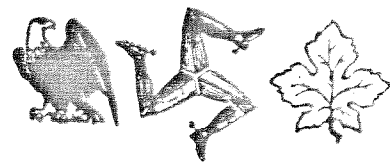


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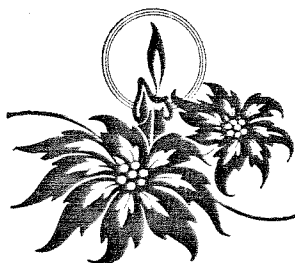


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"To preserve whate'er is left to us of ancient heritage"

December, 1952

A Merry
Christmas



A Happy
New Year

A Christmas Message From Our President

"There is magic in Christmas,
Its laughter, its peace,
Its story that ever endures.
May all of its gladness,
Its fine, friendly cheer,
Its wonderful spirit—BE YOURS."



There is no season which brings the hearts of Manx people closer together than Christmas. What lovely memories many of us have, looking back to Christmases spent in days gone by in that little Island so dear to us all . . . fond memories of our parents and our happy childhood—carefree, not a worry in the world. May we become children again for a little while, as we reminisce on those happy days.

What hopes and expectations we had as to what we would get in our stockings, hung so trustingly at the fireplace before we went to bed on Christmas Eve! As we grew older, there was the joy of going carol singing with the church choirs, and attending Watch Night service on New Year's Eve. These memories are treasures to recall—just Life's simple things, but they helped to build the many fine qualities found in the Manx character.

There is perhaps no better time than now, when your hearts are full of these memories, to

ask each and every one of you to give full support to the North American Manx Association and help to make a record in 1953—our Silver Jubilee celebration. I am sure our Association is filling a great need here in the United States and Canada, and even in far distant lands—it affords opportunity for meeting our fellow-countrymen at the Conventions, and provides the Bulletin, which is another means of keeping Manx people in touch. A New Year awaits us, and we are planning big things for 1953. Make a resolution to pay your N.A.M.A. dues promptly, and secure a new member. Let's keep the ball rolling straight to our goal. Let's go over the top with flying colors on membership.

In the name of the Prince of Peace, we hope that our loved ones may be home again with us very soon, that conflicts throughout the world will be settled, and the nations live in peace and harmony with each other. Let us pray that the Christian message of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men becomes a reality.

It is with sincere pleasure that I extend to Manx people on the North American continent, the Isle of Man and all parts of the world, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Happiness. God bless you and yours this Christmastide.

HENRY MYLCHREEST,
President

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

Once again we approach the time of year when we pause in our usual tasks to give thought and consideration to our fellowmen, and extend kindly greetings of good cheer. We think of the ever-growing strength of old friendships, and the interest of new ones. As it is through the medium of this Bulletin that many of our friendships are made, I am very happy to have the opportunity it offers of wishing all Manx, wherever they may be, A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Tom Moore
Past President



At Christmas time we love to send kind messages to remind our friends that they are in our thoughts, not only at Christmas, but always. This Christmas I have special memories of dear friends, old and new, with whom I spent a wonderfully happy time in the Isle of Man last summer. To them and to all Manx people everywhere, I wish a Very Merry Christmas, with happiness and blessings which will continue through the months to come.

"May Happiness and Peace abide
With Love and Friendship at your
side,
And may the light of Christmas shed
Its radiance on the year ahead."

Mrs. J. W. Rogers,
Rep. N.A.M.A. Ladies' Auxiliary



A great writer once said that we could not love this earth so much had we not spent our childhood in it—that brief but happy time which leaves with us such bright memories of the early scenes we knew. So also with Christmas—each year we greet it with hopes of recapturing some of the magic of the Christmases of childhood.

That the familiar carols, the lighted tree, the happy fireside gathering may bring again the old joy and wonder is my wish this Christmas for Manx people all over the world—with Good Health and Good Luck to everyone, all through the coming year.

Gertrude Cannell
Bulletin Editor

To my Manx friends and their kinsfolk in all parts of the North American Continent, in that lovely gem of the Irish Sea—our own dear Ellan Vannin—and in every corner of the world, my best wishes for the Merriest Christmas ever, and a New Year filled with Peace, Happiness and all of the good things which make life worth while.

Claire M. Mylecraine
Cor. and Rec. Secretary



Again I have the privilege of greeting Manx people through the medium of the Bulletin. My greatest joy would be to be able to shake hands with all Manx friends at this time and express the old wish, "A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

May good health attend you in 1953, and for many years to come.

Percy Clucas
Rep. N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club



To all Manx people everywhere, Hearty Greetings and Sincere Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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



It seems like old times for me to send you all a Christmas message as we cross the threshold of Christmas, a time which brings forth a fresh outburst of celebration and holy joy. The day comes to us again as a reminder of the world's debt to the Incarnation. To the Christ Child, born that first Christmas Day, we owe all that is best in life and hope. For in that Child, found by the Wise Men at His Mother's breast, the streams of all prophecy converge, and from that Child radiate the glowing lines of all history. And today the source of joy and affection and strength for the Christian soul is the manger where the Christ Child lay.

