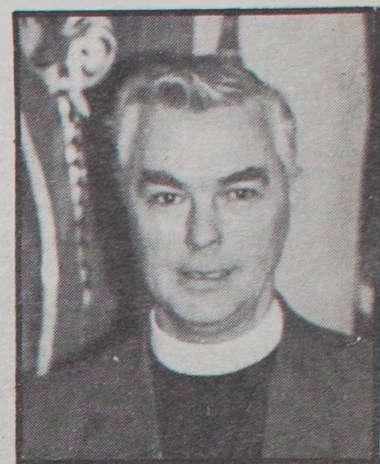


TORIES NO LONGER "ONE NATION" PARTY — Orange Leader



Addressing an Anti Anglo-Irish Agreement demonstration in Glasgow on Saturday, 1 November, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., declared: "The Conservative Party, once proud to bear the title Unionist, no longer is the party of 'One Nation'. Ted Heath, when Premier, dropped the title Unionist. Now Norman Tebbit has removed it from the plaque outside the Conservative Central Office".

speaking of the public funds going to support the peripheral areas in reality more public funds are invested within a fifty mile radius of London.

internal affairs, I trust that Scottish Unionists and others will join us in bringing the nation back on course — one nation again.

Foreign Powers

"Shortly the contingent parts of the Union will have an opportunity to say who speaks for the nation. As a Unionist who has seen his part of the nation betrayed and a foreign power given a direct role in our

"I have here a confidential Labour Party document showing which seats they need to gain at the next election. There are 143 constituencies listed. Among them are no less than 9 Scots Tory MPs in Stirling, Renfrew West, Cunningham North, Edinburgh South, Pentlands and Central, Aberdeen South, Strathkelvin and George Younger's Ayr.

"These are the seats the Tories need to hold onto. Labour needs to win them if they are to oust Maggie Thatcher. I urge you to take the opportunity which the next election provides to investigate plans to oppose any candidate who will not repudiate the Anglo-Irish Pact.

"Also on Labour's hit-list are three other seats which Labour needs to win from other parties — one from the SDP and two from the Scottish National Party. I hope that Unionists in all these constituencies will have a choice of a candidate who is opposed to the break up of the Union.

"Northern Ireland has been a nuisance to this British Government, so they dreamed up the Anglo-Irish Agreement as a way of easing us out of the UK. In the mid-'70s the myopic 'south of Watford knows best' syndrome produced the ill-conceived Devolution Bill, because at that time Scotland was being a nuisance to a Labour Government.

Scottish Slogan

"At that time the slogan used against devolution was 'Scotland Says No'. Let's resurrect that slogan in our campaign against the Anglo-Irish sell out".

15,000 Audience

A 15,000 audience attended the rally, organised by the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland. Rev. Smyth continued: "It may have been part of his morality crusade. It was more honest to admit that the Conservative Party no longer

stand for the nation. It has become the party of little Englanders, whose vision stops at Watford. While they

Top Orange Post For Scarva Man

Mr. J. W. George Patton, B.A., has taken up duty as full time Executive Officer of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland.

Aged 30 years, married with two children he resides in the historic village of Scarva.

Worshipful Master of Aughlish Heroes L.O.L. No. 74 for the past 5 years, he has been a member of the Junior Lodge Association, since he was 9 years of age, and is at present Superintendent of Junior L.O.L. No. 244, and Junior County Secretary of Armagh Junior County L.O.L.

He is also, among many other Orange Offices held,

Chairman of the County Sports Committee.

Educationally he is well equipped, having gained seven 'O' Levels and four 'A' Levels, the latter in History, Geography, English, and Modern History. He is a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration and Modern History.

After a Grammar School Education he graduated in the Queen's University of Belfast 1975-1978. He was previously employed in the Southern Education and Library Board.

Bro. Patton succeeds M.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., who has retired as Grand Secretary after almost 30 years.



Son Honours Father's 50 Years Service to Order

It was a proud moment for Sir Knight Robert Jones, caretaker of Portadown's main Orange hall in Carleton Street, when he received his 50-year membership badge of the Royal Black Institution, pinned on his collarette by his son, Sir Knight David Jones, who is Deputy Master of RBP No. 25, to which they both belong. Looking on, from left, front row, are Sir Knights William Power, Worshipful Master, and the Rev. William S. Forsythe. Back row, Sir Knights William Kerr, Joseph Power, David McConnell, John Toal, Portadown District Master, and James Symington, Deputy District Master. Sir Knight Robert Jones has given valuable service in the sale of the "Orange Standard" in his Carleton Street Orange Hall.

A Happy Christmas
 and a
 Prosperous New Year
 to all Our Readers

Orange Hall Rating Issue

In last month's Orange Standard a list of specified recreations was published. If any of these specified recreations or a Youth Club or Mission meet regularly in an Orange Hall, then it should be possible to have the rateable valuation of the Orange Hall substantially reduced.

The list of specified recreations is again reproduced on this page for ease of reference.

The procedure for having the rateable valuation reduced on these grounds is as follows:—

1. A "Record of Use of Premises" Book should be kept for one year. This book should be filled in every time any organisation meets in the Hall. It should state the date, name of organisation meeting in the Hall, times of start and finish of Meetings, charge made for use, approximate expenses incurred and be signed by the Secretary or some other representative of the organisation meeting. A copy of an example of a completed Record of Use of Premises Book is produced on page 2. A copy of a blank Record of Use of Premises Book is also reproduced on page 2, and if you wish to make up a Record of Use of Premises Book for your own Orange Hall, you could photocopy this blank page from the Orange Standard and staple the pages together.
2. When the Record of Use of Premises Book has been kept for approximately six months the Secretary of the Orange Lodge should write to the District Valuer and ask him to forward an Application Form. This can be done by applying to the local Valuation Office if you write to them as per example Letter no. 1, which is reproduced on page 2 of this issue.
3. After the Record of Use Book has been maintained for one year it should be forwarded to the District Valuer together with the completed Application Form. A copy of an example completed Application Form is reproduced on page 2 of this issue.
4. The Valuation Office may then wish to inspect the Orange Hall to update their valuation of it. If improvements or additions have been made to the Hall since it was last valued, they may increase the net annual valuation, although, at the same time, allowing a reduction in the rateable valuation on the grounds that an appropriate organisation meets in the Orange Hall. However, it is unlikely that the net annual valuation would be increased since valuation offices are fairly well up to date in their valuations.
5. If a reduction in the rateable valuation is allowed and the organisation which qualified for the reduction has been meeting in the Orange Hall for more than one year, application should then be made to the Rates Office to have the reduction in the rateable valuation backdated. To do this you need to send the Certificate which has been issued by the Valuation Office together with a letter from one of the officers or organisers of the qualifying organisation to the Rates Office. The Rates Office can backdate reductions in rateable valuation for up to six years.
6. It is essential that the Record of Use of Premises Book is kept up to date even after a reduction in rateable valuation has been agreed, since the Valuation Office are entitled to ask to inspect this Book at any time in the future as proof that the qualifying organisation is still meeting in the Orange Hall and that the reduction should still be allowed.

