

# The Season's Greetings

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

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### A Christmas Message From Our President

Dear Manx Friends:

The Christmas season has come again, and I am happy and thankful for the privilege, through the medium of this Bulletin, of entering so many Manx homes and extending my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

At this joyful time we pause amid our daily tasks to pray, earnestly and with tolerance, for "Peace on earth, good will toward men." We give more consideration and thought to a cherished possession — friendship; our hearts go out in good fellowship to our many friends. Poor is the man deprived of friendship.

This festive season brings back fond memories of Yuletide celebrations in our happy Ellan Vannin. Well do I remember the smiling faces of the sailors returning home from their ships, as they stepped proudly along the road, packs on their shoulders—Home for Christmas! The young ones were up early on Christmas morning, anxious to join in carol singing. After

a complete round of the village came the difficult task of dividing the pennies.

At this Christmas season of 1950, our thoughts and prayers are again with those of our kin who have loved ones engaged in the struggle to make this world a better and happier place in which to live. May they return safely to their homes; may the clouds of war lift and peace once more reign supreme.

During the past twenty-two years the N.A.M.A. Bulletin has done a grand work in bringing Manx friends in contact with one another, creating new friendships and renewing old ones. The success of the Bulletin and the Convention gatherings has been made possible by the interest and generous patronage of each one of you. Our clannish Manx spirit has taught us the value of teamwork. With this spirit of cooperation, our North American Manx Association will go on and on to greater successes, and in appealing for your continued support, may I remind you that our efforts are also a

tribute to the many fine members who have passed on, but who gave us support and help while they were still with us.

It is a pleasure to take this opportunity of extending Season's Greetings to the officers and members of the World Manx Association. Their warm and friendly welcome to Manx folk visiting home is deeply appreciated. Also, we acknowledge the courtesy of the Manx newspapers in giving generous publicity to our various activities.

In conclusion, my very best wishes to every Manx person on this continent, in the Isle of Man, and indeed all over the world, "Yu Ollick Ghennal as Blein Vie Noa"—A Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year. May God's richest blessing be with you all.

Never a Christmas morning,  
Never an old year ends,  
But somebody thinks of someone—  
Old days, old times, old friends.

TOM MOORE, President.

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

Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men—  
the desire of all this Christmastide.

Christmas throughout the ages has been a time of great excitement to children and grownups alike. Much could be said about the gifts received and given, also the good things to eat. But in this world of ours today, as we again draw near the holy season, we should pause awhile and realize the full meaning of Christmas.

May we all try to understand more about that "Peace" of which the Angels sang, and the joy of the "Shepherds in the fields watching their flocks" on that first Christmas morning—and not only understand, but share that peace and joy. This is the true meaning of Christmas, and in these war-weary, tense times, the Hope of the World.

To my fellow-countrymen everywhere—a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Peaceful New Year.

W. Harry Kelly  
Past President



There are two great events in our N.A.M.A. year . . . the Convention, when we meet and enjoy several days of real Manx fellowship . . . and Christmas, when by means of the Bulletin, we enter Manx homes to exchange Season's Greetings.

Christmas is the time of year when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, the Prince of Peace—yet in this twentieth century we live in a troubled world, full of fear and the lowering clouds of war. But the lighted trees, the beautiful, decorated churches and the joy of the Christmas message all remind us that Christ is the guiding Light of the World—then whom should we fear?

Throughout the world, Manx societies and Manx people will be gathering sincere, as they always do, to celebrate Christmas. To one and all, my sincere wish for a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Richard H. Corkill  
First Vice President.



Sincere Holiday Greetings to officers and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. and to all Manx folk wherever they may be. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Good Health and Happiness through the Coming Year.

Mona Malboeuf  
Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary.

The Christmas Tree is lighted,  
The hearthstone is aglow,  
And thoughts are warmly turning  
To friends of long ago;  
And with these thoughts go wishes  
For all the old-time cheer,  
And all the Joy your heart can hold  
Today, and all the year.

To all Manx friends, both near and far, my very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Stephen H. Quinney  
Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club.