I wish for you Joy and Peace at Christmas, Health and True Prosperity in the New Year.

Joseph Partridge
First Vice-President

Greetings to my fellow-officers, and all Manx people the world over. May this Christmas bring Peace on Earth, Good Will to all men.

John O. Christian,
Third Vice-President



It is a pleasure at this time of year to send Happy Holiday Greetings to officers and members of the North American Manx Association, and fellow-Manxmen far and near. I wish to all, a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

Richard K. Mercer,
Second Vice-President



Christmas Cards

Everybody loves to send and receive Christmas cards, and we Manx are proud of displaying cards received from the Isle of Man, because they are "different," and often feature a view of some familiar beauty spot in Manxland which stirs happy memories. When the mailman brings the first Christmas card of the season, we hail it as a herald announcing that Christmas joys are close at hand.

We are so used to the happy custom of exchanging Christmas cards that perhaps we don't realize that it is really not a very ancient custom—not nearly as ancient, for instance, as the Valentine, which has been a February 14 observance for centuries. Some people did at one time write a personal Christmas greeting to friends on decorated notepaper, which of course is still done to some extent. But the first real, authentic Christmas card is generally believed to have been designed by an English artist in 1846, which is only just over a hundred years ago. Even after that they were rare, and were not produced commercially until 1860. Since then the pleasant custom of sending these gay, festive, friendly little messages of Christmas joy has grown and spread.

Styles in cards have changed like other fashions of the passing years, and today the choice of design and verse is almost limitless, from the traditional stagecoach in a snowy landscape to the most modernistic interpretations of the spirit of the season. But as they wing their way at Christmas to and from all parts of the world, as well as between friends only a few streets apart, all re-echo in their humble way the heavenly message, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

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News of the Manx Societies

LOS ANGELES

There was a good attendance at the Los Angeles Manx Picnic held in Bixby Park, Long Beach, during the summer. Everyone enjoyed the fine get-together, lunch, interchange of greetings, and reports from members on the Homecoming and on the Rochester Convention. Plans are under way at present for the Annual Tea Party in January.

SAN FRANCISCO

This Society held the first meeting of the winter season on October 20, at which time they welcomed back two old and valued friends, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Corlett, who have returned to San Francisco to live. "Herb and Hilda" are eager and willing workers, and the Society was very happy to greet them. Herb is a former president of the group.

Mrs. James Cringle and Joe Hornall gave a few impressions of the Homecoming trip, and their talks were enthusiastically received. Mesdames Hall, Cringle and Arends were responsible for the October meetings, and a right good job they made of it.

A whist drive was held in November, and plans were under way for the usual Christmas Party in December.

Early in November, Mrs. James Cringle gathered together some Manx friends in her home to meet Profes-

sor and Mrs. R. H. Kinvig of the University of Birmingham, England. The evening was most enjoyable, the Californians deriving much pleasure from news of Manx friends in cities already visited by the Kinvigs—who in turn expressed great delight in the kindness and friendliness extended them everywhere during their tour. The Professor was visiting the University of California at Berkeley, also Stanford University, before leaving for Los Angeles. The Kinvigs proceed later to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where they hoped to meet Franklin Eccles, son of Bess Kelly Eccles (Reno, Nevada), who is teaching at the University there.

NORTH EASTERN OHIO

This Society had a meeting and very enjoyable picnic supper on November 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Quine, Painesville, with about 40 members and guests present. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Fayle from the Isle of Man, who are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karran, Mona Cottage, Geneva, Mrs. Fayle being Mr. Karran's sister. They thoroughly enjoyed their first Manx meeting in America. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Quine of Mentor Headlands, and Mrs. H. Cole of Cleveland Heights. Eight of the persons present were born in the Isle of Man—a good showing for a North East Ohio meeting. After a short business session, the program was turned over to Mrs. Maud McCarthy, entertainment chairman. Kenna Quine and sister Carolyn played piano solos, and James Kissack of Mentor narrated his experiences in the Isle of Man and England this summer; he gave an interesting talk which everyone enjoyed immensely.

TORONTO

"Hollantide Night," celebrated by the Toronto Manx and their friends on November 13, was one of the happiest events this Society has ever experienced. About one hundred persons attended the dinner and dance, held at Malloney's Art Gallery. The floral decorations, display of paintings by a prominent artist, the ladies in their beautiful dresses and the dancing to Al Stagg's Orchestra, created a colorful atmosphere. A card room was provided for those who did not wish to dance, and prizes were awarded both for card players and dancers. It was gratifying to see a large number of the "Young Manx" enjoying themselves.

Fred Caveen as Chairman proposed a toast to the Queen; Tom Moore as M.C. gave a brief talk on the meaning of Hollantide, and Mrs. Doug Bateman accompanied the singing of Ellan Vannin, O Land of Our Birth, and God Save the Queen.