SUMMARY OF PROCEDURE

- (a) Make up a Record of Use Book and keep it for one year.
- (b) Obtain an Application Form from the District Valuer's Office.
- (c) At the end of one year forward the Record of Use Book and the completed Application Form to the District Valuer.
- (d) If a reduction is allowed write to the Rates Office and try and get it backdated.

LETTER NO. 1

The District Valuer,
Valuation Office.

Dear Sir,

Re. Ballytown Orange Hall.

Please let me have an Application Form to apply for a revision of the Valuation List for this Hall.

Yours faithfully,

LETTER NO. 2

The District Valuer,
Valuation Office.

Dear Sir,

Re. Ballytown Orange Hall.

Ballytown Orange Lodge wish to apply to have the rateable valuation of Ballytown Orange Hall reduced because a Youth Club/Bowling Club/Mission meet regularly in the Hall.

I enclose the following for your attention:—

1. Completed Application for revision of the Valuation List.
2. Completed Record of Use of Premises Book which has been maintained for one year.

I look forward to hearing from you about this matter in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Encs.

How to Appeal to have the Rateable Valuation of Orange Halls reduced on the grounds that a Youth Club/Sports Club/Mission meets in an Orange Hall.

LETTER NO. 3

The Rates Office,

Dear Sirs,

Re. Ballytown Orange Hall.

The rateable valuation of this Orange Hall has been reduced as per the enclosed Certificate.

The rateable valuation was reduced because a Youth Club/Bowling Club/Mission meets in this Orange Hall.

This Youth Club/Bowling Club/Mission has been meeting in the Orange Hall for eight years and I enclose a letter from the organiser confirming that.

I understand that you are empowered to backdate the reduction in the rateable valuation for up to six years and I now therefore apply to have it backdated.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,

Encs.

THIS APPLICATION FORM MUST BE SERVED ON THE DISTRICT VALUER AT—

RATES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER, 1972

APPLICATION FOR REVISION OF THE VALUATION LIST

(BEFORE COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM PLEASE READ NOTES OVERLEAF)

	Reg'd No.	
	Received	
	Ack'd	
	Expiry Date	
	Extension Notice Issued	
	New Expiry Date	

Part 1

District CLOUGH LESS Ward BALLY UP Street BALLYTOWN ROAD

Postal Address of Property

Here enter details of hereditament as shown in the Valuation List or on a relevant rate notice	Reference No.	Description of Hereditament	Crown	NET ANNUAL VALUE OF HEREDITAMENT OR PART THEREOF					Total of non-exempt N.A.V.	Exempt	
				Industrial Including F. Fishing	C D R	Freight-Transport Canals Docks Railways	Private Dwellings	Other than specified		Foyle Fisheries	Other than Foyle Fisheries
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2. We apply to have the Valuation List at present in force revised with regard to the above hereditament on the grounds that:

A YOUTH CLUB MEETS IN THE HALL

3. If the applicant is not the occupier or is not the person responsible for the payment of rates in respect of the hereditament, state, where known:—

1. The name of the occupier _____ Postal address _____
2. Name of person responsible for rates if not the occupier _____ Postal Address _____

4. Signature of applicant X Address of Applicant 23 BALLYTOWN ROAD CLOUGH LESS Telephone No. _____

Date X Capacity in which Occupier/owner/council/rating division/district valuer/other (inserted in 10-110) Signed SECRETARY OF BALLYTOWN ORANGE LODGE

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Certificate of Alteration
Notice of Decision

Issued to Rating Division/Council/ Occupier/Applicant
(Strike out whichever is not applicable)

Date _____

RECORD OF USE OF PREMISES

PREMISES: BALLYTOWN ORANGE HALL

DATE	PERSONS USING PREMISES (INCLUDING OCCUPYING BODY)	DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES		TIME		CHARGE MADE FOR USE	EXPENSES INCURRED (Lighting, heating, cleaning etc)	SIGNATURE
		USE FOR RECREATIONAL CHARITY	USE FOR OTHER PURPOSES	START	FINISH			
1/4/86	L.O.L. 1295		✓	8.00	9.30	N/A	£2.00	John Johnston
2/4/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
9/4/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
14/4/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
23/4/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
30/4/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
1/5/86	L.O.L. 1295		✓	8.00	9.30	N/A	£2.00	John Johnston
3/5/86	PORTADOWN MISSION	✓		8.00	10.15	N/A	£3.00	H. Hanna
10/5/86	PORTADOWN MISSION	✓		8.00	10.15	N/A	£3.00	H. Hanna
17/5/86	PORTADOWN MISSION	✓		8.00	9.30	N/A	£2.00	D. P. O'Connell
24/5/86	R.S.P. 1342		✓	8.00	9.30	N/A	£2.00	G.S. O'Connell
31/5/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
7/6/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
14/6/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
21/6/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada
28/6/86	BALLYTOWN YOUTH CLUB	✓		8.00	10.30	N/A	£3.00	Seamus O'Riada



Ulster Unionist leader Bro. Rt. Hon. James Molyneaux, M.P., receives £3,000 from Portadown District L.O.L. No. 1 for the Ulster Fund. The money was handed over by Bro. Gary Kennedy, Deputy District Treasurer, and also present are Upper Bann M.P., Bro. Harold McCusker and Craigavon Councillor, Bro. Arnold Hatch.

Accord Protest at No. 10

The Pride of Corby Flute Band, were the Pride of London, when they led the A.B. of D. London Campsie Clubs first anniversary parade and rally in protest at the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Several hundred Apprentice Boys from England, Scotland and Ulster were in attendance as the parade marched through London.

Prominent brethren included Bro. Peter Robinson, M.P. for East Belfast, Bro. Rickie Durward, President Scottish Amalgamated; Bro. John Adams, President Thames and Avon, Murray; Bro. John Mahon, Corby, No Surrender and Clubs from Bangor, South of England, Armagh, Manchester, Glasgow, London, Edinburgh and Blantyre.

