. A. Stevenson. We are now advised that this meeting, too, was held at the Maccabee's Hall. Also wish to add the name of Mr. W. Mudie as one of the vocal soloists on that occasion.

DETROIT-WINDSOR

Miss Phyllis Campbell, a member on the Committee of British War Relief in Detroit, reports that several of the Manx ladies in Detroit are very active in War Relief work. They are making surgical dressings and knitting woolen goods, having already turned in a goodly number of socks, wristlets, helmets, sweaters, scarfs, etc. The Detroit-Windsor Manx Society is credited by the Committee for the work these ladies are doing.

WINNIPEG

With well-attended and greatly enjoyed dances and whist drives, the Winnipeg Manx Society has started winter activities. The ladies of the Society have formed an Auxiliary in an effort to keep the local soldier boys supplied with parcels from time to time. These women open their homes for entertainments, making a nominal charge, and in this way they accumulate funds. They report that they are well satisfied with their progress thus far, having sent "healthy-sized" Christmas boxes to all of their boys overseas.

LOS ANGELES

The Foreign Correspondent of the Los Angeles Manx Society, Mrs. Oscar Ward, reports that their October meeting was a lively affair, with over 200 in attendance. Guest artists of the Lancashire Society presented a variety show, and the Master of Ceremonies was Mr. Tom Pilkington, who spent last year in England with a motion picture company and has appeared in several plays in Hollywood theatres. The accompanist of the evening was Mr. Broadbent, a radio artist of note. The program was in charge of Mr. Richard Pilkington, past Secretary of the Los Angeles Manx Society, and the net proceeds amounting to \$56.00 were turned over to the Lancashire Society fund for a British Red Cross Ambulance. A guest at this meeting was Miss Evelyn Corlett of San Francisco who was enroute home from a trip to the East. She had stopped at the depot in Los Angeles to telephone her greetings to the Society, but upon

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learning it was "Manx Night," decided to stay over for this splendid meeting.

The members of this Society joined with the Rev. George Quayle, their Chaplain, in the Harvest Home worship in his church at Wintersburg on November 3rd. Hymns familiar to all who came from the Isle of Man were sung, and the altar was beautifully decorated to suit the occasion. Rev. Quayle delivered an inspiring sermon, and the vocal soloist was Mrs. Wm. Hartley, a violin solo being rendered during the offertory by Mr. Arthur Teeple. During the service, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Teeple was christened, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rodger acting as Godparents. After the church service, 45 of the Manx attending from Los Angeles, San Diego and other points met in the church annex, where they partook of their bounteous lunches, the ladies of the church having provided the tea and coffee for the occasion. It is reported that this was a truly wonderful occasion, Mr. Joseph Rodger having been in charge of the arrangements.

Their regular November meeting was held in the Good Templars Hall in Los Angeles. Community singing and the recital of Celtic tales and readings by Mr. Wm. J. Trevorrow, the Cornish Bard, were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Trevorrow also presented the Los Angeles Manx Society with a poster having the Corseidd Prayer inscribed in the English, Scotch, Irish, Manx, Welsh, Cornish and Breton languages. He is a retired teacher in the Los Angeles schools and had sent the English version of this prayer to different colleges and authorities on the various languages to acquire the translations. He stated that Mr. Braad of Castletown had kindly rendered his services in the Manx translation.

Spitfire Funds Appeal

Many of our readers have undoubtedly seen items which appeared in recent issues of "The Isle of Man Times" in regard to their editor's called appeal to the North American Manx Association for a contribution of five thousand pounds for the purchase of a SPITFIRE plane for Britain. Obviously, such a request had to be given serious and careful consideration. We wanted to help, if at all possible to do so, but, at the same time, we wanted to be sure that we were proceeding along a line which would not conflict in any way with the laws of the United States.

Accordingly, your Secretary spent considerable time and effort in endeavoring to get the proper answer to this question, and eventually, we were advised that high governmental sources strictly counseled against any steps in this direction, as a solicitation of funds for the purchase of combat planes (instruments of war) would be contrary to the United States Neutrality Act.