VANCOUVER

A whist drive was featured at the October meeting of this Society, and further interest was given by the presence of out-of-town guests—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Southern of Victoria, B. C., who were visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Witsten. Mrs. Southern was formerly May Fargher of Laxey.

There was a good attendance at the November meeting, when the group had the pleasure of seeing films taken in the Isle of Man in 1947 by Mrs. Florence Roseman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Kelly of Cleveland. These excellent pictures were much enjoyed.

Mrs. Albert Woods, 4131 Southwood Avenue, Burnaby, recently succeeded Mrs. John Witsten as Secretary of the Vancouver Manx Society.

AEGLAGH VANNIN, TORONTO

A Bingo and Hard Times party was held on October 31 by the Young Manx, with members and friends of the Toronto Manx Society also present. All had an enjoyable evening. A hearty vote of thanks is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Bateman who opened their home for the occasion, also to their daughter Shirley for her splendid assistance in helping to make the party a success.

A children's Christmas party, at which a good turnout was expected, was planned for December 13.

Recently Aeglach Vannin welcomed two new members from the Isle of Man—Ruth Grimshaw and Jim Horbury.

VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

Mrs. A. E. Halsall opened the annual Bazaar held by the Vancouver Manx Ladies on November 8. They displayed a large number of aprons, knitted sweaters, socks and children's wear, as well as fancywork and home-cooked cakes, pickles and preserves. The tables looked very attractive, and everything was soon disposed of. There were some very desirable prizes—a handsome tealoth, with crochet border seven or eight inches wide, made and donated by Mrs. Varley; a hamper of groceries; pyrex ware donated by Mrs. R. Rawlinson, who also gave a large fruit cake.

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

A successful card party was enjoyed at the monthly meeting of this Society, held on October 2 on the West Side (15909 Detroit Avenue). In addition to a prize for each table, there were several door prizes. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses, all "West Side" ladies—Mrs. Raymond DeWerth, Mrs. M. J. Patterson, Mrs. Robert Faragher, Mrs. J. E. Stables, Mrs. D. W. Cass and Mrs. R. D. Ger-

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Christmas Greetings

SAN FRANCISCO

This Christmas we can picture many happy parties in homes of Manx Americans and Canadians, where the talk will be "back in the Isle of Man," recounting the wonderful time the Homecomers spent this summer. How nice to be able to share with the stay-at-homes the messages and impressions received! A joy thus shared is doubly rich. There will be many old and familiar tales retold with an added twist of humor, and, like old wine—the older they are, the better the flavor!

We know how much all this will add to the gaiety and pleasure of the Christmas scene, and expect that each Manx Society will have at least one or two members "gifted with the gab," to carry this pleasure to others and increase their Christmas joy.

To Bulletin readers everywhere, we wish a most Happy Christmas and a "rale good New Year." The San Francisco Manx intend to enjoy Christmas, and hope you do, too.

Mrs. Essie Quayle, Hon. Sec'y.
1537 26th Avenue,
San Francisco, Calif.



VANCOUVER

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

Mona C. Witsten, Sec'y.
2229 Grant St.,
Vancouver 6, B. C.



VANCOUVER MANX LADIES

Officers and members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Vancouver Manx Society wish to all Manx people, wherever they may be, a Jolly Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Alice M. M. Killip, Sec'y.
2974 Sprott St., Burnaby,
Vancouver, B. C.

N.A.M.A. BREAKFAST CLUB

The officers and members of the N.A.M.A. Breakfast Club wish to extend the Season's Greetings to Manx friends everywhere.

Jolly Christmas Greetings

When Christmas trees are decked again,

In tinsel, snow and lights,
And holly wreaths hang from the doors

On crisp December nights,
It's nice to send the season's best

To friends so old and dear
And wish you joy at Christmastime,
And gladness all next year.

Stephen H. Quinney, Pres.
Mona Clucas, Sec'y.
13504 Milan Ave.,
East Cleveland 12, Ohio



LADIES' AUXILIARY TO MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY

We are glad of this opportunity to send to our many friends, Christmas Greetings and best wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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



LOS ANGELES

At this season of festivity, friends and family gather for feasting, telling tales of old days, singing carols, and enjoying all the pleasures of good-fellowship. Let us remember, too, to be thankful for national unity; and let us wish for happier and more prosperous living for all nations.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

Joseph Rodger, Treas.
Mary Cain Ward, Sec'y.
1818 West 81st St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

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

For many years it has been the pleasure of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A. to extend sincere holiday greetings to members and friends through the pages of the Bulletin.

Fruits and nuts and popcorn balls,
And goodies not a few.

We follow old traditions—
Sometimes add a thought that's new.

