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of The Battle
of The Boyne



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The Scene is Set For a Momentous Year

The Tercentenary celebrations have got off to an excellent start with the January 1 service at Belfast City Hall and other events across Northern Ireland during January.

For the next 11 months lodges throughout our great Orange family plan to mark William's glorious deeds at the Boyne in 1690 in a fitting and dignified manner.

Hundreds of varied events are being held at county, district and lodge level and the organisers are

hopeful that all these will provide lasting memories of a momentous year.

In this issue most events planned for the year are listed and we would hope to add to the list over the coming months.

Pageantry, culture, and tradition will be centre-piece of the celebrations and it is the intention of brethren to present Orangeism in its true and best form to the outside world.

It is still hoped to have a religious service and com-

memoration on the site of the Battle of the Boyne in July and to this end our southern brethren have been considering what form this should take. Nothing definite has yet been made in arrangements.

Media and press have been hyping the speculation in recent weeks and months over the likelihood of a Boyne site event and their conclusions would appear to be well off beam.

A number of politicians

not connected with the Orange Order have also tried to use the possibility of a Boyne event to further their own political ends. This type of interference is unhelpful and we would point out that if there is to be an official Orange commemoration on those green grassy slopes it will be held under the strict control of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

The Tercentenary celebrations will climax with the major demonstration in Belfast on Saturday,

September 29, when all sections of the Orange family will be represented. The organising Committee for the demonstration are well advanced with their arrangements and full details will be published in future editions.



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New Deputy Grand Masters

Ulster Unionist MP Bro. Clifford Forsythe is one of six new Deputy Grand Masters of Ireland in the Orange Order.

Bro. Forsythe, who represents South Antrim, is a leading Orangeman in the Newtownabbey area. He is joined by two other Co. Antrim members — Bros. Kenneth Watson, the Grand Master of the Royal Arch Purple Chapter in Ireland and Thomas Haddock, from Ballinderry.

The other three members appointed by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland are former Dundonald rector Bro. Canon T. H. Frizzell, former Vanguard Unionist Convention member for Co. Londonderry, Bro. Robert Overend, and Bro. Robert Emery from Castlewellan.

Bro. the Rev. Edwin Colvin, a Methodist minister from Co. Fermanagh, has been appointed Grand Chaplain.

Dromore lodges oppose Sunday opening

Orange lodges in the Dromore area are to oppose moves to open the Banbridge Council's swimming pool on Sundays.

A feasibility study has been carried out and the Leisure and Tourism Committee is to recommend to the full council that the pool be opened on Sundays for a trial period of six months.

But Lower Iveagh District Orange Lodge No. 1 is to write to Unionist members of the Council urging them to vote against the proposal.

The Lodge chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Gerald Sproule said

members of the Orange Order were concerned about the possibility of Sunday opening. Although they did not wish to suggest they had the right to dictate to other people they believed in the sanctity of the Sabbath.

But not all the Orangemen are against swims on Sunday. Councillor Drew Nelson, who is a member of a Dromore lodge, said he favoured freedom of the individual and civil and religious liberty for all.

A decision on the Sunday swims will be taken at next month's full Council meeting.

Murder of North Tyrone Orangeman

Olven Kilpatrick, the Castleterg businessman and part-time member of the UDR, murdered by the IRA, was secretary of Killen LOL 1272 in North Tyrone.

The 32-year-old father of two young daughters, aged seven and six, was shot dead at his shop at Lower Main Street, Castleterg on Tuesday, January 9.

The murder gang left a bomb at the shop and it exploded half an hour later demolishing the building.

Bro. Kilpatrick was an active member of 2nd Castle-

terg Presbyterian Church and was an officer in the Boys' Brigade.

He lived with his wife Aileen, a native of Kesh, and daughters Anne and Karen, at Prospect Terrace, Castleterg. He was attached to 'B' Company 6 UDR, based at Rockwood in Castleterg since 1975.

Bro. Kilpatrick was a very conscientious worker for the Orange Order and had been looking to the various Tercentenary events in his district this year.

Tercentenary Celebrations Launch

A cloud of multi-coloured balloons released by Belfast's County Grand Master Wor. Bro. John McCrea marked the official opening of the Orange Order's tercentenary year on Monday January 1.

Against the background of the Christmas tree at Belfast City Hall, still decorated with its coloured festive lights, there was an open-air religious service conducted by the Officers of the Banner of the Cross LOL 1310, Ballymacarrett District No. 6 in East Belfast.

The speaker was Wor. Bro. the Rev. Ronald Johnstone, District Master No. 2 District, Belfast and minister of Clogher Valley Free Presbyterian Church in Tyrone.

Several hundred brethren and sisters heard Bro. Johnstone encourage remembrance of the past and celebrate the happenings of 1690 which culminated in the Battle of the Boyne.

Bro. Johnstone asked the congregation to rejoice in the new-found freedom of the east European nations and said the Orange Institution stood for civil and religious liberty for all.

Following the opening hymn, there was a prayer and scripture reading by Bro. Albert Thompson. Lodge lecturer Robert Heyburn read a testimony from the Order's Grand Master the Rev. Martin Smyth.

The benediction was given by DUP leader the Rev. Ian Paisley and then the balloons,

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Belfast County Grand Master Wor. Bro. John McCrea sets the Tercentenary celebrations in motion. (Photograph: Ulster News Letter).

VITAL FOR ULSTER'S FUTURE

As Ulster enters Tercentenary year and prepares to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, it is increasingly obvious that the Orange Order and its allies the Royal Black Institution and Apprentice Boys Order are going to have a greater role than ever before in protecting the interests of Protestants and Unionists in Northern Ireland.

Never before in the history of Northern Ireland since partition has there been such a sustained attack on the democratic rights and liberties of the Ulster Protestant people.

Assailed by a murderous attack by the IRA and other republican terrorists, the province also has to cope with Dublin input into security and the other affairs of Northern Ireland due to the infamous Anglo-Eire Agreement.