A wreath bearing party led by the President of City of London Campsie, Bro. A. Richardson, laid two wreaths at the Cenotaph. (Bro. H. L. Davis and Bro. Bill Iveson). They then presented a petition at No. 10 Downing Street, rejecting the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

The parade finished with a rally which Bro. Peter Robinson addressed. Bro. T. Jackson led the devotions, and the meeting was closed by the singing of the National Anthem.

Special thanks go to the Corby Band, Bro. Paul Kingsley, and ALL who attended the parade.

Seven Are Initiated

Seven candidates were initiated at a meeting of Ulster Division Memorial L.O.L. No. 36 Govan, and several Sir Knights elevated in Star of Bethlehem R.B.P. No. 333 Clydebank.

Medal Presentation



W. Bro. Elliott Young, W.D.M. No. 4 District Newtownards seated second left, presents a 50 year medal to W. Bro. Kennedy Dalzell, a member of Total Abstiners L.O.L. 991, Newtownards. Included are: W. Bro. Roderick Elliott, W.M.; W. Bro. Robert Brown, Secretary and Lodge members, with W. Bro. Alfred McKee, P.M., District Secretary of Newtownards District No. 4.

MYTH OF 'MARCHING SEASON' EXPOSED

Speaking at the annual meeting of Sandy Row District L.O.L. No. 5 in Sandy Row Orange Hall, Belfast, R.W. Bro. John McCrea, J.P., County Grand Master, said: "I wish to explore the myth of 'The marching season' as it has become known. This phrase has been introduced in recent years into Northern Ireland affairs by politicians to suit their own ends and by the media when dealing with Northern Ireland news.

"Let me put the record straight so far as the Orange

Institution is concerned. There is no such thing as a 'marching season'. The Orange Order never ceases marching as we did yesterday to witness for our Reformation principles, when we paraded to our several Church Services, as we will again do in a few weeks time to register a further peaceful protest on the first anniversary of the signing of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

"However, I must make it abundantly clear that the Orange Order is not only marching when it is on the streets. The Orange Institution continues to march forward twelve months of the year to maintain the right of free, civil and religious liberty for all irrespective of class or creed, which is the basis of our Order.

"I would remind those who blind themselves by their self-styled marching season, the Orangemen do not fold up their banners once the 12th of July is over. Those who have repeatedly used the phrase over the past eleven months and have succeeded in heightening community tension would do well to remember their responsibilities.

"In this category I would place John Hume and Nicholas Scott, who have become so blinded in their attempts to try to justify to the world at large that the Unionist People are

losing confidence in their political leaders and are beginning to accept the Anglo-Irish Agreement. They have by their continued reference to this so-called 'season' brought additional hardship to the people of this Province whilst they hide behind the relative safety of fortress Stormont, Westminster and Europe.

"Those, who at this time, claim that the Orange Order is no longer religious in outlook because of our continued opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement must stand indicted themselves because they

have failed to recognise that the Anglo-Irish Agreement has given control of part of the United Kingdom to a foreign country, which in effect has eroded the right of Civil and Religious Liberty in this Province.

"They have failed to recognise that the Orange Order must defend that right. We will not be coerced into a United Ireland, which like the present Republic of Ireland would be dominated by the Church of Rome with little trace of Civil and Religious Liberty".

R.W. Bro. McCrea concluded by saying that the Orange Order continues to defend the right of procession on the public thoroughfare and to maintain the principles of civil and religious liberty for all with special privileges for none.

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Gaelic Dead As The Dodo Says McCusker

Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P., told the annual general meeting of the South Lurgan Branch of the Upper Bann Ulster Unionist Association that Gaelic is a dead language.

Unlike Latin, he said, it has virtually no relevance in today's world and is incapable of making any material contribution to the well-being of Northern Ireland or any individual citizen living there".

Bro. McCusker said, "One can say this with a fair degree of certainty because that is the experience in the Irish Republic. In practice if not in theory, Irish people had turned their backs on "their language" because they had found it to be irrelevant.

"Despite determined efforts during the past one hundred years, including the full weight of Government sup-



Bro. H. McCusker, M.P.

port and finance in the Irish Republic it refused to be resuscitated.

FOR STUDY USE

"Of course", he said, "it is a perfectly legitimate subject for academic study for anyone with a cultural, historical or emotional interest in it, and this is already catered

for in our educational system. However, it must be said that with very few exceptions this interest exists only in those from the Roman Catholic republican tradition.

"Now at the behest of FitzGerald and Hume and in the interests of reconciliation this linguistic dodo is to be foisted on us all. This expensive and divisive charade would be bad enough in

itself as a futile gesture, but when it is sold as a means of disarming Sinn Fein it approaches political lunacy.

CULTURE WEAPONS

"It will not disarm Sinn Fein or their armed masters because they have already made Gaelic language and culture weapons as important to them as the bomb and the armalite. Every street name in Gaelic, every broadcast in Gaelic, every Gaelic lesson rammed down the reluctant throat of an Ulster Protestant child is a victory for them".

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Our New Executive Officer

The appointment of a successor to Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Williams from a lengthy list of applicants received media attention. W. Bro. George Patton was introduced by the Grand Master at a press conference on 1 November when he took up office.

Bro. Williams who is recovering happily from major surgery will officially retire in April 1987. For five months, then, the new man will have the benefit of the advice and encouragement of the man who has adorned the office for many years and who has placed the Irish jurisdiction especially, and World Orangeism generally, in his debt.

Perhaps it should be explained that Bro. Patton will be the Executive Officer of Grand Lodge whilst Bro. Williams is also Grand Secretary. The election of a successor to that office will be made at the December meeting of Grand Lodge.

The separation of the two offices marks a return to a situation which pertained previous to the combining of the offices in Walter Williams.

Bro. Patton, a university graduate, and former civil servant, is a Scarva man who entered the Institution by way of the Junior Order. He is assured of the goodwill of Grand Lodge and the Institution at large as he embarks on a career which will make heavy demands on his time and talent.

Dealing with the Media

That the media is sometimes unbalanced in its treatment of material is a contention accepted by most people. The concentration on the tragic events of human experience at every level — bad news is news — inevitably overloads the presentation in one direction. Because it is the extraordinary that makes news this is inevitable and understandable.

People have to remind themselves that what they read, hear and see is part of a larger whole; that for just judgement to be made more information is often needed. When that fact is realized the value of the media is more accurately appreciated and our indebtedness to it more properly assessed. There has to be interpretative usage of the media.

What is published and broadcast must be scrutinised with the help of other source material on the people and places in focus. Perception is needed, and an intuitive reaction to what we are being told is essential. We have to use our minds to think on things and not to accept without question what is said. This safe rule of life is particularly applicable in media matters.