There is not a great deal to add to the old traditions that we Manx folk so thoroughly enjoy. They have worn well through the years. However, it would not be Christmas, nor would it be a merry time if we could not share our happiness at this glorious time of year. Happiness adds and multiplies, we are told, as we divide it with others.

Our Bulletin serves as a means of sharing happiness with our fellow Manx all over the world, and we all look forward to reading this particular issue. So, a real Merry Christmas to all, and may the coming year bring you Good Health and Much Happiness.

Mrs. Wm. Colquitt, President
Miss Alice Garrett, Sec'y.
359 Hayward Ave.,
Rochester 9, N. Y.



MONTREAL

Officers and members of the Montreal Manx Society join in wishing a Very Happy Christmas season to the various Manx Societies and their members, and may they have a Successful and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Ivy Duggan, Sec'y-Treas.
8235 Champagne Ave.,
Montreal 15, Que.



GALVA

The Galva Manx Society wishes for everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year . . . and most of all, Peace.

W. S. Gawne, President
Mrs. Ada Cubbon, Sec'y-Treas.
103 N. E. 3rd St.,
Galva, Ill.

From Manx Societies



TORONTO

The officers and members of the Toronto Manx Society join in wishing a Happy Christmas to all Manx folk . . . especially those who have left the Island and are spending their first Christmas away from home . . . as well as those sons and daughters who are serving their country in distant lands.

Fred Caveen, President
F. Williamson, Sec'y.
61 Steeles Ave. E.,
R. R. No. 2, York Mills, Ont.



AEGLAGH VANNIN, TORONTO

The members of Aeglagh Vannin wish to convey to the North American Manx Association their sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Lorraine Doidge, Sec'y.
154 Gainsboro Rd., Toronto, Ont.



DETROIT-WINDSOR

We of the Detroit-Windsor Manx Society are happy to join our kindred societies in extending Christmas Greetings to all Manx folk throughout the world.

R. H. Corkill, President
Mrs. N. Mawson, Sec'y.
9247 Hartwell,
Detroit 28, Mich.



MONA'S MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, CLEVELAND

The Mona's Mutual Benefit Society extends to Manxmen and their families everywhere, sincere greetings and all kind thoughts and best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Bright and Peaceful New Year.

Herbert A. Quayle, President
R. W. Skillieorn, Fin. Sec'y.
4912 East 96th Street,
Cleveland 25, Ohio

MONA'S RELIEF SOCIETY CLEVELAND

The officers and members of the Mona's Relief Society extend to kindred Manx Societies and Manx people throughout the world, fond remembrances and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

"A Friendly wish that Christmastime will bring you boundless Cheer,
A Cordial wish that best of luck will guide you all the Year.
An earnest wish that Life will hold the Joys of dreams come true,
That each new day will be a day of Happiness for you.
May the Candles and the Christmas trees put a glow within your Heart
That will light the Season and give the Year a Bright and Happy Start."

Let us resolve that during the New Year, we will all work together for the success of the N.A.M.A. and its Silver Jubilee.

Henry Mylchreest, President
Carrie Mylchreest, Cor. Sec'y.
13501 Marston Ave.,
Cleveland 5, Ohio



WORLD MANX ASSOCIATION DOUGLAS, ISLE OF MAN

Once again, Christmas! The time of happy and hallowed memories of old times, old customs and old friends; but above all, the time of the old and sacred promise of Peace and Good Will on earth!

We of the World Manx Association, as the parent society, think of our overseas Manx friends at all times, but especially at this wonderful season of the celebration of the birth of Christ and we know that your thoughts will be of friends and relatives here in Ellan Vannin.

So from our Island home we send to all Manx people throughout the world, the old sincere greeting — "Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Richard Cain, President
Harold Cain, Chairman
Charles Craine, Hon. Sec'y.

NORTH EASTERN OHIO

The North Eastern Ohio Manx Society extends Yuletide Greetings and best wishes to Manx men and women everywhere.

Kenneth D. Quine, President
William H. Collister, Sec'y-Treas.
65 Orchard Grove,
Painesville, Ohio



Cat Stories

Recently a Manx cat, found roaming the streets of Naples, was identified as "absent without leave" from H.M.S. Manxman, and was flown back to the ship in a leather mail pouch. It seems the animal slipped ashore during the "Manxman's" visit to Naples with the British Mediterranean Fleet. After leaving, the crew discovered the loss of the mascot and radioed from far out at sea, plaintively asking the British Consul to "please find our cat." The Consul made an appeal to the citizens of Naples, and as it was probably the first time a Manx cat had been seen in that city, it wasn't long before a woman walked into the Consulate with the wanderer purring contentedly under her arm. She had found him enjoying the view of the Bay of Naples and Mount Vesuvius, just like any tourist. The cat was flown to Malta to rejoin H.M.S. Manxman where, it was humorously remarked, it would be "confined to ship for an indefinite period."