In greeting all Manx friends this Christmas, I thank you for the honor shown in returning me to office as Second Vice President. I hope to prove worthy of your esteem, and assure you I enjoy continuing to do work for and with the Manx. We were sorry to miss the Convention at Windsor, of which we have heard great praise.

Congratulations to our new president, Tom Moore; to fellow vice presidents Dick Corkill and Harry Roberts—not forgetting the hardy perennials, Claire and Gertrude and Bill Skillicorn who work on so faithfully each year. Let us all give them the assurance that we will do whatever we can to further the cause of Manx friendship on this continent and throughout the world.

Our hearty good wishes to our past president, Harry Kelly, who steered us through to a record membership and encouraged us all by his unflagging enthusiasm.

I wish you all a Right Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New year.

Essie Quayle  
Second Vice President.



I can think of no finer wish for the Manx people, than the hope that all the good wishes so warmly expressed in this Christmas Bulletin will come true for every one of you. May your Christmas be happy and may the New Year bring brighter promise than the year just closing. "May you live as long as you want—and never want as long as you live."

Gertrude Cannell,  
Bulletin Editor.

Again it is Christmas—and again it is my sincere pleasure to wish all of you a Merry Holiday Season, and a New Year filled with happiness, prosperity and peace. This little verse which I picked up recently expresses my thoughts for each and every one of my many Manx friends located in all parts of the world:

Wishing you all those pleasant things  
A Merry Christmas always brings;  
And then a year of joy-filled days,  
With winding turns and happy ways;  
Good fortune's smile awaiting you  
Around each bend,  
the whole year through;  
Just everything that plays a part  
In bringing gladness to your heart!

Claire M. Mylecraine  
Corresponding and  
Recording Secretary.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members of the North American Manx Association. I appreciate the opportunity of saying this, because living in a part of the States where Manxmen are as scarce as hen's teeth makes it difficult to keep in touch with fellow-countrymen, except through the Bulletin.

I feel we should not forget that some of our best N.A.M.A. workers are connected with us by marriage ties, and originally came from other parts of Britain and Europe. As Manx people, we do not believe in Iron Curtains, but extend hospitality to all.

Let us all spread cheerfulness around us this Christmas as a help and encouragement to those who have dear ones in the war zone.

Long may we have pride in our Homeland and enjoy our Annual Conventions. Here's hoping to see members and old friends when we meet again in Toronto in 1951.

Harry Roberts  
Third Vice President.



Again it is a pleasure to be afforded the opportunity (through this wonderful medium) of sending Yuletide Greetings to Manx people where'er they be. Sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, with a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.

R. W. Skillicorn  
Financial Sec'y-Treasurer.

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## News of the Manx Societies

### NORTH EASTERN OHIO

The November meeting of the North Eastern Ohio Manx Society was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karran, Mona Cottage, Geneva, Ohio. Following a picnic supper and short business meeting, the evening was given over to entertainment. Mrs. Blanche Killey spoke on "Thanksgiving," and Mrs. Montrose Hoover described her recent trip to Alaska. The highlight of her interesting talk was her visit to Ben-My-Chree Gardens, home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Otto Partridge. Readers may remember that the story of the Partridges, who came from the Isle of Man, was told in the Bulletin about three years ago by Mr. James Y. Mann of Winnipeg. Otto Partridge was educated at King William's College, Castletown.

### SAN FRANCISCO

Members of this Society have been making plans for their usual Christmas Party. It is well known that this is always a jolly affair and this one will be up to standard.

### LOS ANGELES

The Los Angeles Manx are planning a get-together to take place after the Christmas holidays. Manx people in that area should get in touch with the secretary, Mrs. Oscar Ward, 1818 West 81st St., Los Angeles, for further information.

## TORONTO

Election of officers for the Toronto Manx Society took place at the November 7 meeting, with the following results:

Fred Caveen.....President  
Wilfred Lace.....Vice President  
Mrs. F. Williamson.....Treasurer  
Mrs. W. Gibson.....Sec'y-Treasurer  
Frank Williamson.....Secretary  
R.R. 1, York Mills, Ont.  
Mrs. Tom Moore.....Ass't Secretary.