This advice made it necessary for us to respond to Mr. Brown and express our regrets at being unable to assist them in this effort. We were extremely sorry to have to reply in this manner, but, under the circumstances, there was no alternative. It is quite likely that at some time in the near future, the Executives of our Association will be able to work out some means whereby we can directly assist in the war relief work. Meanwhile, we know that each and every Manx person on the North American Continent is doing his share thru the British War Relief Society, which has been organized for the purpose of raising funds for the relief of those in war stricken areas of Great Britain. This is a most worthy cause, and every possible effort should be made to assist that organization to the fullest.

CLAIRE M. MYLECRRAINE,
Cor. and Rec. Secy.

Cleveland Manx Banquet

The Committee of Arrangements for the 90th Annual Cleveland Manx Banquet is already hard at work on the plans for this occasion. This affair is sponsored each winter by the Mona's Relief Society, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society and the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society, and is the outstanding Manx activity of the year in Cleveland.

Mr. John Callow is Chairman of the committee; Miss Claire M. Mylecraine, Secretary; and Miss Gertrude Cannell, Treasurer.

At a recent meeting, it was decided to hold it on Friday, January 31, 1941, at the Hotel Carter in Cleveland.

It is hoped that each of those who has attended this event in the past will endeavor to interest at least one other person in coming to it this year. The Committee is anxious to have the largest attendance ever, but needs the help of each and every Manx person in Cleveland and vicinity to bring this about.

When YOU are contacted, either by a member of the Committee, or by letter, will you please cooperate to the fullest? Meanwhile, if you would like any additional information, get in touch with the Committee Secretary—Claire M. Mylecraine, 10525 Baltic road, Cleveland, Ohio.

Name Contest

With further reference to the "Name Contest", the Bulletin Committee met early in December to discuss the subject, and are happy to report that a number of excellent suggestions were received. In fact, there were so many good ones that it was the consensus of opinion that the final selection of a name should be decided upon by the Executive of the Association, along with the Bulletin Committee.

It also was thought that the present name should be used for the last issue in 1940 and that the change should be made in the first issue for 1941, namely the March Issue.

OBITUARIES

Shimmin, Ellen (nee Gendle) passed away September 23rd at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ann Jane Moore, Walberry Farm, Braddan, Isle of Man, at the age of 74. She is survived by her husband, John James Shimmin; her daughter, Mrs. Moore; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Jane Jenkinson, Douglas and Mrs. Louisa Cain, Iron River, Michigan; and two brothers, James Gendle of Iron River, Michigan and John Gendle of Riverside, California.

McDonald, Mrs., of Rochester, New York, mother of Mrs. Alfred Looney, passed away on December 4th. Mr. Looney is Vice President of the Rochester Manx Society.

Callister, Rev. Joseph Quayle, Chaplain of the House of Keys, passed away at his home in Peel, Isle of Man, Sunday, October 6th. He was a native of Glenmoye and fifty-two years ago emigrated to America, where he entered the Methodist Episcopal ministry and was for many years in charge of a church in Cleveland. He has lived in the Island in retirement for some years in Douglas and latterly in Tynwald road, Peel. He was a member of the North American Manx Association and attended the Hamilton Convention in 1938 with his wife, who survives him and who was the former Miss Kewish of Whitehouse Farm, Michael, Isle of Man.

Boyd, Mrs. Annie (nee Teare), 2973 Hampshire Rd., Cleveland Heights, passed away November 29th at her home after an illness of five weeks. Mrs. Boyd was born in a log house in Warrensville in 1855 and was a very active member in the Manx societies. She was a wonderful worker and a charter member of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Mona's Relief Society, attending all the meetings up to the time she became ill, and had the distinction of being the oldest member of the Auxiliary, where she will be greatly missed. Surviving are her husband, Mr. William Boyd and two sisters, Mrs. Louisa Eastwood and Miss Belle Teare.

Kermode, Mrs. Eleanore E. (nee Radcliffe), wife of the late George Kermode, passed away at her home, 2171 West 59th St., Cleveland, O., October 25th. Born in Peel, Isle of Man in 1857, Mrs. Kermode came to America over 50 years ago. She was the mother of Alan of Painesville, the late William and Fred of Florida, Mrs. Belle Stables, the late Fenella, Raby, Mrs. R. Faragher and Mrs. Esther Taylor of Cleveland.

To the relatives and friends of the above we extend heartfelt sympathy.

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