This cat story, sent us by Alex Woosey, 174 Stanley Ave., Hamilton, Ont., appeared in the Liverpool Echo and reminded Mr. Woosey of another cat story. He says, "There was a cat at the small engineering shop at Bootle where I first started work before going to Cammel Laird's. It was a seagoing cat and came to the shop with an old ship's carpenter with whom he had sailed many voyages. I remarked once that he was a smart cat. 'He certainly is,' replied the carpenter, who went on to say that one night the cat stayed ashore too long, and when he got to the dock the ship had left for the river. The cat thereupon went up the steps to the overhead railway, got aboard the train, jumped off at the Pier Head, and hung around all night until the tender came alongside in the morning, when he went aboard with the passengers! That cat was really smart!"



OUR OWN PEOPLE

Essie Quayle of San Francisco recently had visitors from Vancouver—the Misses Annie and Mona Hornall, who were visiting their brother Joe and wife at Arbuckle, Calif.

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Mrs. J. M. Steven and son, formerly of Cleveland, are now in California. Recently they called on Mr. and Mrs. John O. Christian, 2704 West Ramona Blvd., Alhambra, who are going to introduce them to the Manx in the Los Angeles area.

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St. Stephen's Day, December 26, will mark the Silver Wedding anniversary of our good friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn, 4912 East 96th St., Cleveland. Hearty congratulations, Bill and Ethel, and here's to many, many more anniversaries!

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When William Albert Hughes Chorus sings "The Messiah" at Cleveland's Music Hall on Sunday, December 7, it will be the 30th year for Mrs. R. W. Skillicorn to sing with this famous choir which has made "The Messiah" a traditional Christmas event in Cleveland. This is a proud record, Ethel! Mrs. Isabel Rogers and the Misses Edith and Linorah Cox also are members of the choir, and it will be the 19th year for Mrs. Rogers, the 6th for the Misses Cox.

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Mrs. John Lewin, formerly of Cleveland, has moved to 128 South "C" St., Lake Worth, Fla., and would be glad to see any Manx folk who might be vacationing in the South.

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Collister and daughter Margaret arrived home in Galva, Ill., in August, after a very pleasant two-month vacation in the Isle of Man, England, Ireland and Scotland. Evan Collister returned to Galva in October, having spent four months visiting in the Island, also England and Scotland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodin (Elva Bain) and family have returned to Los Angeles after a year spent in Pakistan, where Bob was a Professor of Botany under the Presbyterian Board of Missions. Their route home was to London by plane, thence to the Isle of Man, where they visited Elva's grandmother in Spring Valley, also Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Ward in Onchan, and Miss Marion Teare in Ramsey. They continued by airline to New York, and home by auto, where the Bain and Rodin families were delighted with their safe return, and to make the acquaintance of a new grandchild, Joy, born in Lahore, Pakistan.

Mrs. Jesse Ketchum, 409 O'Connor St., Ottawa, Ont., had the pleasure of visits some time ago from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Teare, Peel, who returned there with the Homecomers; also from Mr. and Mrs. S. Nicholson, who toured Canada last summer as mentioned in the last Bulletin. The Nicholsons came primarily to attend the graduation of Mr. Nicholson's son from Harvard, with his Master's degree, which he won with distinction. Mrs. Nicholson was Kitty Brew who owned the refreshment booth at Glen Helen.

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Miss Ballem (Dolly Dick), who attended her first Manx Convention at Rochester this year, was completely charmed with all of it. All who met Miss Ballem were charmed, too, by her friendliness.

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A new member, Mrs. John Griffiths of the Irwell Private Hotel, Harris Promenade, Douglas, is the former Mary Alana Roney, daughter of the late Jack Roney, boat owner, born in Douglas. Her husband, John Basil Griffiths, is on the Manx Hospital staff.

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Mrs. Helen M. Haynes, 1747 Preston Place, St. Louis, Mo., writes that her father's name was Costain, and she would like to contact any relatives of his.

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Mr. and Mrs. Warren R. Baughman and daughters, Sheryl and Judy Lee of Warrensville, Illinois, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Baughman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Abell, of 1897 West 74th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison, formerly of Painesville, Ohio, left early in November to make their home in South Carolina.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Harrison of Chardon, Ohio, are spending the winter in Florida.

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Miss Katherine A. Quilliam, 205 S. Hamilton St., Madison, Wis., who is chief operator in the Madison office of the Wisconsin Telephone Company, was honored recently at a dinner attended by 125 co-workers, at which time she was presented by the company with a 40-year service emblem. Miss Quilliam has served the company in several capacities through the years, and has been a chief operator since 1939. She is a member of the N.A.M.A.

A trip through several European countries via color slides and interesting stories was presented by Miss Jean Teare at the Second United Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, on the evening of November 14. Miss Teare made the tour last summer. She is a daughter of Mrs. George H. Teare, 4224 East 110th St., and a grandniece of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Teare, who were much beloved by the Manx people of Cleveland.