The Reformed stance is constantly criticised by ecumenical elements within the Protestant ranks who seek closer liaison with the Church of Rome.

Within Unionism, there are those who seek advancement for their own personal cause or that of their political grouping

at the expense of united Unionism, resulting in further fragmentation of the Unionist family.

New legislation on so-called Fair Employment will make it more and more difficult for Protestants to get jobs, even from Protestant-owned firms, with fines being stepped up for those who go against such measures.

Cuts in housing finance are used as an excuse to hold up redevelopment of Protestant area of Belfast, many still empty wastelands in contrast to the nationalist districts.

CONTROL

The Roman Catholic Church continues to exert control of its schools, and yet there is a lot of fine talk about integrated

education, and Education Minister Brian Mawhinney pours money into projects which link schools from both traditions. There is apparently limitless cash for such cross-community efforts, and yet State schools have been closed in parts of Belfast and in rural areas.

The broadcasting media is increasingly dominated by pro-nationalist culture and ideas. Anyone who doubts this should reflect on the number of programmes which emanate from Londonderry, Newry, Strabane, and other areas almost daily, compared to similar input from places like Newtownards, Carrickfergus, Portadown or Coleraine.

It is also noticeable that the programme from Londonderry rarely accord that city its proper name, and it is "Derry" which is most used by those taking part and interviewed.

The BBC has gradually phased out proper coverage of the Twelfth of July in recent years, with no live coverage of the Belfast parades. In contrast, there is almost a week now devoted to St. Patrick's Day activities, and a huge sum has been expended on the controversial television programme, "The Show."

Orangemen will be taking a

special interest in the coming year on what coverage is given to the anniversary of an event of international importance. The victory at the Boyne secured the liberties of Britons and was a watershed in the history of these islands. Orangemen are licence payers and viewers and they will expect fair coverage of such a major event.

The responsibilities on the Orange Order in representing the interests of the Protestant people are great, but no doubt it will respond as it has down the years with courage and determination.

It will also seek to take advantage of the extra interest generated by the Tercentenary to encourage more Protestants to join its ranks and help make a vital stand for Protestantism and for Ulster's place within the United Kingdom.

There have been too many people within the Protestant Population prepared to sit on the sidelines and criticise the Orange Order and similar organisations, without putting forward something positive themselves. This year will provide an opportunity to remedy that situation, and the Order in every district must be alert to the opportunity, and recruit to the maximum within its own area.

OBITUARY

Wor. Bro. Arthur McKinley, London

Bro. Arthur McKinley, an Honorary Deputy Grand Master of England, died last August and on Sunday November 19, a well-attended memorial service was held at a London church, organised by the City of London District Lodge.

Bro. McKinley was a member of the Loyal Orange Institution, the Royal Black Institution, and the Apprentice Boys of Derry. Members of all three orders were present at the church, and a representative from each gave a testimony of the tireless and selfless work done by Bro. McKinley. Scripture readings were given by members of the District Lodge and LOL 779, Bro. McKinley's own lodge.

A collection was taken up and the proceeds donated to a charity for the sufferers of Parkinson's Disease, with which Bro. McKinley had been afflicted for many years.

Bro. McKinley was born in one of the 26 "lost" counties of Ireland and the family were subjected to republican terrorism and had to move to comparative safety in Northern Ireland. Even in recent times the family has been subjected to IRA atrocities. A close relative who was serving in the UDR was assassinated by an IRA murder gang.

He had lived in England for many years after crossing to the mainland in 1939 to join the

armed forces. After serving during the Second World War Arthur settled in London and in 1951 joined Covenanters LOD 902.

Bro. McKinley was a very active Orangeman and played a leading role in the organisation of Orangemen in London. He was a member of several lodges in turn, usually helping lodges that were experiencing difficulty. Eventually he transferred to LOL 779 and was to remain a member of that lodge until the time of his death.

Bro. McKinley held offices at private, district, and Provincial Lodge level. This culminated in him being awarded the rank of honorary Deputy Grand Master. He was a regular attender at Grand Lodge and kept up a high level of activity even though he was stricken by Parkinson's disease in later years.

At the Grand Lodge session in September, the Most Worshipful Grand Master Bro. Richard Roberts paid tribute to Bro. McKinley's dedication to the Orange cause in the face of such difficult personal circumstances.

The funeral took place in Eire, preventing London brethren from being present but with the kind help of the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland there were many floral tributes from all those who knew and appreciated Bro. McKinley's work for the Protestant cause.

Tercentenary Celebrations Launch

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gas-filled by the Balloon Workshop, Dundonald, were released by Wor. Bro. McCrea who is also grand secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland.

Traffic was diverted from the north side of Wellington Place and at Donegall Square South to allow the parade, headed by the Faith Defenders' Christian Flute Band, to pass from and return to the assembly point at the House of Orange on the Dublin Road.

● Twelve trees were planted in the Orange demonstration fields at Dromore, Co. Down, to mark the start of the Battle of Boyne tercentenary year.

Ten rowan trees and two European limes of the type introduced to the British Isles during the Williamite campaign in Ireland were planted by Worshipful Masters of lodges connected with Lower Iveagh District LOL No. 1.



Rev. Ian Paisley joins in the City Hall tercentenary service.

Memories: Bro. the Rev. Ronald Johnstone addresses the Belfast service to launch the Boyne tercentenary celebrations. (Pictures: Courtesy of Ulster News Letter).



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Attitude to Ulster

Ulster people who favour Labour and its policies now know the bitter truth as far as that party's policy towards Northern Ireland is concerned.

It came straight from party leader Neil Kinnock on his pre-Christmas jaunt to Londonderry's Bogside. Pausing during the conducted tour by John Hume, Mr. Kinnock made it clear to journalists that his party has no intention of recruiting in Northern Ireland,

or following the Conservative lead in this respect.