There is an inevitable media imbalance which we have to accept. When there is a deliberate intention to unbalance something our sense of justice and fairness is outraged. The opportunity to do that is often available to media people. They have the initiatives: others make the responses. Human nature being what it is the scrupulous and the unscrupulous are in the media as everywhere else.

There is always need for editors and producers, journalists and interviewers to act as honourably as the high standards of their profession demands. They present themselves as the purveyors of truth and as such their honesty and sincerity should not be in question. That on occasion it is must be a matter for regret and the reason for disciplining proven offenders.

Over the years in Ulster the impartiality of the media has been constantly questioned. The most recent example of that was the strenuously argued claim of Ian Paisley that the Talk-Back (Radio Ulster) producer, Martin Dillon, and presenter, Barry Cowan, had played "a dirty trick" on him.

The twenty minute encounter Paisley and Cowan of 11 November had Mr. Paisley accuse the two that they had broken an agreement with him; that he had expected the kind of opportunity John Hume had been granted the day before to present his case on the Anglo-Irish Agreement and not to be questioned on the private Ulster Hall meeting of the night before when Ulster Resistance came into being.

The exchanges, no holds barred, had Cowan on the defensive. It was such an unusual radio occurrence that it must affect

people's thinking on media presentation generally, and the programme content of Talk-Back particularly.

Next day Cowan seemed to find satisfaction in the percentages of those who rang in to the programme — 60 against Paisley, 24 for him and 16 with mixed feelings. There was no statement on the Paisley charge which merited an answer. The words of Cowan as he closed the programme on debate day was more apt then. The listeners have to make up their own minds on the merits of the case.

Unity in Planning

To say anything about the Anglo-Irish Agreement which had not been said repeatedly in the past year is an apparently impossible task.

What is more likely to be useful is to make reference to the growing determination of Unionist politicians and party people to think their way through to an administration plan for the Province which will be acceptable, and successful, when the Agreement is clearly unacceptable, and unproductive of the good results promised by it.

The complaint that the Unionists are not making one sound but many noises has been made with the claim that a united voice is essential when a plea is being made for a plan which is offered as something infinitely better than an Agreement, in essence undemocratic and divisive.

It would be good to have one plan for the Province agreeable to all Unionists and better if such a plan had the approval of citizens at large. But because the advocates of alternatives in Unionist thinking are genuine in their commitments now is the time for the kind of sharing of views in debates which allow for the presentation of ideas in an atmosphere of rational and reasonable consideration of them. That happened at the UUP conference of 8 November, when integrationists and devolutionists had their say.

It is not easy to see how such divergent aspirations can be reconciled, but the effort must be made to produce an agreed scheme for presentation to parliament and people. To have the alternatives considered together is a proper way to understand arguments, for out of honest and frank exchanges could come the plan for the way ahead.

Having drawn attention to the debate on whether integration or devolution is more likely to satisfy the needs of the Province we may be expected to go on to consider what their advocates hope for from them. As neither of them will adversely affect the Union and we are where the Order has always been, determined to maintain the unity of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, we have this further justification for looking at them.

Hume's View of The Accord

Incidentally I was writing this when John Hume sought to justify the progress of the Anglo-Irish Agreement on Radio Ulster's "Talk Back", 10 November, and as his wont, advising Unionists on how they must think and act in relation to it, and everything else.

He argued that their leaders had offered no alternatives to the Agreement. They were the "ourselves alone" people of moderate politics. He overlooked the fact that the UUP had produced a document "The Way Ahead" before the signing of the Agreement, which was ignored by the Thatcher Government and parliamentarians at Westminster and the present well publicised debate on Integration and Devolution.

Minority Refusal

The UUP conference did not decide about the alternatives until the Anglo-Irish Agreement has gone. Those for integration made the case vigorously for equal citizenship with all other UK citizens.

There is no doubt that many Unionists would prefer a situation in which Ulster would be treated that way and the political patterns of GB would pertain here. They contend that it would be better to have main party politicians representing us in Parliament for they could influence governments in ways not available in present circumstances. GB patterns of politics have been preferable to many Ulster people who regretted the sectarianism of what we have had since the inception of the State and the refusal of the minority to participate properly in its administration.

The case for devolution has been argued no less strenuously and the claim made that it is only when Ulster is allowed to govern itself again that peace and prosperity are possible. There is the contention that efforts made to govern by representatives of majority and minority could be successful. It would mean the recognition of the need of one community for the other and the benefits accruing from cultural sharing. Describing the benefits of integration and devolution is easy.

The difficulties arise when thought is given to the implementation of either plan. The opposition to either plan is daunting. To recognise this and to face up to it is important whatever the cause and the consequences, and whether there is success or failure.

ORANGE ELECTIONS FOR

1987

City Elects Officials

When City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge held a well attended quarterly meeting in the Victoria Hall, Londonderry on Saturday, 1 November, the brethren were honoured by the presence of no less than three Co. Grand Masters.

In addition to the City Grand Master, Rt. W. Bro. R. J. Fleming, D.G.M.I., the meeting was attended by Co. Londonderry Grand Master,

Rt. W. Bro. A. E. Lee, J.P., D.G.M.I. and Co. Donegal Grand Master, W. Bro. A. Bustard. W. Bro. Wm. Girvan, Co. Donegal Grand Secretary, was also present.

The election of officers for 1987 was efficiently conducted by Rt. W. Bro. Lee, ably assisted by W. Bro. Bustard and resulted as follows: C.G.M., Rt. W. Bro. R. J. Fleming, D.G.M.I.; D.C.G.M., W. Bro. A. Lindsay; C.G. Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. R. Dickinson, M.A., B.D.; D.C.G. Chaplain, Rt. W. Bro.

G. Dunn, D.G.M.I., P.C.G.M.; C.G. Secretary, W. Bro. D. A. Caldwell; D.C.G. Secretary, W. M. Duddy; A.D.C.G. Secretary, A. O. Buchanan; C.G. Treasurer, T. F. Montgomery; D.C.G. Treasurer, Wm. Gilmour; C.G. Lecturer, A. Torrens; D.C.G. Lecturer, G. Hunter; C.G. Tyler, J. Simpson.

