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“BLUE RIBBON ARMY”

(1882) *

On Tuesday the weekly meeting of the above was held in the Town Hall, when stirring addresses were given by the president, H.E. Gelling, Esq., Mr F. Stowell, and Mr C.M. Austin. The feature was a selection of Manx airs played on the cornet by Mr C. Clague. Their rendering by him fairly brought down the house. The selection comprised “Mylecharine,” “Kittie Snaightey,” “The White Boy’s Song,” “Hunt the Wren,” and “Hop-tu-nae.”

“Blue Ribbon Army.” *Mona’s Herald* 31 May 1882: 4f.

Apart from the early date (1882) for a concert featuring specifically Manx items, of equal interest are the titles themselves, ones today that would readily come to mind when thinking of a set of tunes to be played that would represent “Manxness.”

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