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Total fall enrollment at Kent State College is 5,394 students, making it fourth among all Ohio colleges. Two of the students are of Manx descent—Miss Mona Rickard, 8600 Tioga Avenue, Cleveland, who is a grandniece of Miss Bess Corlett, and Louis S. Mylchreest of 13501 Marston Avenue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mylchreest. Lots of luck, Mona and Louis!

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Here are the names of people recently arrived in Toronto from the Isle of Man: Harold Price and Pat McDonnell, who have come in advance of their families; Mr. Horbury from Douglas, well known there as a concertina player; Mr. Nugent from Onchan; Arthur Battersby from Port St. Mary; Miss Ruth Grimshaw from Garwick, and Miss Mourveen Gale from Pulrose.

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Jack Bell, 557 Cremazie Blvd., E., Montreal 10, Que., recently had the pleasure of meeting a well-known Manxman and Member of the House of Keys — Major Farrant — at a Provincial Government reception for the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, to which the Major was a delegate, in the Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

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A recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bell of Montreal was John Mark Carine, from Port St. Mary, Isle of Man. Mr. Carine has a position with the Bristol Aeroplane people in Montreal, and was joined early in December by Mrs. Carine and their two small daughters, Audrey and Sheila. The family is warmly welcomed by the Bells and other Manx people in Montreal.

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A Cleveland paper, in printing the announcement of the Manx Picnic at Euclid Beach on August 23, referred to the Isle of Man as "The Home of Tailless Coats." Maybe the proof-reader thought a tailless coat sounded more likely than a tailless cat.

MANX WEDDIN'S

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Edward Creer, who were married on September 13 at King Street United Church, Oshawa, Ontario. The bride is the former Mona Lucille Broadbent, daughter of Mrs. Joseph W. Broadbent of Oshawa, and the late Mr. Broadbent. The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. James Creer of Orland Park, Ill., and the late Mr. Creer. The couple will reside in Orland Park.

THE L'IL PEOPLE

Mr. and Mrs. William Burton (Jane Kissack), 1326 Hayden Avenue, East Cleveland, announce the arrival on October 4 of their baby daughter, Deborah Lee. This is the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kissack, 13315 Gainsboro Avenue, East Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berkopec (Irene Kelly) of South Nearing Circle, Geneva, Ohio, announce the arrival of their second daughter, Emmy Lu, on November 6—a sister for Amy Dee and a new granddaughter for Mrs. Arthur B. Kelly.

M/Sgt. and Mrs. Mark H. Looney of Grafenwohr, Germany, announce the arrival of a son, David Ian, born June 20 (a brother for Cecil). Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Looney, 1102 Flynn Ave., Alva, Okla. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Redhead, 47 Princes St., Dalton-in-Furness, Lancashire, England.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Leslie Christian of East Claridon, Ohio, announce the arrival of a daughter, Sara Ann, on October 11. The little girl is a new granddaughter for Mrs. Bert Christian, formerly of Cleveland, now living at Gaastra, Michigan.

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ber, assisted by Miss Mildred Corris, who also secured the hall for the occasion. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. F. Sanborn, celebrating their wedding anniversary that day—also Mr. Sanborn's birthday, for which the members joined in singing "Happy Birthday."

The November meeting was held on the 11th, and about 200 Manx and their friends filled St. Stephen's Church hall to capacity, to hear W. Harry Kelly of Maple Heights, Ohio, who gave a most interesting talk on his four-month tour of the Isle of Man, England, Ireland and Scotland. He also showed colored slides of views in the Island and many other famous places visited during his trip. The Island looked beautiful—a "Wonderland," with its blue skies, purple mountains, lovely flower gardens, and the fuchsia growing in abundance—not forgetting the magnificent Peel sunsets! This was a truly thrilling evening for everyone—one which brought back many memories of happy childhood days.

Manx Homecoming — 1952

By this time the Homecomers have returned, and have given fascinating descriptions of the warm hospitality and wonderful times they enjoyed in the Isle of Man. One lady, Mrs. Bertha Kinvig of Nanaimo, B. C., gave expression to her appreciation in an article written for the Isle of Man Times, which was published in the issue of July 31. To Mrs. Kinvig the trip was a fresh experience, as she is Manx only by marriage; her husband, however, being from Arbory. She reviewed the entire trip, from the departure from Montreal, across the high seas, the thrilling arrival at Douglas, each day of entertainment in the Island, up to the final gathering in Derby Castle when the Homecoming Party presented gifts to the Governor and Lady Bromet; Richard Cain, President of the World Manx Association; his son Harold Cain, Chairman, and Charles Craine, Secretary.

At last the time came to say goodbye, and as all Homecomers will echo Mrs. Kinvig's sentiments, here are her final words of affection for Ellan Vannin and its green hills by the sea:

"Words fail me to express the beauty of it all and the feeling of peace which the Island gives as we view its green fields and the beautiful landscapes, the little whitewashed cottages, some with thatched roofs, and kind people everywhere. One feels in a different world. But our children are over the seas and the ties are there, so—much as we would like to stay—we must say farewell and 'Au Revoir.'"