No, Mr. Kinnock's attitude was to emphasise once again his Party's commitment to Irish unity as the solution to the Ulster problem "by consent."

Labour is well and truly under the domination of pro-United Ireland elements in the party as represented by people like Kevin McNamara, Ken Livingstone, Claire Shortt, and Tony Benn, and it is wedded to its ally the SDLP.

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Tuning Up For The Tercentenary

A Festival of Music 300 Years Remembered is the first major project to herald Tercentenary Year, with the venue the Ulster Hall in Belfast. The Festival is organised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland's Music sub-committee, under the baton of Wor. Bro. Sam Foster, of the Co. Fermanagh Grand Lodges. This Committee, with representation from each County Grand Lodge, have been working for well over two years with the intention of introducing new music to the brethren for Tercentenary.

of the brethren and bands. The music has been written for flute, brass, pipe and accordion, and returning to our roots of 1690, for fife and Lambeg drum - the marching sound of the Williamite Army. One musical piece was even written originally for organ.

The Festival will be unique in that not only will the normal type of artist be appearing on stage, but also every branch of the banding fraternity.

Artists appearing read almost as a geographical map of Northern Ireland. There's Murley Silver Band from Co. Tyrone; Moneygore Pipe Band, from Co. Down; Staffordstown Accordion Band from Co. Antrim, and Corcrair

Flute Band from Co. Armagh. Guest singers include the Queen's Island Choir, from Belfast; Bro. Hussey from Castlederg, and Bakerloo Junction from Lisburn. Mr. Edgar Pierpoint will be playing the Mulholland Organ. For full list of all the artists appearing see the advert in this copy of the Orange Standard.

Not only has the Committee endeavoured to produce new musical works but they have also run and sponsored a competition for a new song for the Tercentenary. This competition has now been judged and the winning song will also be performed in public for the first time at the Festival of Music.

Tickets for the Festival of Music, price £5 and £6 are available from all District and County secretaries, or from the House of Orange, 65 Dublin Road, Belfast.



Tercentenary celebrations in Scarva

The Tercentenary year in Scarva commenced with a Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, January 7, organised by Aughlish Junior L.O.L. 244.

The service in Scarva Presbyterian Church attracted a large attendance to hear the Grand Master Most Wor. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., speak on the importance of their faith to two young men in the Bible - David and Timothy and also to William III, Prince of Orange.

During the service members of J.L.O.L. 244 were presented with inscribed Bibles to commemorate this momentous year and to remind them that of all the freedoms won at the Boyne, the most important was freedom of worship and the open Bible.

The occasion was also marked by the dedication and presentation of new Officers collarettes to Tandragee Junior District LOL No. 1.

Many members of the Scarva Lodge took part in the service with Bros. Jason Magill and Jeffrey Patton reading the lessons and Bro. Gordon Baird playing the organ.

The collection was taken up by Bros. Derek Patton, Neill Hammond, Simon Conn, and Nigel Anderson and was in aid of the McCrea Memorial Trust and the Kinghan Mission for the Deaf.

Valuable Items Replaced

Two presentations were made to King Solomons Golden R.B.P. No. 119 at a meeting to replace items destroyed in the fire at Laurencetown Orange Hall.

An inscribed Bible was presented by Sir Knt. William J. McCracken on behalf of himself and three sons.

Two Mallets were handed over by Sir Knt. Robert McCullough on behalf of Sir Knt. John Beattie, of Ballnabraggett.

The photograph shows Sir Knt. Andrew Mitchell (Drumnavaddy), Sir Knt. Robert McCullagh (Ballynabraggett), with four officers of R.B.P. 119 - Sir Knt. Howard Smyth (Lay Chaplain), Sir Knt. W. J. McCracken (Lecturer), Sir Knt. James Burns (P.M.), Sir Knt. Rev. Hugh Ross (Chaplain and also Chaplain of Banbridge District No. 6).

Sir Knt. Ross dedicated the gifts and Sir Knt. Mitchell read a portion of scripture.

Snooker in Newtownards

The Tercentenary Committee of Upper Ards District LOL No. 11 have decided to hold a 'doubles' snooker tournament on a full size snooker table in Portaferry Orange Hall. The tournament will begin in April and each game will be played on a "best of three frames" basis although the final will be over five frames. The entry fee is £2.00 per player and the competition is for Orangemen only. Brethren interested should contact either Richard Moore, 37 Ringhaddy Drive, Newtownards or Desmond Pollock, 9 Harbour Park, Bangor (Tel. Bangor 472267) before March 21.

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Bro. Samuel Thompson (Bushmills District Secretary), Mrs. Edith Thompson and Robert A. Mellroy (WDM Bushmills and County Grand Secretary, Antrim) pictured with some of the Tercentenary Celebration souvenirs on sale in Bushmills.

New Realism on Agreement - Taylor

Ulster Unionist MP, Bro. John D. Taylor, has told members of Wilson Memorial LOL 1881, Belfast, that new opportunities are now evolving for the people of Northern Ireland to extract themselves from the political stalemate which has existed for the past four years since the signing of the Anglo/Irish Agreement.

"There is now more realism at the Anglo/Eire Agreement is a barrier to political progress and loyalists must always remember that they are the majority in Northern Ireland and without their participation and approval there can be no solution. This is the veto of the Ulster Unionists and it is the strength of the Unionist negotiating hand as we now respond positively to the opportunities for progress which now appear to exist.

"Of course we are dealing with 'perfidious albiion' and our trust in English politicians was completely wrecked by their previous acts in November, 1985. English politicians in London and the NIO have done much hard work ahead of them to restore respect and trust from the Unionist Community," said Bro. Taylor.

"If we proceed along the path of devolution within the United Kingdom we accept that it will also involve a

mechanism to improve Belfast/Dublin co-operation but we will not accept 'rigged' devolution.

