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## THE HENRY JENNER PAPERS

BL ADD MS 88884/54

When discussing the archival sources drawn upon for her doctoral thesis, *Henry Jenner and the Celtic Revival in Cornwall* (University of Exeter, 2012), Samatha Rayne mentions that amongst the Henry Jenner Papers in the British Library at BL ADD MS 88884, then in the process of being catalogued, “[t]here are also a significant number of personal family letters as well as correspondence on the Celtic languages, primarily Manx but a few on Welsh, Breton and Cornish too” (286).

Jenner’s papers have now been listed and the relevant file of correspondence is to be found at BL ADD MS 88884/54. Bar a small number of strays, the letters date largely from the time of Jenner’s visit to the Island in 1875, after having distributed a questionnaire the previous year to the clergy to ascertain the current state of the Manx language. The results of his research were published as “The Manx Language: Its Grammar, Literature, and Present State,” *Transactions of the Philological Society* 1875–76 (1877), 172–97. Those from 1919 were occasioned by a newspaper article by Jenner that appeared that year, “The Manx Service at Kirk Braddan,” *Isle of Man Examiner*, 9 August 1919, 2b.

### BRITISH LIBRARY

#### LETTERS TO HENRY JENNER FROM VARIOUS CORRESPONDENTS

- Add MS 88884/54      Letter from Broadbent & Co., 1 August 1919  
— Cain, W.J., 2 November 1885  
— Clarke, B.P., 15 December 1874  
— Cromie, Henry, 18 August [1875]  
— Cubbon, John, 23 October 1919  
— Douglas, Mona, 15 August 1931  
— Drury, William, 17 June 1875  
— Gell, James, 10 August 1876  
— Kewley, Rev. John, 12 September 1919  
— Maddrell, T.F., 3 July 1919  
— Qualtrough J., 8 July 1875  
— —, 28 July 1875  
— Sherwood Richard, 1 June [ ? ]  
— —, 14 November 1875  
— Wood G.W., 14 September 1915

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