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“THE NEW MANX NATIONAL ANTHEM”

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Lady Raglan has sent word to Mrs Laughton that she was so much pleased with the Manx National Anthem when sung at the Palace on Thursday week that she has decided to adopt it specially for herself, and that she would like it given instead of the English National Anthem at any function which she will attend. If Lord Raglan is present, of course, the English would be given and then it could be followed by Lady Raglan’s adopted anthem. We are sure all Manx people fortunate enough to be acquainted with Mr W.H. Gill’s new melody will be delighted to hear of this marked appreciation of the composer’s efforts. The remembrance of its triumphal introduction to the Manx people at the Manx Musical Festival on Thursday week will long live in the memory of those who were present. It is interesting to note that Mr Thomas Kelly, Bridge-street, has discovered that a Manx national anthem was written as far back as 1824, though it is not known that it was ever set to music. It is something on the lines of Cowper’s, “I’m monarch of all I survey.”

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