The annual Hollantide Party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williamson with about 40 Manx people and their friends present. It was a real old-time Hollantide with the old songs, the usual "li' cooish," and a well prepared buffet supper supplied by the generosity of the ladies — altogether, a most enjoyable evening.

## BISBEE

The November meeting of the Manx of Bisbee, Arizona, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kelly, was well attended and greatly enjoyed. The December meeting, with election of officers, was to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Skillicorn of Warren.

## VANCOUVER

The following were elected to office at the annual business meeting of the Vancouver Manx Society, November 11:

Mrs. Gawne.....Hon. President  
W. J. Cain and Sam Lewthwaite  
.....Hon. Vice Presidents  
H. (Ted) Costain.....President  
John Witssten.....Vice President  
J. E. Costain.....Treasurer  
Mrs. Mona Witssten.....Secretary  
1936 West 1st Avenue,  
Vancouver, B. C.

### Committee:

Mrs. R. W. Killey  
Mrs. H. Costain  
Mrs. R. Corrin  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Jenkins  
Mr. and Mrs. L. Hunt  
Mr. L. McDonnell  
Mr. J. Clucas

### Auditors:

Mr. A. E. Halsall  
Mr. Sam Cain

## GREATER NEW YORK

On Sunday, November 19, the Manx of Greater New York attended the annual British service in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, when they proudly carried the Manx banner in the processional, as they have done for many years. Although a small and scattered group, they are trying hard to keep together and are planning a dinner and get-together for the near future. More power to them!

## Mona's Relief Society — One Hundred Years Old In 1951

On December 13, 1853, the newspaper Cleveland Daily Herald carried the following very small advertisement:

"NOTICE: The Isle of Man Ladies intend holding a Fair and Supper, at Empire Hall, on Thursday evening, December 15, for the purpose of augmenting the funds of the Mona's Relief Society. This Society is formed for the object of helping such natives of the island as may be destitute or in distress. All who have generous hearts and liberal hands are respectfully invited to contribute and attend."

At the side of the advertisement was a tiny "Three Legs."

This modest notice, nevertheless, inspired an editorial feature in the paper, commenting on the Manx emblem and giving several explanations of its origin, some of which are familiar to us and others quite new, and interesting enough to be quoted some time in the future. The editorial concludes as follows: "If we were to apply common sense in the interpretation of the design, we should construe the three legs as emblematical of the character of the Manx. Throw them as fate may, they will always strike on at least one foot. The thrift and industry of the natives of this small island are proverbial, and among us we have no class of adopted citizens more frugal honest and independent."

We pride ourselves that the Manx have lived up to this tribute written in 1853. That occasion was the very first Manx Supper, as it was called, although the Society was actually organized in 1851. Empire Hall was on Superior Avenue at what is now West Sixth Street, and was the most important hall in town.

Next year the Cleveland Manx will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Mona's Relief Society. It will be a great occasion. When the date is announced, we hope that all Cleveland Manx, and all Manx people who can get to Cleveland, will be there to do honor to our sturdy predecessors who established the oldest Manx Society in the world.

Alexander Woosey of Hamilton, Ont. has sent in a news item and photos from the "Liverpool Echo" covering the launching of the new Isle of Man steamer Mona's Isle at Cammell Laird's yards at Birkenhead. This is the fifth Manx steamer launched since the war, the others being the King Orry, Snaefell, Tynwal and Mona's Queen. All are about 2500 tons and can carry 2300 passengers.



# Christmas Greetings

## SAN FRANCISCO

Once again our thoughts roll backward through the years to the wonderful fairyland of Christmas—the joy and excitement that seemed to be wafted on the keen, cold air, making our hearts beat glad and warm. Today we send good wishes and try to keep up the traditions so that those coming after us may experience a similar delight.