No Homecoming Trip Planned At This Time

Items appearing in recent editions of Manx newspapers gave the impression that another Homecoming Trip was scheduled for 1956.

The committee appointed at the Rochester Convention to discuss the suggestion which came from the Isle of Man did propose that one be held in 1956. However, after lengthy discussion of the proposal on the convention floor, the matter was tabled. It was felt that another Homecoming so soon would make further inroads on convention attendance during the intervening years, and the N.A.M.A. should have a few years in which to hold conventions without such interference in the immediate future.

So, at this time, no plans are being made for another Homecoming Trip.

- The Heartiest of Greetings,
The Jolliest of Cheer,
The Merriest of Christmases,
The Happiest New Year.

An Old Douglas Landmark

Sometimes the most fragrant memories cling to old and rather shabby places. Just now I am thinking of St. Barnabas Sunday School in Douglas, where I spent, sometimes unwillingly, many Sunday afternoons in my very young years. It was a long way from where we lived at the top of the town, to the Sunday School, which was in Back Strand Street and had once been a regular day school. On a brisk winter afternoon it was much pleasanter, even to a youngster, to turn countrywards, and take a walk down through Tromode and round by the Saddle Road and the Quarterbridge; or if there was a suggestion of frost, to take the higher ground of Ballanard Road and go out toward the Abbeylands, trying to read indications of coming snow in the gray clouds resting on distant Greeba. Nevertheless, Sunday School usually won, and after all, it was pleasant there too, sitting out a sleepy hour in the dim old schoolroom, while a patient teacher gave a Bible lesson, and the dark December afternoon closed in around the windows. As we sang "Once in Royal David's City" before going home, there was a warm feeling that Christmas was just around the corner.

St. Barnabas Choir used to give concerts in this hall during the winter. Small as I was at the time, I remember being impressed with the vigor with which the choir sang "Hail, Smiling Morn" and "Come With Me, the Moon Is Beaming." James Nicholson, brother of John Nicholson the famous Manx artist, was choirmaster then, and my mother played the piano accompaniments at these concerts. Both the soloists and their selections were more and more beloved the oftener they were heard; my father usually gave "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind"; Mrs. J. T. Killey, guest artist from, I think, St. George's, was generally asked to give "The Better Land"; Kewley and Creney, those famous duettists, could be counted on for "The Larboard Watch"—and when the encore brought them back to the platform, the rattle of eager applause which greeted the piano's opening chords showed that the audience knew they were not going to be disappointed of their prime favorite—"Excelsior." The appreciation of those audiences filled the little hall with a warmth not often felt at more ambitious affairs.

Afterwards there was the walk back home in the dark and quiet night. It was a stiff pull up Well Road Hill, but once at the top it was an easy walk, and the stars were very bright over Kingswood Grove. I do not know whether St. Barnabas School is still there, or has fallen before the march of improvement, but as I said at the beginning, there are fragrant memories clinging to that old place—and there are some Bulletin readers who remember and will agree with me.

Gertrude Cannell

Regional Directors 1952-1953

The following have been appointed to serve as Regional Directors for the North American Manx Association during the fiscal year—August 1952 to August 1953:

- W. R. Clinton, 510 Charleston St., Mobile, Alabama.
- Cecil Corrin, Box 1522, Bisbee, Ariz.
- John Christian, 2704 W. Ramona Blvd., Alhambra, Calif.
- Fred Callow, 2138 Carleton Ave., Berkeley, Calif.
- John A. McNeil, 4445-50th St., San Diego 5, Calif.
- Miss Evelyn J. Corlett, 1400 Fell St., San Francisco 17, Calif.
- W. H. Killey, 2381 Clermont Ave., Denver 7, Colo.
- R. G. Anderson, 1420-25th St., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.
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- Mrs. John Cubbon, 108 N. E. 3rd St., Galva, Ill.
- Frank Shimmin, 403 E. Maywood Ave., Peoria 2, Ill.
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- R. H. Corkill, 13160 Sorrento, Detroit 27, Mich.
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- Mrs. Thos. Kelley, 1500 So. 25th St., Lincoln 2, Neb.
- Miss Florence Gill, 825 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn 13, N. Y.
- Sidney W. Corkish, 65 Evelyn St., Buffalo 7, N. Y.
- Miss Alice Garrett, 359 Hayward Ave., Rochester 9, N. Y.
- Jack Bridson, 899 Woodward Ave., Akron 10, Ohio.
- Mrs. Henry Mylchreest, 13501 Marston Ave., Cleveland 5, Ohio.
- James Kissack, Garfield Rd., Mentor, Ohio.
- Frank Moore, 2310 W. 95th St., Seattle 7, Wash.
- Mrs. H. L. Turville, Turvillewood, R.D. 4, Madison 5, Wisc.
- Joe Clucas, 357 N. 6th St., Laramie, Wyo.
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- Sam Lewthwaite, 730 W. Pender St., Vancouver, B. C., Can.
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- R. S. Skelley, 95 First St., Kirkland Lake, Ont., Can.
- Tom Crimin, 589 Princess Ave., London, Ont., Can.
- Fred Caveen, 34 Eastwood Rd., Toronto, Ont., Can.
- R. K. Mercer, 1544 Hall Ave., Windsor, Ont., Can.
- John Bell, 557 Cremazie Blvd., E., Montreal 16, Que.