"Whilst we recognise that Dublin and London must remain in contact and co-operate during any period of

talks within Ulster to agree to an alternative to the Anglo/Eire Agreement I remain opposed to such talks within the context of the Anglo/Eire Agreement remaining fully operational. That would be 'blackmail' for the Unionist participants in such talks and it would be used as a 'Damocles Sword' which threatened them at all times during negotiations.

"It seems to me that the Ulster Unionist leadership has much to clarify with the NIO Secretary of State, Mr. Brooke, before the euphoria following his speech yesterday in Bangor, can be converted into real political action. Traps have been set - I am optimistic that they can be avoided but let us make sure that we do not fall into them," he added.

HISTORIC RBP MEETING



History was made last November when the half-yearly meeting of Co. Cavan Grand Black Chapter was held in Killegar Orange Hall, Co. Leitrim.

The hall is the meeting place of Macken R.B.P. 61, Killeshandra District, and the W.M. Sir Knight George W. Browne, extended a cordial welcome to the County Officers and visiting Sir Knights.

The installation of officers

was conducted by Sir Knight Robert Sturgeon, County Grand Registrar, Monaghan, assisted by Sir Knight Frederick Hall, Deputy County Grand Master, Monaghan.

The following were installed: Grand Master, William Roberts; Deputy Grand Master, W. H. Spotten; Chaplain, James W. Scott; Deputy Chaplain, G. W. Browne; Registrar, Robert J. Storey; Treasurer, Charles McAdam; Deputy Registrar,

Charles Johnston; Deputy Treasurer, Thomas Mayne; Lecturer, Frederick Jones; Deputy Lecturer, W. G. Foy; Censors, Francis Johnston and George J. Ritchie; Standard

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District Officers of Ahoghill District No. 12 who were in attendance at the meeting: back row, left to right — Bro. William Kernohan (Dist. Treas.), Bro. Steven Wright (Dist. Sect.), Bro. Bertie Lynn (Dist. Chap.), Bro. John Boyd (D.M. of Gloonan L.O.L. 5040). Front row, left to right — Bro. Robert Boyd (W.D.M.), Bro. Samuel Black (W.M. of L.O.L. 504), Bro. Samuel Warwick (D.D.M.).

Seven Receive 50 Years Jewels in Ahoghill

Seven members of Gloonan L.O.L. No. 504, Ahoghill District in Co. Antrim have received their 50 Year Service Jewels.

At a memorable night in the Ahoghill District Orange Hall, the County Grand Master, Wor. Bro. George Morrison

made the presentations in front of a packed hall of members and visiting brethren.

On receiving their Jewels, the brethren were congratulated by Bro. Morrison, who

Gloonan long-service member Bro. Andrew McFeteridge receives his 50 years Service Jewel. Making the presentation is the W.D.M. Ahoghill District No. 12 Bro. Robert Boyd (left). Included are Bro. Samuel Black, W.M. of Gloonan L.O.L. No. 504. Bro. McFeteridge missed the presentation because of holiday in Canada.

paid tribute to their unstinted service to the Order which in all totalled 391 years.

Bro. Morrison also paid tribute to an even more senior member of the lodge, Bro. Alexander McCaughey, who was also in attendance at the meeting. Bro. McCaughey was initiated into the Gloonan Lodge in 1915 and has now given 74 years of service to the Institution.

During the meeting which also included the re-election of

Bro. Samuel Black (W.M.), Bro. John Boyd (D.M.), Bro. Ian Small (Sec.), Bro. Maurice Small (Treas.), Bro. Alexander Black (Chap.), Bro. Rev. Robert Coulter gave an inspiring address on the history that surrounded the Battle of the Boyne.



Brethren at the Gloonan meeting: back row, left to right — Bro. William Bell (Gracehill 1922, transferred to Gloonan 1964), Bro. Alexander Black (1935), Bro.

Charles Morrison (1939), Bro. Robert Mooney (1939), Bro. William Mooney (1937), Bro. Jack Hollinger (1939).

Front Row, left to right —

Bro. Samuel Black (W.M.), Bro. the Rev. Robert Coulter, Wor. Bro. George Morrison (C.G.M.), Bro. Alexander McCaughey, and Bro. John Boyd (D.M.). Missing is

Bro. Andrew McFeteridge (Portstewart 1921; transferred to Gloonan 1968). Bro. McFeteridge was fit and well enough to be on holiday in Canada!

The Threat to Ulster's Existence

Ever since the signing of the Anglo-Eire Agreement in 1985 Ulster has faced a threat which is just as great as the threat faced by the defenders of Derry 300 years ago.

That was the theme of the speech given by North Belfast Independent Unionist Councillor Nelson McCausland at the annual Apprentice Boys of Derry parade and burning of Lundy ceremony in Newtownards on Monday December 18.

"Democracy in Ulster is already dead and the very existence of the Ulster nation is under threat," said Bro. McCausland. "We are ruled by a joint London-Dublin coalition government which is neither elected by nor accountable to the people of Ulster."

"The burning of Lundy is a reminder to us of the traitor and his treachery. In Ulster today there are those who are willing to betray the Ulster people. I think of those Protestant businessmen, including some politicians, who have taken money from the International Fund for Ireland to build up their businesses. They have put personal profit before patriotic principle. I think also of those who can be bought over by the wining and dining of

the Northern Ireland Office in Hillsborough Castle.

"The greatest tragedy is that so many of our political leaders have lacked the decisiveness shown by the Apprentice Boys in 1688. In 1985 hundreds of thousands of loyal Ulster people were on the streets of Belfast to declare their opposition to the iniquitous Agreement. But that momentum was squandered and the campaign of opposition has ground to a standstill.

"The Ulster people must now face up to certain basic truths. Firstly, that on the island of Ireland there are two distinct nations, Ulster and Eire. Ulster is an ancient ethnic nation. Secondly, that as a nation Ulster has the right to self-determination — the right to determine its own future and its own destiny. That is our inalienable right."