What simple joys we had! What pleasure even to look at the gaily decorated windows — Looney's, or Auntie Bawden's (if we lived in Peel) —and lay claim to some particular doll or toy that enchanted us. What a thrill to join with other children in Sunday School in singing:

Once in Royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed  
Where a Mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that Mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

So this Christmas we echo the old familiar wishes, trusting that our happy memories of Christmas keep green for years to come. Merry Christmas!

H. P. Callister, President  
Essie Quayle, Hon. Sec.  
1537—20th Ave.  
San Francisco 22, Calif.



## N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

The members of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club send to Manx people the world over, sincere and heartfelt greetings and best wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of Happiness, Good Health and Good Luck.

Stephen H. Quinney, President  
Mrs. Florence K. Roseman, Sec'y  
20817 Clare Ave., Bedford, Ohio



## MONTREAL

The Members of the Montreal Manx Society extend to Manx people everywhere, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Douglas Corlett, President  
Ian Cope, Secretary  
4910 Walkley Ave., Apt. 11  
Montreal 26, Que.

## MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

"A Friendly Christmas message  
To greet you and to say  
May you and yours share richly  
The joys of Christmas Day.  
And here are hearty wishes  
That all the New Year too  
Will bring its joy and sunshine  
To every one of you."

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society extend greetings to Manx friends everywhere.

We sincerely hope that the coming year will bring continued success to the North American Manx Association and to Manx Societies throughout the world.

Stephen H. Quinney, President  
Elinor Cain, Cor. Secretary  
488 East 126th St.  
Cleveland 8, Ohio



## NEBRASKA

Season's Greetings from the Nebraska Manx to all Manx people wherever they be. May Peace and Gladness find their way into every home this Christmastime.

Mrs. Thomas Kelley, President  
Mrs. Gladys Watts, Sec'y  
Route 5, Lincoln, Nebr.



## CHICAGO

The Chicago Manx Society extends Sincere Good Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Thomas C. Kelly, President  
Ethel M. Shimmin, Sec'y  
6544 Perry Ave.,  
Chicago 21, Ill.



## GREATER NEW YORK

The Greater New York Manx Society extends best wishes to all Manx folk everywhere for a Merry Holiday Season, and for a Brighter, Happier New Year.

Mrs. Tom Christian, Sec'y  
4305—21st Ave.,  
Astoria, L. I., N. Y.

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

As Wise Men journeyed from afar  
Led by the light of one bright Star,  
So may this day and New Year, too,  
Be brightened by this wish for YOU.

Mrs. J. P. Bieger, President  
Mrs. Roy Bertsch, Sec'y  
1668 Lee Road,  
Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio



## MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY—CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Mutual Benefit Society extend Season's Greetings to Manxmen everywhere.

Herbert A. Quayle, President  
R. W. Skillcorn, Financial Sec'y  
4912 East 96th St.,  
Cleveland 25, Ohio



## LOS ANGELES

May the "Manx Ones" all enjoy a happy Yuletide holiday and a prosperous year ahead. The Los Angeles Manx wish all to have happy reunions with family, friends and neighbors, and to scan the Bulletin for greetings from each scattered unit in U. S. A., Canada, Isle of Man, Africa, Australia and New Zealand. A Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

William Mullen, President  
Mary Caine Ward, Sec'y  
1828 West 81st St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.



## ROCHESTER, N. Y.

To our many friends at home and abroad—a simple wish, but a sincere one—A Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year. And may God grant His Peace to this troubled old world of ours.

Alfred E. Looney, President  
Dan W. Christian, Sec'y  
31 Nellis Park,  
Rochester 8, N. Y.



# From Manx Societies



## TORONTO

Once more the season of festivity and thanksgiving is upon us, and as we stop and think of the wonderful privileges that are afforded us in this land where we can worship as we will, and carry on the customs and traditions of our forefathers, we cannot but think what a drab old world this would be if we were denied these privileges. So, like our boys fighting in a distant land, let us too strive to hold and preserve whatever is left to us of ancient heritage.