Apart from several changes of members to the City Grand Committee, the main changes of principal officers are of C.G. Secretary where W. Bro. D. W. Brown has stepped down after ten years of sterling service to Grand Lodge and is replaced by his deputy, W. Bro. Caldwell, who also takes on the post of Press Officer. The other principal change, that of W. Bro. T. F. Montgomery, who steps up from D.C.G. Treasurer to City Grand Treasurer, a vacancy brought about by the sudden tragic death of W. Bro. R. G. Ferris, to whom several tributes were made during the recording of obituaries. The offices of D.C.G.S. and D.C.G.T., left vacant by the promotion of W. Bros. Caldwell and Montgomery were filled by W. Bros. W. M. Duddy and Wm. Gilmour, respectively.

The Grand Lodge decided, in accordance with directive of Grand Lodge of Ireland and general opposition policy to the Anglo-Irish Agreement, to

support the public protest rally at Belfast City Hall on 15th November, leaving the City of Londonderry by special coaches at 9.00 a.m., wearing regalia and carrying banners.

Killen District L.O.L. Officers

Killen District LOL No. 12 (Co. Tyrone) held its annual election of officers for 1987 in Co. Tyrone's most westerly lodge room that of Aghyaran LOL 1641 situated close to the Tyrone-Downal Border on the evening of 27th October, 1986.

Elected were — W.D.M., J. A. Emery; D.D.M., S. Speer; Chaplains, Rev. D. Fletcher, Rev. W. Johnston (Honorary); W. C. Andrews (Lay); Secretary, R. J. Montgomery; Ass. Secretary, N. McMullan; Treasurer, J. J. Patterson; Assistant Treasurer, D. R. Hussey; Lecturers, T. Livingstone and H. Speer; Tylers, J. Watson, R. McKinley.

Committee: C. Turner (foreman); J. Thompson, A. Monteith, F. Gilchrist, K. Brown, District Standard-bearer, W. Semple; (Deputy) A. Farren.

The election was conducted by W. Bro. T. A. McLaren, W.D.M., of Sixmilecross, District LOL No. 7 with W. Bro. T. V. McFarland assisted in the deputy chair.

After the meeting the ladies of the host Lodge provided a most excellent supper.



Members of Corcrain Purple Rocket LOL No. 339 met recently to honour one of their members, Bro. Frank McClelland, a man who has done a tremendous amount of work for the Lodge during the past 30 years. Bro. McClelland, who is pictured third from the right, receiving a crystal decanter from the lodge, presented by Portadown District Master, W. Bro. Harold Gracey, has been a tower of strength to a Lodge which has prospered and expanded, despite the fact that it is situated in one of Portadown's difficult areas. Mainly surrounded by republican territory, the Orange Hall at Corcrain has been attacked by fire and with missiles on a number of occasions since

the start of the "Troubles", and there has been an exodus of Protestant families from the immediate area. But the brethren are very attached to Corcrain, and although most live in other parts of the town, they still turn up faithfully for meetings, and there is an active improvement committee, of which Bro. McClelland is a prominent member, which keeps the Hall in excellent condition. Also present at the ceremony were: from left, Bros. Robert Hughes, secretary; David Rowan, Worshipful Master; Robert Rainey, chaplain and Alan Milligan, treasurer.

G.M. Issues Rebuke to Queen Beatrix

The Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., has sent a sharp reply to Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands following a comment she made to Dr. Patrick Hillery, President of the 26 County Republic concerning the Orange Order in Northern Ireland.

The following is the text of the Grand Master's letter dated November 7:

H.M. Queen Beatrix
The Royal Palace
The Hague
Netherlands.

Your Majesty,

Greetings from the Orange Family in Ireland.

We have read the "Irish Times" report (5/11/86) of your speech during the visit of President Hillery. We deplore the impression that you concurred with those who associate the name Orange in Northern Ireland with intolerance. As an Institution we stand for "Civil and Religious Liberty" and all

citizens in Northern Ireland, as in the rest of the United Kingdom, are equal before the Law.

Since many of our members as volunteers served in Holland in two World Wars, a high percentage paid the Supreme Sacrifice, to preserve liberty for Holland and the world at large we repudiate such a slur upon our tradition.

Like any other community we are not perfect, but then we saw recently the level of tolerance in Holland would not welcome the distinguished Band of the Royal Ulster Constabulary to Arnhem. The quality of Nijmegen is obviously better for there they have welcomed members of that Constabulary and other Ulster men in the famous Nijmegen walk.

If loyalty to Crown and Constitution is a crime in Holland, Orangemen would plead guilty.

May I make an observation concerning the outworking of the Anglo-Irish Agreement. If dissident elements in Holland were granted an input into the government by the importation of a Belgian Minister and Secretariat to be consulted on every aspect of government I suspect that even phlegmatic

Dutch citizens would react sharply. A structure unanswerable to the electorate will never stand in a constitutional monarchy. There is, therefore, no long term future for this novel arrangement. It cannot bring peace, stability, and reconciliation.

Finally might I recall the thrill I had listening to the Funeral Service of your Grandmother, Queen Wilhelmina. As the coffin was being lowered into the family vault the old Scandinavian tune to a beloved hymn was played:—

There is sunshine in my soul today,
More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky,
For Jesus is my light.

This was at Her request. It mirrored our Orange tradition. Love of the Lord Jesus and commitment to His service. We will continue to follow it irrespective of the calumnies of opponents or the betrayal of friends.

Yours faithfully,
W. Martin Smyth (Rev.)
GRAND MASTER.

On November 15th 1985 Margaret Thatcher signed the Anglo-Irish Agreement with Garret FitzGerald at Hillsborough. Although it was passed by a huge all-party majority of 473 to 47 in the House of Commons I am as irreconcilably opposed to this Agreement as were those MP's of the various Unionist parties who voted against it.

I will try to give my reasons, and I hope that at the end I will have persuaded any reader who had doubts that they should oppose it too, actively and tirelessly.

PROTESTANT ETHIC UNDERMINED

It may seem strange to many that this Measure, which was presented as a means of bringing "peace, stability, and

remain unchanged until the majority of people in the Province consent to such a change. When the Agreement was signed it was hailed as a breakthrough that a Dublin government had, for the first time, recognised Ulster's position in the UK. This is demonstrably untrue for the following reasons:—

1. This is not the first time a Dublin government has given such recognition. The first time was in 1925 when the Boundary Commission's attempt to define the Border broke down. This concession was revoked by the De Valera government of the 1930's.

them Ireland, which would have to be done by referendum. There are no plans to hold such a referendum, and given this evidence of Dublin's intention to maintain its claim over Northern Ireland, it is obvious that the "guarantee" is worthless.