"My loyalty is not to any Westminster politicians. Westminster has betrayed our trust. My loyalties are to the British Throne and to the Ulster nation. I long for and will labour for the day when we see the Ulster nation governed under the Crown, by sovereign Ulster Parliament elected by the Ulster people," said Bro. McCausland.

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Grand Lodge Stands Up For UDR

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland has deplored the recent attacks on the UDR by nationalist politicians, by the Dublin Government and by those opposed to the rule of law in Northern Ireland.

These have done nothing more than to give encouragement to the Provisional IRA, says a Grand Lodge statement.

Grand Lodge deplores the waste of resources and manpower by Mr. John Stevens and his inquiry team to search the homes of a small number of UDR soldiers at a time when so many terrorists remain unapprehended for murder and other serious crimes.

"We pledge our support to the Regiment which has a proud record in the fight

against terrorism. The soldiers of the regiment take with them our best wishes as we move into the 1990s," said the statement.

The Grand Lodge at the half-yearly meeting on Wednesday, December 13, demanded the release of the four UDR men known as the "Armagh Four."

"The retraction of a witness and the contradiction of evidence has been accepted by all independent investigators as undermining the chimera of the prosecution's case. When justice should be done and be seen to be done servants of the Crown should be treated as fairly as rebels against the Crown.

"These men and their families have suffered enough," said Grand Lodge.

Upper Ards District Tercentenary Service

Upper Ards District L.O.L. No. 11 Tercentenary Committee held a thanksgiving service in First Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee on Sunday November 5.

Prior to the service the brethren, accompanied by numerous bands from the district, along with a good contingent of brethren from Comber, themselves led by the Lily of the Valley Accordion Band and some members from the Newtownards District, paraded the seaside town lead by the District No. 11 Bannerette, carried by Bro. George Woods.

Also attending were the Grand Master of Ireland Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, M.P., and the County Grand Master of Down with his Deputy Grand Master, Bro. William Brown and Alex McShane.

The service was conducted by Rev. G. McK. Eagleson, minister of First Donagh-



Photograph of Grand Lodge, County Down Grand Lodge and District Officers at the Upper Ards District L.O.L. No. 11 service organised by their Tercentenary Committee. (Photograph: Newtownards Chronicle).

adee, who welcomed the many brethren to his church. Special musical items were given by the No. 11 District Male Voice Choir, made up from members of Lodges in the District, the organist accompanying them was Mrs. Palmer, from Portavogie. The lesson from the service was read by Bro. Richard Graham, L.O.L. 836.

The address was given by the Grand Master, Rt. Wor. Bro. Smyth. The collection was in aid of the No. 11 District Tercentenary charities (R.N.L.I., Cystic Fibrosis, Kidney Research and North Down and Ards Crossroads Care Scheme).

With the returning of the District Bannerette two new Standards were dedicated by the Grand Master for the use of District No. 11. The Union Jack and Ulster flags were carried by Bro. Stephen Donaldson, L.O.L. 836 and Bro. Jackie Dumigan, L.O.L. 1051.

IRA's New Year Message is Same as Before.

The IRA did not wait long into the New Year before getting its murderous message across. The booby trap murder of Mr. Harry Dickey in East Belfast and serious wounding by the same horrible method of an off-duty UDR man in Magherafelt proved the ability of the organisation to kill and maim people almost at all.

It made very hollow the claims by Northern Ireland Office officials and by sections of the media that things are improving on the security front.

Apparently it was regarded as being hopeful that 62 people lost their lives in Northern Ireland by terrorism last year. It might well be that this is down on the figure for some other years, but 62 killings is still an appalling figure and means that on average a life was lost through terrorism every week of the year.

The junior and senior brethren of Rising Sons of Ulster JLOL 74, Crumlin are rightly proud of their Superintendent Bro. William Lindsay, who has been their leader for the past 20 years.

During that time they have been present at every Easter Tuesday parade, held a joint church service with J.L.O.L. 83 (Glenavy), and entered and won many competitions organised by Belfast Junior County Lodge and Grand Lodge.

The success of the Lodge as the members, past and present, will confirm has been mainly due to the work and encouragement of Bro. Lindsay. In recognition of his long service and hard work the Lodge presented Bro. Lindsay with a 20-year long-service medal, one of the highest honours in the Junior Orange movement.

The presentation was made by Bro. Tom Ross, Grand Secretary of the Junior Grand Lodge, who thanked Bro. Lindsay for his work in Crumlin, describing him as one of the best superintendents in the Junior Orangeism and wishing him many more years

Twenty Years Junior Orange Lodge Leader



to lead and guide boys in the Junior Orange Order.

Bro. R. McLaughlin, District Master of Sandy Row No. 2 Junior District, and Bro. Norman Gibson, District Treasurer, were also present and paid tribute to Bro. Lindsay, second right in picture with Bro. Ross, second left.

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BOOK REVIEW



They Subdued Kingdoms

European and Irish history which deals with outstanding figures of the period embracing the Reformation era has for many years been well and faithfully researched by that keen and scholarly writer, Rev. Canon Dr. Michael W. Dewar.

Now residing in retirement in England after 40 years service in the ministry of the Church of Ireland, including, finally, the incumbency of the parish of Helens Bay, Dr. Dewar is eminently qualified to bring to our notice some of the prominent and other lesser known personalities of that glorious epoch in the church which followed the ending of the thralldom of the Middle Ages and the overthrow of Roman Catholic dominance in Europe and Ireland.

This momentous event signalled the victory "which

gave us our freedom, religion and laws."

An Englishman by birth and an Ulsterman by adoption and choice, Dr. Dewar had a distinguished academic career at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, his scholarship being further recognised in his appointment as a Canon in the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin.

For the past 45 years he had been a regular contributor to "The Churchman's Magazine," providing a series of articles on men and women whose services to the Reformation Faith stand out as beacon lights over those centuries during which the break with Rome took shape.