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society join in wishing all Manx people a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fred Caveen, President  
Frank Williamson, Sec'y  
R.R. 1, York Mills, Ont.



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

Another year has passed and made history, some of which has not been pleasant. But it is Christmastime again—time to pause and remember old friends and dear ones—time to send greetings and wishes of good will.

The officers and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. are glad to join with others who extend greetings through the Christmas Bulletin, and to send sincere wishes to members and friends. We hope that all may have a Merry Holiday Season, and that the New Year will bring Good Health and Happiness.

Mrs. J. W. Rogers, President  
Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y  
359 Hayward Ave.,  
Rochester 9, N. Y.



## NORTH EASTERN OHIO MANX SOCIETY

The North Eastern Ohio Manx Society extend Christmas and New Year Greetings to all Manx folk at home and abroad—

To recall—Happy memories  
To wish—All that's good  
To hope—For every peaceful blessing.

Mrs. Richard Karran, President  
William Harrison Collister, Sec'y  
65 Orchard Grove, Painesville, O.

## VANCOUVER

The Vancouver Manx Society wishes a Merry Christmas and a Very Successful New Year to all Manx people everywhere.

Ted Costain, President  
Mrs. Mona Witsten, Sec'y  
1936 West First Ave.,  
Vancouver, B. C.



## VANCOUVER MANX LADIES' AUXILIARY

The Vancouver Manx Ladies' Auxiliary sends the Compliments of the Season, and Greetings and Best Wishes to all the Manx, for success in the coming year.

Mrs. T. L. Killip, Sec'y  
2974 Sprout Ave.  
New Westminster, B. C.



## DETROIT-WINDSOR

Extending very best wishes for a Season of Happiness—Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!

R. K. Mercer, President  
Mrs. N. Mawson,  
9247 Hartwell,  
Detroit 4, Mich.



## BUFFALO

The officers and members of the Buffalo Manx Society join in wishing all Manx people and their friends the Compliments of the Season, and another successful year for the N.A.M.A.

Fred Towle, President  
Mary Skillicorn, Sec'y  
171 Jewett Avenue,  
Buffalo, 14, N. Y.



## GALVA

The Galva Manx Society extends to all readers of the Manx Bulletin, and to all friends at home and abroad, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

W. S. Gawne, President  
Mrs. Ada Cuhbon, Sec'y  
103 N. E. Third St.,  
Galva, Ill.

## BISBEE

The Bisbee Manx Society extends a cordial Christmas Greeting to all Manx Societies and all Manx people everywhere.

Arnold Corrin, Sec'y  
Box 2152, Warren, Ariz.



## WASHINGTON, D. C.

We Manx ones in Washington, Baltimore and vicinity wish all Manx people in the 'H' Island, and wherever else they are living—in city or hamlet, on mountain top or in valley below, by the lake or on the "vast deep" (you find them everywhere, you'd be surprised)—a really enjoyable Christmas and New Year, and may it be a season of good will and helpfulness to everybody. May cheerful memories sweeten the happy season.

Hi! Yn Ollick ghennal as Blein Vie Noa!

J. Wilson Jenkinson,  
3122—18th St., N.W.,  
Washington 10, D. C.



Jack Gell of Port St. Mary would like the friends he made in Canada and the States last summer to know how much he appreciated the kindness and hospitality shown him. So he sends the old traditional Manx greeting, "Ollick Ghennal erriu as Blein Feer Vie" . . . and as there isn't space at present for the entire Manx verse, here is Jack's own English translation, which you will agree . . . very good:

"A Merry Christmas to you and a Happy New Year,  
Long life and health with those you hold dear,  
A lasting content in life may you find,  
In peace, love and concord with all mankind,  
Wealth and prosperity, store never empty,  
Lots of potatoes and herrings in plenty,  
Bread, cheese and butter in plentiful measure,  
With never a shadow to darken your pleasure,  
Sleeping in safety when in bed you'll be,  
Sublimely immune to the tooth of the flea!"