3. This Agreement, which purports to underwrite Ulster's position within the UK, is the very document which has brought about that same change in Northern Ireland's constitutional position against which the Agreement is supposed to be a bulwark. For the Government to expect the Loyalists not to notice this reveals either great insensiti-

one. Opposed to this, we have Garret FitzGerald who has said that Dublin's role under the Agreement is "beyond a consultative role". In support of FitzGerald we have Michael Noonan, an influential politician in the Republic, who has said that the Agreement has given Dublin "a major and substantial role in the day-to-day running of Northern Ireland".

Most revealingly Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the SDLP, gave an interview to RTE radio on 3.12.85 in which he said, "Far from being a non-step towards unity I think that it is a step", and followed this up by saying "I don't think any-

This suggests that something more than the existing consultative arrangements is envisaged.

(b) It is in the nature of consultation that when advice is offered it can be either accepted, in whole or part, or politely refused. In Article 2(b) of the Agreement, however, it states that, "... determined efforts

shall be made through the Conference to resolve any differences". If we must seek to resolve differences with Dublin it would seem fairly obvious that we are offering them a role that is more than consultative, otherwise we would have the freedom to reject that advice.

the "wars to end all wars", were cynically abandoned to Sinn Fein terrorists when gutless London politicians scuttled from the 26 counties now comprising the Irish Republic rather than take the measures necessary to enforce British Government there. Are we, in our day, to witness an even greater betrayal?

Readers of this article may agree with me in opposing the Agreement, but are wondering what they can do about it. One course that must be ruled out entirely is that of supine acquiescence. I suggest that all our mainland readers can sit down straight away and write letters of support to every Unionist MP. This is what I did and I received replies from everyone, and they all expressed thanks

WHY I OPPOSE THE ANGLLO-IRISH AGREEMENT

BY Bro. M. W. Phelan

reconciliation" to the Province should be opposed by Unionists. After all, through the last eighteen years they are the ones who have suffered most from the terrorist campaign that has been waged in Ulster.

Their people have been killed and maimed; their factories and town centres have been gutted by bombing and arson, causing unemployment to soar; they have been forced out of their homes in huge numbers by rampaging Republican mobs; they have seen their most cherished institutions swept away by appeasement policies (e.g. the Stormont Parliament, the Special Constabulary).

In some cases the very fabric of their society, based on the Protestant work ethic, has been undermined, and all the time this has been accompanied by a vicious propaganda campaign that has portrayed them to a gullible world as a sect of religious bigots responsible for their own sufferings.

Surely, given all that I have said, if the Anglo-Irish Agreement could bring "peace, stability, and reconciliation" to Northern Ireland, the Unionists, above all people, would snatch at it? Of course they would, but they see the Agreement as more likely to prolong the deepen Ulster's agony and ultimately to deliver them into the hands of their enemies in a United Ireland.

NO BREAKTHROUGH

In this first article I propose to answer the assertion made by the Agreement's supporters in the Government that it actually strengthens the Union. The Agreement states that the status of Northern Ireland is to

Dublin made a similar undertaking in 1973 at the time of the infamous Sunningdale Agreement. Just as now, it was claimed as a first. It seems that every time a British government makes a concession to Dublin's revanchist aims, the British Government extracts the same concession from Dublin and every time claims it as a first. The aim, obviously, is to throw a sop to the Unionists but, in a very un-English way, they have studied their history and learned from it, and are not so easily deceived.

The Sunningdale "concession" was challenged in the High Court in Dublin, where it was ruled that the Government could not bind its successors to the undertaking it had made. Obviously, on that occasion the "concession" was set up for repudiation by a later administration just as its predecessor had been in the 1930's. (And its successor in 1985).

WORTHLESS CONCESSION

2. The concession as it stands is worthless. It says only that the status of Northern Ireland is to be unchanged without consent. The Agreement nowhere says what that status is, and the two signatories have very different ideas about that. The Irish Republic claims Northern Ireland as a part of its territory by Article 2 of its constitution. Therefore, for a Dublin Government, the status quo includes a de jure, if not de facto, authority over Northern Ireland.

If Dublin were sincere about the "guarantee" it would set about the repeal of that Article of its Constitution which claims jurisdiction over Nor-

thern Ireland, which would have to be done by referendum.

My reason for saying this is that Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK where a foreign government has the right to a say in how that part of the UK is governed. This right has not been granted to the government of a foreign country selected at random, but it has been given to the government of the country which maintains a claim to the territory of Northern Ireland.

BITTER RESENTMENT

The Ulstermen see all this very clearly and resent it bitterly. It is an indignity which no other part of the UK is asked to tolerate, and Ulstermen feel, quite justifiably, that they have been relegated to second-class citizenship.

4. The British Government has denied that Dublin has had any role granted to it under the Agreement than a consultative

body would see it as anything more than an initial step", which quite clearly indicates that the Unionists are to be herded, step by step, down the road to their destruction. If anyone doubts Mallon's competence to pronounce on these matters, let him remember that Mallon is Deputy Leader of a party which had a major influence on the Anglo-Irish Agreement in its final form.

Of course, the British Government may be telling the pure unblemished truth regarding Dublin's role and, for domestic political reasons, Republican politicians may be lying. You pay your money and you take your choice. Before deciding who to believe, bear in mind the following:

(a) Dublin has had a consultative role since at least 1981. Now there is to be an "Inter-Governmental Conference" with a permanent secretariat.



Wor. Bro. Winston McCormick, W.D.M. of Bessbrook District L.O.L. No. 11, presents former Newry/Armagh MP, Bro. Jim Nicholson with a £250 donation towards the Ulster Fund set up by the Unionist leaders to fight the Anglo-Irish Agreement. The money was raised by the four Bessbrook lodges. Included along with Wor. Bro.

(c) Whenever the Unionists say that the Agreement gives Dublin a say in the running of Northern Ireland, they are loudly denounced by the Government as misrepresenting the Agreement and seeking to stir up trouble. When the Republicans make the same claims, (albeit from a different standpoint), the British Government remains strangely silent. Why?

5. Although the Government has given Dublin a role, whatever it is, in the running of Northern Ireland on "matters affecting the minority", no such right has been given to the British Government to protect the rights of that brave but dwindling minority of Unionists in the Republic. Anyone who doubts their existence should stand, as I have, watching Orange parades in the border areas of Northern Ireland on the 12th of July and see the lodges from Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan, and further afield. These are the descendants of men and women who, having fought for Britain in:

Norman Hood, the Armagh County Grand Master (on left); Bro. Desmond Noble, Bessbrook District chaplain, and Bro. William Kennedy, Bessbrook District Secretary, are Bros. Neville Hamilton (LOI 77), Bro. Leslie Brown (LOI No 959), Bro. Gerald Cartmill (LOI No 77), and Bro. Brian Loughlin (LOI No 927).