Dr. Dewar has now placed us all in his debt by selecting 33 of these contributions and presenting them to an even wider public under the arresting title "They Subdued Kingdoms."

Published by Focus Christian Ministries Trust of Lewes, East Sussex, the pen portraits are of people who in their day and generation subdued kingdoms, both spiritual and temporal, even to the scaffold.

The idea behind the publication of this valuable work came from one of the Trustees of Focus Christian Ministries whose daughter had received personal help and encouragement from Dr. Dewar in her historical research into the Revolt of the Netherlands for "A" Levels and University entrance.

Dr. Dewar's 54 page booklet, sub-titled "A Portrait Gallery of the 16th, 17th and 18th Centuries" is attractively set out and illustrated.

For Irish readers particular interest will centre on two Bishops of the Church of Ireland. William Bedell (1520-1589) became Bishop of Kilmore, was imprisoned at Lough Oughter Castle during the Rebellion of 1641, and is buried between Kilmore Cathedral and the See House, convenient to Cavan town.

The other was James Usher (1581-1656) who wrote the marginal dates in the Authorised Version of the Bible. He was fired Professor of Divinity at Trinity College, Dublin, and was, successively, Bishop of

Meath and Archbishop of Armagh.

Archbishop Usher came into close contact with the Scots Presbyterians of the new Jacobean Plantation of Ulster. Readers will enjoy the story of how the Archbishop was a guest at the home of that celebrated Scots Covenantor, Samuel Rutherford.

When Rutherford's family were being catechised as to the number of the Commandments the "strange guest" replied "Eleven."

Next morning the Archbishop delivered a sermon from the Scottish Presbyterian pulpit at Rutherford's invitation. His text was "... that ye love one another."

In the section on Stephen Bocksay, "Protestant Hero of Hungary" Dr. Dewar notes this interesting fact that "Hungary has the second largest Reformed Church in Europe, second only to the Church of Scotland in numbers."

The student and the general reader will discover in this absorbing booklet valuable insights into the lives of those who in times of great danger "contended earnestly for the faith." They and many others deserve to be held in everlasting remembrance by our children and children's children. W.D.S.

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Orangeism Through The Turbulent Eighties

The 1980s was a decade of mixed fortunes for the Orange Order as for every other institution and organisation in Northern Ireland, but despite problems of great proportions in some areas, the Order advanced in many ways and remained a bastion of Protestantism and the loyalist cause.

The Order will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Boyne this year in a strong position numerically and poised to expand, especially in the new housing areas of the Province.

There have been difficulties, of course, during the past decade, as in every period since the start of the Troubles. Intimidation and redevelopment in Belfast and other cities and towns have reduced the Protestant population to a mere fraction of what it once was, and districts and lodges which were once large in numbers have now declined greatly or even become dormant.

Against that, in places like Co. Antrim, and many parts of Co. Down, the Orange and Black Institutions have thrived, with new lodges being opened, and record memberships.

The Junior Orange Institution has increased greatly, and this is one section of the Order in particular which has reason to feel pleased by its endeavours in the 1980s.

The effect of the continuing civil disorder and the republican terrorist campaign can not be minimised.

In the decade which has just ended, the Order lost many brave and loyal members. Quite a few were members of the security forces, RUC and UDR, others were rank-and-file brethren.



Sir Norman Stronge.

ATROCITY

The early part of the decade saw the appalling murders of Sir Norman Stronge, and his son James, and the equally dreadful atrocity which cost

the Rev. Robert Bradford, MP for South Belfast, his life.

Bro. Sir Norman Stronge had been a wonderful pillar of the Orange and Black Institutions for many years. A gentle and loveable person, he epitomised all that is best in the Ulster character, and his son James was a brave Ulsterman and Orangeman who had been set to follow the great traditions of his father. Both were cut down and cruelly killed in their own home at Tynan Abbey by a band of cowardly assassins who escaped to the handy nearby refuge of Eire.

Many parts of the world beyond Northern Ireland were shocked by the awful murder of Bro. Bradford, gunned down mercilessly by IRA gunmen while conducting his weekly political surgery in a community centre in Finaghy. Robert Bradford, a man from Belfast working class stock, had become one of Ulster's greatest advocates, and he helped many people of every class and creed, witness his work for the Chinese community in Belfast.

Robert Bradford was a martyr to the Ulster and Protestant cause, one of a great many such fearless loyalists who have given their lives down the years to help maintain this part of Ireland a unit of the United Kingdom.

Nationalists now try to present to the world the impression that Ulster Protestants would have nothing to fear in a united Ireland, but despite honeyed words, loyalists know from hard experience that nothing has really changed, despite the glossy public relations exterior of the traditional foe of Ulster loyalism.