## OUR OWN PEOPLE

A happy event took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fick, 203 DeGrassi St., Toronto, when they celebrated their Golden Wedding. Relatives and friends brought gifts and flowers, making this a happy occasion, especially for Mrs. Fick, who has been blind for a number of years. Heartiest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fick, and may they enjoy many more anniversaries!

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Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Anderson, 805 1/2 14th St., St. Petersburg, Fla., spent several weeks in Cleveland this fall. They met many Manx friends at the September meeting of the Mona's Relief Society.

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John Shimmin of 6544 Perry Avenue, Chicago, enjoyed a fine trip last August, traveling out to Colorado with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shimmin. When passing through Silver Plume, Colo., they stopped and spent a few hours with James Garrett and his sister, Miss Nellie Garrett; in Denver enjoyed an evening at the home of Mrs. Hutter (formerly Mary Delany of Peel); in Victor called on Mrs. Caleb Kennaugh and in Colorado Springs had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crellin and Mr. and Mrs. Faragher. Quite a Manx tour.

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On a recent trip to San Diego, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Callow of Berkeley, Calif. visited Iris Corkhill and William Kelly (of the "Curragh Beg") and enjoyed going over the historic vessel Euterpe, formerly the Star of India—built in Ramsey and thus of particular interest to Fred. In Los Angeles they met Donald and Mitzi Bain, Mary and Oscar Ward, Edwin and Winnie Killip, and Edith and John Christian. They had a wonderful time with all these Manxies.

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Like most people who come over from the Isle of Man to take part in a Manx Convention, John Gell of Port St. Mary has been busy since his return, giving lectures on his American and Canadian experiences. For a schoolmaster with both day and evening classes, this means giving up what spare time he might have. Through November and December he was slated for talks in Port St. Mary, Ballafession, Peel and Douglas, and was to have gone across to talk to the Liverpool Manx Society, but couldn't make it.

A surprise housewarming was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Roseman (Florence Kelly) on November 18. About 15 guests attended, all members of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club. The very surprised host and hostess were presented with a bridge lamp. Canasta and pinochle occupied the evening, after which refreshments, brought by the ladies, were served. The members had assembled previously at the home of Florence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kelly. To assist them in finding the house, Steve Quinney posted a large sign at the corner of the street, with the Three Legs on it, and "Kelly, 21009 Clare Avenue," which produced great amusement. The new home of Florence and Bill Roseman is 20817 Clare, so they have not moved very far from Mother and Dad.

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The Isle of Man Daily Times recently reported that among many people who wrote to congratulate the Speaker of the House of Keys on his message to overseas Manx on Tynwald Day, was a Mrs. Ida Potgilter of Melbourne, Australia. She mentioned in her letter that in the year 1905, when living in Capetown, South Africa, she knew a Manx minister, the Rev. Fred Cowin. "He was a very fine man," she said, and added that she would like to get in contact with him again. The minister is our member, the Rev. Fred Cowin of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and through this item in the Times he was able to write to this old friend of many years ago.

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During the month of November, Fred H. Corrin of Bisbee, Arizona, spent a short vacation in northern New Mexico with two of his buddies of World War II.

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Mrs. Lillian Hood of Cleveland changed her address not long ago, and is now living with her daughter at 1730 Burgess Road, East Cleveland 12, Ohio.

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The Oscar Wards of Los Angeles recently enjoyed a day with Miss Amy Keene, journalist, book reviewer and retired teacher, of Indianapolis, Ind. Miss Keene's father came as a baby from Sulby, Isle of Man, to U. S. A., and she still keeps, as a cherished keepsake, the paisley shawl in which he was wrapped when he arrived at New York.

Mrs. Joe Hornall of Arbuckle, Calif. is home again after her visit to the Isle of Man, where she received great kindness and fell in love with the place and people. Not Manx, except by marriage and adoption, "Betty" is keenly interested and gave a glowing and detailed account of her visit while at a regular Society meeting, held recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Quayle.

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Dawson Trotman of El Monte, Calif., is now in the Hawaiian Islands in the interests of Navigators, Inc., an organization described in our last Bulletin.

