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W. GELL
“A TRIBUTE”
(1906)

From the land where the *cushag*, the gorse and the heather
Bedeck her with purple and gold,
Her sons and her daughters are banded together
In cities far off from her fold.

In good fellowship’s bonds, and with purpose the best
And highest to mortals e’er giv’ n—
To assist fellow-countrymen worn and distrest,
Who vainly with fortune have striv’ n.

Broad sympathy’s cord, how resistless to bind
And yet leave us unfettered and free,
Encompassing those to whom fortune is kind
In the girdle of sweet charity.

All honour to those who, achieving success,
Had breasted and weathered life’s storm,
With a thought for their fellows in want and distress,
Gave to precept a practical form.

May they ever continue in unity strong,
Still uphold the fair fame of the Manx,
Then a fitting conclusion to this humble song—
“Ellan Vannin” will tender her thanks.

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