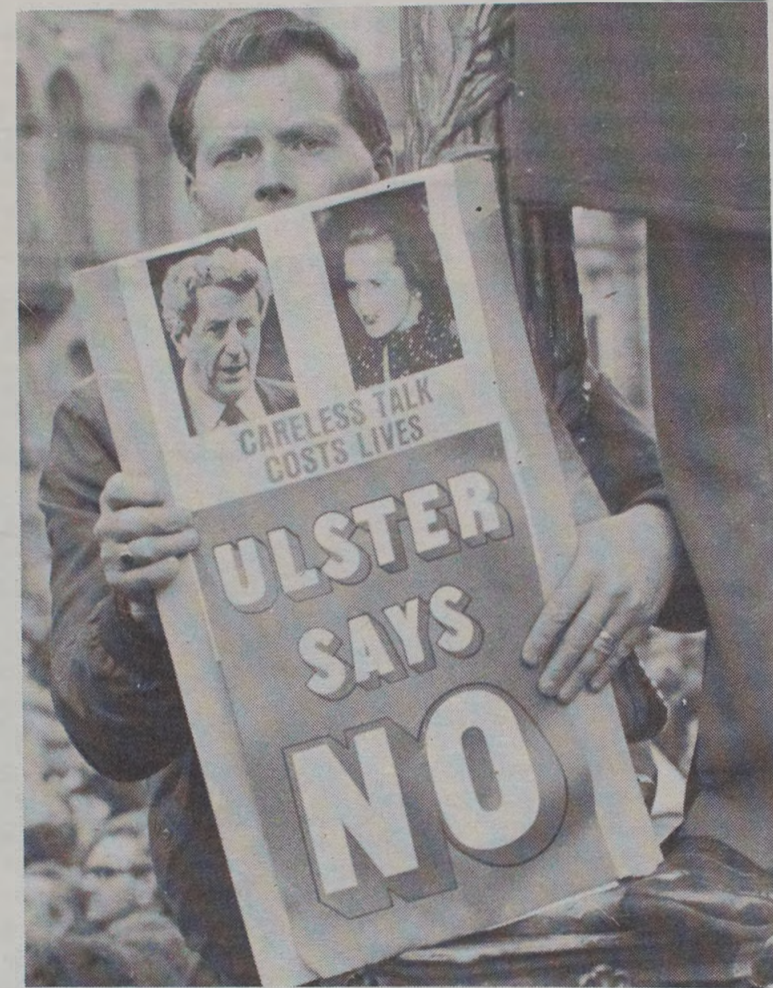
The decade saw the continued decline in the Protestant population of Londonderry's west bank, to the extent that over 12,000 fewer now live there than in 1968.

PRESSURE

In parts of Belfast it has been the same story, and throughout



Portadown Ex-Servicemen Lodge, headed by their Colonel, march down Garvaghy Road on the morning of the "Twelfth."



the decade Protestant areas have been under pressure, especially in the north and west of the city.

Manor Street, Duncairn Gardens, Alliance, Springfield Road, Torrens-Heathfield, Roden Street, and other Protestant districts have had their turn of intimidation as republicans sought to extend their territory.

It has been the same in other parts of Northern Ireland, including Portadown and Lurgan. In the former town, republicans have tightened their grip on Garvaghy Road,

while in Lurgan a small Protestant enclave in Wakehurst is under constant pressure.

In other towns and villages it is the same story, with Protestants holding on and determined to resist the advance of militant republicanism.

The decade saw the signing of the notorious Anglo-Eire Agreement, and the Orange Order was in the vanguard of opposition to the diktat. The Order's protest parades and demonstrations have attracted up to 300,000, and while the Agreement is still in place, its validity and its hypocrisy has been exposed for thinking people throughout the world to see.

Those in the British media and in public life who make such noise and political capital out of the crumbling of Communism in central and eastern Europe, and talk about the majorities in these countries gaining their democratic rights are very muted when it comes to mentioning Northern Ireland in such connection!

The Order came under severe pressure in several parts of Northern Ireland during the decade as the British Government sought to prove its bonafides with the Eire Government by discriminating against the Protestant population.

Portadown, Downpatrick, Cookstown, Keady, and other towns saw long established Orange parade routes closed, some of them after centuries long tradition, just to placate

the republican population and their allies in Dublin.

Portadown was the most notorious example of all, and it was obviously singled out for special attention by the Government because of its strong Orange traditions which go back to the very beginnings of the Order.

For no good reason, the Obins Street route, which had been used by the brethren of Portadown district for over 150 years, was closed by the authorities to the lodges, and it was enforced by the DMSU units of the RUC.

The summers of 1985 and 1986 were not a pleasant sight in Portadown, a town noted for its loyalty and its peaceful and progressive population. There were riots, injuries and arrests, and it brought Portadown into conflict with the RUC in an unparalleled way.

NORMALITY

Thankfully, things have returned to normality on the streets of the town, and relationships have improved with the police, but the interference by the Government in traditional peaceful

and democratic parades created a situation which alienated for years a population which had always supported the Crown and its Forces.

That, sadly, has mirrored the efforts of the Government throughout the 1980s and it has lost standing in the loyalist community without gaining any substantial section of population on the nationalist side of the community.

The hope and prayer of a right-thinking people must be that the 1990s will see reversal of the disastrous policies of the 80s, and that the British Government, of whatever political hue, will recognise who its friends are, and seek to woe its enemies, trampling on the rights of the loyalist majority.

Orangemen will continue to give their loyalty and allegiance to the British Crown, as their forefathers have, but are entitled to expect that the Government will acknowledge that loyalty, and not add to the disillusionment and cynicism on the part of sections of the loyalist population who feel England no longer has an interest in maintaining the Union.



Official Unionist leader, Rt. Hon. James H. Molyneux M.P., reads out the Unionist Declaration renouncing the Anglo-Irish Agreement. (Photo: Allan J. McCullough).



The scene in Portadown town centre, as RUC riot squad clears the area, after the Royal Black Preceptories had arrived home from Scarva demonstrations.

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Comment — Comment — Com

The preparations for the 300th anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne are well under way. The planning has been ambitious and far-reaching. While not all the plans are complete the promise is that the events, publications and souvenirs will ensure that the men and the victory of 1690 will be commemorated properly and effectively. So that people generally will be made aware of the great indebtedness to King William and what he contributed to civil and religious liberty in these islands and in those other countries to which freedom loving people emigrated. The planning awaits the endorsement of the membership and the general public in supporting the celebrations and ensuring their success. The happenings of 1990, if they are a proper reflection of the high standard of organisation which has always typified the Orange Institution in its demonstrations, processions and rallies could persuade spectators to become players, members of the Order. The Institution remains a misrepresented and misunderstood organisation in our society. There are always people about—some of them in leadership roles in the community—who latch on to its weaknesses, which are never denied, when they should know that neither organisations, nor people, nothing, will show up well under that kind of unbalanced scrutiny. To see the Loyal Orange Institution as a whole is to recognise that it has the loftiest principles, among them that of "Civil and Religious Liberty for All: Special Privileges for None." Many of its critics have lesser ideals and ignore that principle. The history of Ireland says, if it tells us anything, that domination, persecution, intolerance have been recurring features of life in this island. The plea for a better understanding of what was accomplished at the Battle of the Boyne should elicit a good response, for people must be persuaded that the liberties of the individual, in religion and politics are sacrosanct, and what