OBITUARIES

CRELLIN, Raymond B., passed away on August 30 at his home in Ewing, Nebraska after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Alice. Mr. Crellin, whose parents came from the Isle of Man, was at one time president of the Nebraska Manx Society, and for a number of years was editor of the publication "The Nebraska Manxman."

GELL, John, aged 41, passed away at Binghamton, N. Y. on October 13. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gell, 1609 Spring St., Syracuse, N. Y. Also surviving are his wife, Frances; a son, Douglas; a daughter, Nancy Jean; a brother, Thomas Gell, Jr., and two sisters, Mrs. Everett Rounds and Mrs. Barent Anthony.

KELLY, William, aged 68, died at his home, 16 Michael St., Peel, Isle of Man on September 27. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Evan Gell of Peel, and grandson; and a sister, Mrs. Harriett Hughes of Cleveland. Mr. Kelly was born in Laxey, came to America many years ago, living in the States and in Canada, and returned to the Island in 1938. He visited Cleveland in 1949, where many will remember meeting him at the Convention.

KERMODE, John Eustace, aged 63, died suddenly on October 19 at his home, 953 S. Ramona, San Gabriel, Calif. He leaves his wife, Alberta; a son, Alfred; a daughter, Mrs. Nadine Pinkerton of Lancaster, Calif., and a grandson; also two brothers in the Isle of Man, Percy and Horace Q. Mr. Kermode came from Ballaspet, St. John's.

KISSACK, Fred, died on November 7 at his home, 1879 Wymore Avenue, Cleveland. His wife was the late Carrie Bender, and surviving relatives are nephews James M. Kissack, Mentor, Ohio; Charles Kissack of Cleveland, and niece, Margaret Kissack of Cleveland. Mr. Kissack came to Cleveland from Peel more than 60 years ago, and until his health failed was closely identified with Manx affairs. He was a staunch supporter of all Manx activities, particularly the Mona's Relief Society, of which he had been President, as well as holding other offices during a long period of years.

OLLERHEAD, Mary Quarrie, aged 82, died in Toronto on September 5. Surviving is a sister, Elizabeth Walker Ollerhead, Fort Frances; and a brother, George E. of London, Ont. Miss Ollerhead, a retired school teacher, was born in Jurby, Isle of Man.

SWINNERTON, Theresa M., died at her home in Los Angeles on November 7. She was the widow of the late Charles Swinnerton, formerly of Douglas, and leaves two sons, Charles J. and Robert W.; two daughters, Dorothy J. Conway and Mona L. Meirney, and nine grandchildren.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT for Ladies' Auxiliary to the N.A.M.A.

Balance on hand as of August 1, 1951	\$263.25
Petty Cash on hand	1.99
Receipts during the year	158.90
	\$424.14

RECEIPTS

Dues	\$ 42.25
Card Project	46.59
Souvenir sale	34.55
Donations	27.00
Returned by Alice Garrett (Souvenirs)	8.60
	\$158.90

DISBURSEMENTS

N.A.M.A. Dues	\$ 3.00
Printing	18.75
Mona's Relief 10th Anniversary Souvenir Book	20.00
B. H. Chandler Company	6.65
Harry Doebler Company	27.10
Ways and Means Committee for Rochester Convention	80.00
Mrs. Wm. Colquitt (material for prizes)	15.00
Rochester Souvenir Book	20.00
Postage	3.00
	\$193.50

Balance on hand as of August 1, 1952	\$239.55
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Financial Statement N.A.M.A. Convention Rochester, N. Y. August 13, 14, 15, 1952

RECEIPTS

Registration	\$1312.35
Souvenir Booklet	730.37
Prize Distribution	521.31
Donations	245.31
Souvenir sale	65.95
	\$2875.29

DISBURSEMENTS

Hotel Seneca	\$ 947.10
Newport House	242.00
Souvenir Book	649.41
Entertainment	206.88
Rochester Transit Company	139.50
Orchestra	120.00
Postage, telephone, misc.	75.28
Badges	72.89
Printing	51.42
Souvenirs	38.50
Flowers	31.14
Canadian Exchange	50
Pre-Convention Printing	237.22
	\$2811.90

Balance	63.39
	\$2875.29

Audited by:

Lillian Wadsworth, September, 1952.

Nelda E. Masters, September, 1952.

Mona Cannon, Treasurer.