2,000 MORE DRINKING OUTLETS

Ulster Sabbath Faces Intense Opposition

The battle for the preservation of the Ulster Sabbath, now under constant attack from many quarters, is one that must be won, and the greatest onslaught it has experienced yet has begun with the announcement by the Government that it intends to promote legislation next year to enable seven-day opening of public houses in Northern Ireland.

Make no mistake about it, this Government which has already trampled on the democratic rights of the Ulster majority by its carrying through of the iniquitous Anglo-Irish Agreement, will not hesitate to go ahead with Sunday opening of pubs unless there is a demonstration by the Ulster people in sufficient strength as to persuade them otherwise. That can still be achieved, as was proved by the defeat of Mrs. Thatcher's attempt to open the shops across the water for Sunday trading.

TOTAL BAN NOT FEASIBLE

The "Orange Standard" has never pretended to its readers that total prohibition on the sale of alcohol is a realistic feasibility in the Pro-

vince. The prohibition experiment in the United States proved that this could lead to evils just as great as those it tried to eradicate.

But the "Standard" has always been firm in its conviction that there must be limits to the sale and advocacy of alcohol to the general public, and the paper has consistently followed this line, not hesitating to criticise elements within the Protestant and loyalist organisations who promote the sale of alcohol in social clubs and other outlets. The Grand Lodge, by its ban on alcohol in the House of Orange, and its lead in this respect, has shown where it stands.

This attempt at further secularisation of the Sabbath must be fought and waged by the Protestant Churches, and by organisations such as the Lord's Day Observance Society, and supported by the Orange, Black and Apprentice Boys Orders.

The alternative, to allow further erosion of the Ulster Sunday, is realistically to lead to the day when this Province, so long in the vanguard of God's Holy Word, and respect for His institutions, will follow

the fate of Wales, once a noted Bible stronghold, and now a mere shadow of its former Evangelical self.

The evidence of an onslaught on the Ulster Protestant Sabbath is there for everyone to see. Increasingly, golf and cricket are played in Northern Ireland on Sundays, and soon the demand will intensify for organised games, and for professional soccer as well. Many leisure and recreational centres in Belfast and provincial towns are open. The cinemas in Belfast opened years ago, and these decisions were taken in a city with a Unionist majority in its City Hall.

But all these, deplorable as they are, will pale into insignificance, when compared to the scenario if public houses are opened.

2,000 MORE DRINKING OUTLETS

The opening of 2,000 more drinking outlets in the Province will undoubtedly lead to more drinking, and to more drunkenness, irrespective of what the advocates of Sunday opening may say. There will be more motorists over the limit on the roads of the Pro-

vince on the Sabbath, with a consequent increase in accidents.

Add to that the misery created by wife beating, child neglect, vandalism and hooliganism caused by over indulgence in alcohol, and general crime, including assaults and burglaries related directly to drink, and it can be seen that the potential picture is not a happy one. How dare the advocates of more drinking, in a society already engulfed in a drinking "splurge" try to argue that their plans will "control" drinking habits.

Ulster people opposed to such an increase in drinking outlets — and they must include many Roman Catholics, as well as Protestants — must stand up and be counted. To do so, they require firm leadership, and they require a plan of campaign which will put the Government and the pro-drink lobby in a tight corner.

There must be a referendum for such an important issue, and at the very least, there must be legislation to enable local option, but preferably a referendum taking the Province as a single entity. There must be no dodging this issue, and the Ulster people now look to their Churches and organisations to give them the lead.

Dalmuir Park Venue For 1987 'Black' Demonstration

The Provincial Grand Black Chapter of Scotland held their half-yearly meeting in the Orange Hall, Lorne Street, Govan, Glasgow, on Saturday, 25th October.

Sir Knt. Peter Downie, P.G.M. presided, assisted by Sir Knt. John Gibson, D.G.M. in vice-chair, and Sir Knt. R. Paul, Chaplain, led in prayer and praise.

The P.G.M. welcomed a large gathering of Sir Knights. Sir Knt. Gordon McCracken was congratulated on attaining his first honour as a student in the Ministry at Glasgow University.

Recently he took until himself a partner in life.

Next year brings his finals when he will have gained his M.A. and a church.

Preliminary arrangements were made for a 1987 Demonstration at Dalmuir Park, on the invitation of No. 4 District

Chapter, Partick, on the second Saturday in August, 1987. They also invited the Provincial Grand Chapter to worship in Partick Old Parish Church on Sunday, 2 August.

A Report of Grand Chapter June Meeting was given by Prov. Grand Registrar and approved.

Sir Knt. T. Blair, P.G. Lecturer, gave a report of the Examining board and stated 5 Sir Knights passed their 1st Examination.

The P.G.M. and P.G. Reg. were appointed to attend Grand Council Meeting in December.

P.G.M. referred to Sir Knt. Ritchie McDonald, P.M. (Clydebank), R.B.P. 333, and P.M. of No. 4 District Partick, who was emigrating to Australia on 27th October, 1986 with his wife and family. The best wishes of all assembled went with them.

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Letter to the Editor

Anglo-Irish Agreement

Sir, — As a member of the Orange Institution in Northern Ireland, I found Gerald Woode's words of interest when he stated in his letter "Fife Free Press", October 10 — that the Anglo-Irish Agreement has not provided proper democratic treatment of British citizens in Ulster.

The Anglo-Irish Agreement is a year old on November 15, and is no nearer to achieving its purpose.

The one mistake all British Governments make is to consult a foreign power — that is Eire — instead of treating the Ulster situation as an integral problem.

A recent photo on the front page of the "Orange Standard", the magazine of the Orange Order in Northern Ireland, showed a section of the 200,000 crowd which attended the Loyalist Rally at Belfast City Hall last year to protest against the Agreement.

Another rally is to be held in Belfast to coincide with the signing of the Agreement a year ago.

No doubt the answer will still be "No". — Yours, etc.,

JAMES ANNETT, Jun.,
56 Linley Drive,
Ballyhenry Estate,
Comber,
County Down.

This letter appeared in the Scottish newspaper "The Fife Free Press". Ed.

George Patton Meets George Patton



Bro. George Patton, the newly appointed Executive Officer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, had a surprise visit from Bro. George Patton. The second George Patton is from Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, who is on holiday in Belfast to see his parents in the Ormeau Road district of the City. He is the Secretary of his Lodge, Premier L.O.L. 1610, and has been a member of the Order for

four years. "I joined the movement only four years ago, even though I have been in Canada for almost 25 years", said George, "and thought it would be nice to shake hands with my namesake before I return home"... So George greeted George and had him pay a visit to the Museum at the House of Orange. (Photo: Allan J. McCullough).

