

THE BALLAUGH PRIMITIVE METHODIST CHAPEL
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEA AND CONCERT
(1913) *



The annual Sunday School tea and concert in connection with the Ballaugh Primitive Methodist Chapel was held on Tuesday. The following ladies presided over the tea tables: Mrs Caine (Dollagh) and Miss Richards; Miss Kneale and Miss Corlett (Glen); Miss Corlett (Laurel Villa) and Miss Cowell; and Miss Corlett (Bridge View). After tea, a concert was held, presided over by the Rev. G. Davies. Musical items were contributed by Mrs Davies, Missess Teare, I. Kneale, F. Kissack, and L. Corlett (Ramsey), the Michael Glee Party (Miss Crowe, Mrs Cannan, Messrs F.H. Crowe, C.E. Crowe, and Bartley Clinton) and the Jurby Quartette Party (Misses A. and A.M. Radcliffe, Messrs J.T. Kissack and W. Kerruish), Misses Kermeen (Ballaugh), Anna Moore (Michael) and Messrs P. Callister, T. Kneale, and R.W. Quayle (Ramsey). The accompanist was Mr F.J. Mullineux.

“Ballaugh.” *Mona’s Herald* 12 February 1913: 4c.

Another batch of names to contend with, as ever with these accounts of such events in the newspapers, but here there is mention of the Michael Glee Party and the Jurby Quartette Party as providing some of the musical entertainment that was on offer. The papers report a little on the Michael Glee Party but draw a blank as regards the Jurby Quartette Party. The Michael Glee Party took part in the Guild in 1897 (as did the Ballaugh Glee Choir for that matter).¹ There are then two brief mentions in 1911, with performances at the Ballaugh Primitive [Methodist] Festival in January of that year,² where the Ramsey Quartette Party also participated, and that same month at the Greeba Wesleyan Annual Sunday School Tea and Concert.³ Such groups likely came and went over the years and whilst keeping the same name membership was also fluid. They represent a facet of popular music making in the Island that needs further research. These groups had a reputation of sorts and so were invited to appear at parish and chapel occasions.

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¹ Anon, “As the result ...,” *Peel City Guardian* 3 April 1897.

² Anon, “Ballaugh Primitive Festival,” *Ramsey Courier* 13 January 1911.

³ Anon, “Greeba,” *Peel City Guardian* 14 January 1911.

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