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Here's a bear story, and incidentally, a "cure" for high blood pressure, told by Mrs. E. A. Craine, 1839 Phillips Ave., Butte, Montana. Mrs. Craine and a friend, Mrs. Shimmin, recently spent a two-weeks vacation in the Cabinet Forest in northwest Montana, a lonely but beautiful district where deer roamed, and at night the coyotes could be heard, and where there were wild flowers and ferns as in Manxland's Glen Helen. Mrs. Craine had collected many ferns, and was anxious to get one more that she had observed, before going home. The two ladies started up the road one morning to look for the fern, Mrs. Shimmin talking about her high blood pressure and Mrs. Craine suggesting remedies. Suddenly Mrs. Shimmin gasped "A bear!" Mrs. Craine grasped her arm, begged her to "take it easy and relax," and, feeling as though their feet were made of lead, they managed to get back to their cabin—forgetting about high blood pressure. After getting over the scare, they had many a good laugh over the bear's "cure" for high blood pressure.

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Dr. Douglas Gawne and wife passed through Los Angeles on their way back to England from Hong Kong where Dr. Gawne has had a practice, as well as in Malay and previously in Africa. He was born in Minnesota, but has become a British citizen. During their trip, Dr. and Mrs. Gawne are visiting American clinics before returning to England. Mrs. Kate Gawne, Douglas's mother, lives in Port Erin, Isle of Man.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Killey of West Asheville, North Carolina, are now residing at 58 Hartshorn Drive, Painesville, Ohio.

# MEMORIES OF DOUGLAS

By Edward Bawden

Reminiscing is my favorite pastime now, since I've become a shut-in. I like to remember my younger days spent in Douglas, my birthplace, and to live over again the joy and freedom of youth—

*"When youth absorbs our ardent souls  
We think not of the morrow,  
Beneath its sway time swiftly rolls,  
In youth we banish sorrow."*

I was always interested in what was going on around me—in people, places and events—from the time we sailed our little homemade boats in the "dubs" left in the clefts of the rocks by the receding tide—until the time I sailed for America in 1908.

Fishermen used to trawl for salmon on the beach between the Old Red and Victoria piers. When they hauled in their nets at ebb tide, they kept only the salmon, leaving the other fish on the sandy beach for anyone to take. We boys were favored by this, because we could each take a string of good fresh fish home to meet the needs of the family.

Who remembers Mr. Way and Stanley Foster, agents for the English daily newspapers? They had an office in Fort Street, and one in the Arcade building. I sold papers, and here's how we got them. As soon as the bundles were carried ashore from the boat, Mr. Way and Mr. Foster quickly gave each boy what he thought he could sell. Then there was a race to see who could be first to the place where most papers could be sold—the Promenade. Among those we sold were the Liverpool Echo-Express, Manchester Guardian, Mercury, Yorkshire Post, Sheffield Telegraph and Bradford Observer.

I remember the typhoid fever epidemic in Douglas, about 1895-1900. My father caught it first, then my baby brother, who died of it—then I caught it. I remember, too, the day Dumbell's Bank closed its doors. It was in the year 1900 and the day was a Saturday. A crowd stood at the bottom of Prospect Hill, where the bank stood, with troubled and anxious looks on all faces. The country folk carrying their baskets were there too, looking confused and troubled, wondering when the bank would open its doors again, and worrying about their savings.

Who remembers Mr. Young the chemist at the lower end of Market Hill? He extracted teeth and attended to minor ear troubles. Talking about Market Hill, do you remember Dibbs' cut-rate grocery, which introduced the cheaper loaf to Douglas? R. C. Cain, draper, had a pennant flying from a pole on top of the building with the letters D.C.F.C.S.—"Defies Competition For Cash Sales."

Did you ever attend a Pleasant Saturday Evening concert in Wellington Hall? These concerts were given by the singing talent of Douglas, to provide good entertainment free of charge to the less fortunate people of the town. There was grand singing on these occasions, and it was here I first heard "Il Bacio," sung by Mrs. Bunting.