Obituaries

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Grand Master and the Family Circle, on the death of his beloved Mother. The most impressive Funeral Service, was held in Great Victoria Street, Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 18th November, when the Rev. W. A. Finlay, Minister of the congregation paid tribute to the work and merit of a Lady who had been "loyal to the royal within her". He spoke of her loyalty to God and the Church, her family and the community.

W. Bro. R. J. Ferris
City of Londonderry

W. Bro. R. J. Ferris had been Grand Treasurer of City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge for the last thirteen years as well as having held several other prominent offices at Private and District Lodge level over a number of years, including that of District Master of No. 5 District for some years.

His sterling service as City Grand Treasurer will be sadly missed as will his pleasant personality among all brethren.

Not only did he give his utmost to the Orange Institution but was also a very prominent and influential member of all the Loyal Orders.

W. Bro. Ferris had been Grand Master of City of Londonderry Grand Royal Arch Purple Chapter for the last eleven years and his sound leadership will be missed there as well.

He has also held important offices at District and County level in the Royal Black Institution and was an active member of the Apprentice Boys of Derry.

The high esteem, in which, W. Bro. Ferris was held by all, cannot be more ably recorded than by the financial tributes to the City of Londonderry Orange Widow's Fund, in which he had a great interest.

He is survived by his widow, Esther, two sons and a daughter, to whom the thoughts and prayers of all go in their time of sorrow.

(EDITOR).

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Dr. Runcie's Visit to Switzerland

The Archbishop of Canterbury has returned home after making a three day visit to Switzerland to join in ceremonies marking the 450th anniversary of the acceptance of the Reformation in Geneva.

Dr. Runcie was there, the guest of the Swiss Protestant Federation and was accompanied by the Right Rev.

Edward Holland, Assistant Bishop in Europe. In the course of his visit he met all the Anglican clergy serving in Switzerland.

In Geneva he met Dr.

Emilio Castro, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, and visited the World Alliance of Reformed Churches, where he gave an address on Anglican-Reformed relations.

Moving on to Lausanne, the Archbishop spoke on the Churches and Western Europe at the Jean Monnet Institute. From there he went to Berne, where he called on the Swiss President, M. Alphons Egli, and met representatives of the Federation Protestante.

On Reformation Sunday Dr. Runcie preached in Zurich at a Eucharist celebrated according to the Lima rite.

HISTORIC REFORMED INHERITANCE

A press-release said that the Archbishop saw his visit "as a visible demonstration of the historic Reformed inheritance of the Church of England, and of Anglican commitment to the search for unity with all the

major Christian World Communions".

Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Canon Michael Dewar who sent us the foregoing "Church Times" cutting of 6 November 1986, points out that whatever may be said about the present Archbishop of Canterbury "it is to his eternal credit that he has not shunned from identifying himself in the

Church of England with the Reformed Churches of Europe in their significant 450th Anniversary Year of the Genevan Reformation".

He goes on, "In this he stands head and shoulders above Archbishop Randall Davidson (like his successor Lang, the son of a Scots Presbyterian Manse) who in 1917 was unwilling to identify the C. of E. with the 400th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The fact that we were then at war with Germany was not the reason".

GENEVA'S SIGNIFICANCE

Dr. Dewar reminds us that "Cranmer and Calvin in Canterbury and Geneva, and Melancthon (Luther's successor) and Bullinger (Zwingli's successor) envisaged the first 'Lambeth Conference' with young Edward VI as their Patron and Protector. Alas, Mary's reign succeeded and ... things were never the same. The 'high-tide' of the English Reformation had passed".

Bro. Dewar concludes, "At least Runcie has grasped the fact that Geneva lies at the heart of the Reformation in this year 1986, 450 years after".

He points out "that very properly the Sunday nearest to October 31 is referred to as

Reformation Sunday". The BBC should take note of the date.

His many friends will be interested to know that Canon Dewar is settling in well at Cheltenham and was the preacher on Sunday 9th November, in Cheltenham Parish Church, which he describes as "being consistently evangelical in line with the traditions of Dean Francis Close, its most famous incumbent of last century".

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Orangemen walking to the demonstration against the Anglo-Irish Agreement at the City Hall, from North Belfast.

Ulster Society Banner Project



In the course of ongoing research into the history and symbolism of Orange Banners, I am indebted to Brother James McKinley and Brother Joe Rooney for bringing to my attention the banners in the possession of L.O.L. 62, Wycliffe's Invincible Morning Star.

The present banner portrays John Wycliffe holding a Bible, and on the reverse shows the Children of Israel crossing the River Jordan. Wycliffe is one of the less common subjects to be depicted on Orange banners, or indeed to be connected with a particular Lodge, but his appearance is well merited for he stands as a giant in the history of Protestantism.

It was at the end of the fourteenth century, more than 100 years before Martin Luther was to spark the Reformation, that Wycliffe, an Oxford cleric, challenged the supremacy of the Roman Catholic Church. In arguing that the Church could not mediate between man and God, that the Scriptures were the final authority and that Transubstantiation did not take place during the Mass, Wycliffe laid the foundations for the later break from Rome.

Although he attracted a considerable following, known as the Lollards, and had a Bible printed, the Church was still too powerful, and stamped out the heresy in the fifteenth century, executing a number of those involved in the movement, although Wycliffe himself died a natural death.

The Roman Catholic Church could kill people but it could not kill ideas and Wycliffe's teachings were to re-emerge in the sixteenth century when England and many parts of Europe finally broke from Rome and established the Protestant faith.

This banner is, however, not the only treasure in the possession of L.O.L. 62, for this year at Lurgan's mini-Twelfth they paraded a banner dating back to 1908 which portrays David and Goliath and on the reverse, William III crossing the Boyne. One possible explanation for the remarkably good condition of this banner is that the painting in the centre is almost ¼ inch thick. Before the lodge owned banners they used to parade a large flag which had crossed flags on one side and King William III on the other side.

I would like once again to thank Brothers McKinley and Rooney for their assistance and guidance in this project. I hope to highlight other interesting banners in future editions of the Orange Standard.

Research into Orange Banners is just one aspect of the wide and varied work of the Ulster Society. Anyone interested in finding out more about the Society or contributing to its efforts should contact the Information Officer, The Ulster Society, Brownlow House, Windsor Avenue, Lurgan, Craigavon, BT67 9BJ.

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