I remember Quinney the fruiterer and greengrocer in Strand Street, where you had to go down one or two steps into the shop. Opposite was the Maypole Dairy where it was fascinating to watch the men shaping up butter and margarine with wooden paddles. Kelly the bellman was an interesting figure—I've seen him many a time, ringing his bell and stopping to make an announcement—usually about a forthcoming auction sale. Phil Hussey, the waterman for the Douglas Town Corporation, had a pleasant smile and a kind word for everybody. Dr. T. A. "Irish" Woods, an excellent doctor, was an outstanding figure, making his calls in his Irish jaunting car and top hat.

Do you remember these popular football players—Davy Corlett, Oakley Lacey, Ted Lewis, Butcher Craine, Papa Newsome, Huxley, two Morrison boys, Lambie Murray, Kipper Cannell, George Glew, Billy Cowell, Tommy Lawton, Donna Crea, McEvoy, Scarff, Ramsey Moore, Corkish of Peel, Cocker Kneale of Ramsey? I liked to see the Oddfellows, Rechabites and Foresters when they had their yearly parades—dignified and orderly marching men accompanied by martial music—a soul-stirring sight. The green uniforms of the Foresters always made a colorful showing.

And as to our weather, it was—and is—delightful and mild, no extremes of heat and cold. As to sunshine, the Island has as many hours of it as Devon, in the "sunny south" of England. And wasn't it a glorious and satisfying feeling, in those old days in Douglas, to be out when the day was breaking, and "Earth was from all gloomy shadows, born of sombre Night, released"?

Edward Bawden,  
1749 Bedford Pike, Oakland,  
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Popularity of the Isle of Man is demonstrated in a "Liverpool Echo" photo sent in by Mr. Woosey of Hamilton, showing the line-up of thousands of people on the Pier Head at Liverpool, waiting to board the Manx steamers.

A clipping from Ripley's "Believe it or not" series shows a picture of a man on a mountain top, with the explanation "It is possible to see England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales from the Isle of Man." This item was sent in by Mrs. Lillie Hood, 1730 Burgess Road, Cleveland 12, Ohio. Perhaps not everyone realizes that the top of Snaefell is the only point in the British Isles from which all the sister kingdoms can be seen at one time. And of course a Manxman would add—the Kingdom of Man, the Kingdom of Heaven and the kingdom of Earth—making seven kingdoms in all.

During the Windsor Convention, your Editor had quite a chat with Mrs. Pritchard and Enos Christian of Toronto, about that famous Douglas character, "Auntie Mary." Mr. Christian had an old newspaper clipping which showed a portrait of Auntie Mary, with the following description:

"Auntie Mary was a familiar figure on Douglas Promenade where she sold fruit every summer. She was always particular about her appearance and dressed up in exquisite-looking but cheap clothes and jewelry, her string of large beads being very prominent. The original portrait is about 5 feet 3 inches high by 30 inches wide, and was the property of a Mr. Skinner of Southport, England."

Mrs. Pritchard was able to add the interesting fact that she knew this portrait very well, as it hung in the Belvidere Private Hotel on the Promenade, managed by the Misses Ketha and Madge Barker, where she was employed. It was a handsome oil painting, and guests were always asking "Who is the grand lady?" Mr. Skinner, the gentleman who bought it, was extremely proud of it.

It would be interesting to know where this fine old painting is now. It would revive a host of pleasant memories for all who remember "Auntie Mary," and Douglas as it was around the turn of the century.

## The Manx Cat

Noah sailing o'er the seas,  
Ran high and dry on Ararat.  
His dog then made a spring and took  
The tail from off the pussy-cat.  
Puss through the window quick did fly,  
And bravely through the waters swam.  
Never stopped till high and dry  
She landed on the Isle of Man.  
The tail-less puss earned Mona's thanks,  
And ever since has been called Manx.

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Cleveland Manx are proud of their several Manx street names—Corlett Avenue, Clague Road, Mona Avenue and others. Now here's a new one—Corkhill Road.