Orangeism's vital role in 1990

William did was to ensure that these rights of man were admitted. If the victory of William means anything it is that the better government of Britain owes everything to a ruler who released his subjects from religious and political servitude, to make clear the way for a system of government which is "of the people, for the people and by the people." Autocratic governments in the United Kingdom which have been guilty of ignoring or abandoning these principles in so doing have betrayed the great democratic ideals of King William and those who struggled with him for the rights of people in a well-ordered society. The fact that the Orange Institution chose to make William the "patron" of the movement, and to commemorate annually his victory at the Boyne, is the evidence that its ideals were that of the good king. The Order has had recognisable successes in binding together those who are Protestants, i.e., of the Reformed (Reformation) Faith, and in producing a Protestant ecumenism which eludes the churches. An instance of that has been the break-down of the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, and Methodist churches conversations. The strong Orange opposition to Roman Catholicism is a legitimate, and proper Christian attitude, for the contentious beliefs and attitudes of Romanism are not in accord with Holy Scripture or compatible with the teachings and practices of Jesus and the early church. The politics of Roman Catholicism can not be made acceptable to freedom-loving Protestants. The tragedy of Protestantism today is its lack of conviction; its failure to convince people of the truth of

its claims; its lethargy and obsession with things, which makes people appear to be less important than property. The splintering of Protestantism, which appears to be endemic, often represents a lack of commitment to Christ and the Church, and of pride and selfishness in those who defect to join or form their own conventicles. The Orange Institution has proved its value to Ulster by its commitment to, and involvement at every level, in its government and administration since 1921. Had that voice been heeded in the last 25 years the situation of the Province would be different now. Any examination of Grand Lodge statements and resolutions in that period must show that the Order has often been more rational, and realistic, than other contributors to the debate on the state and future well being of Ulster. Under direct rule that position has persisted. The way-ahead for the Institution is not going to be easy. There is need for a rethinking of Orange strategy in a society which is both secular and unsympathetic to organisations as such. The changing patterns of behaviour have seriously affected us and other organisations of size. Other considerations must be the relative inability of a formerly powerful organisation to influence politics here and the signs of a narrow evangelicalism which is alien to the Orange Order thinking of other days. There must be a recognisable Orange Order voice in politics and here again and a realisation of the need of the umbrella-like Christianity of Orangeism must be restored. When these situations are apparent again the appeal of the Order to people will be obvious. They will see again the value of the Institution for the maintenance of the Union; the progress of the Protestant religion; and the development of a good society in which all are equal and there is "Civil and Religious Liberty for All: Special Privileges for None."

The Fair Employment Agency has been replaced by the Fair Employment Commission with the same top man, an increased staff and the backing of new Government measures for employment practices. It is unlikely that ingrained attitudes in the personnel of the new commission will make it appreciably different in its attitudes to the old FEA. The complaint that the FEA was one-sided in its determination to increase nationalist representation in employment has some substance, for while there were analyses of the employment practices of Roman Catholic firms—relatively few in number—some glaring examples of RC over-employment had been left uninvestigated. The impression was given that only RCs were sufferers from discrimination. A balanced picture of the state of employment in the Province is necessary if justice is to be done to a much maligned majority, many of whom have suffered as much from unemployment and the many disadvantages which go with it. The imbalances which occurred in private firms are understandable and often justifiable. Those which occur in government and local government employment are in another category. It is no more commendable for a unionist-controlled council to favour unionists than for a nationalist controlled-council to favour nationalists. There is a problem of definition, majority and minority, in Ulster, which is not always recognised. Those who separate Catholics and Protestants are guilty of misusing words. What they mean is Roman Catholic and non-Roman Catholics, for Protestant does not properly ascribe religious

Setting right the wrongs done to Ulster's much-maligned Protestant majority

commitment. Many of those so described are not Protestant in the confessional sense. There are religious people in the Province who are not Christians, and others who are agnostics or atheists. It is nonsense then to clump all these people together and to call them Protestants. A good and proper description of Christians who are committed to the Reformed faith in belief and practice, has been made to represent them and others who lack their convictions. Protestants are generally seen to be those in the Ulster community who are not Roman Catholics. The effect of this is to make a plea for a larger share of jobs for Catholics, but it also makes the figures inaccurate and misleading. Because no special consideration is given to people of different religions and no religion the preferred position of RCs is hard to justify. It is most desirable to make a just and good society but in doing so care should be taken to ensure that ability and availability are not overlooked in the pursuit of percentages to satisfy statisticians. The time of the publication of F.E.A. investigations some two years after the inquiry ended, and after changes had been made to meet

F.E.A. stipulations, make for media and public controversy which only serve to increase and deepen community divisions. The Province will have reached maturity when religion ceases to be a criterion for employment, and when the FEA is no longer needed to persuade employers to engage workers by denominational label; when employers select their employees on merit and by choice, and not by the bullying of bureaucrats. The good Ulster society will be realised when the people, while retaining their aspirations, work together in their society to obtain for it peace, stability and reconciliation. The improved prospects for 1990 will add greatly to the economic prosperity of the Province. The growing affluence is showing in city and town improvements. The schemes for road and rail communications, river and lough developments, have received public acclaim. There is the suggestion that Belfast could be another Glasgow in its re-birth. The better state of the economy must bring employment opportunities to young people who might otherwise become involved in lawlessness. The pernicious association of unemployment and terrorism can not be denied. In spite of continuing violence there are hopeful signs that Northern Ireland is headed for better days. There is always the indomitable spirit of Ulster people which has been tested and found not wanting time and time again in the last two decades. There are many imponderables but one thing appears to be constant, unionists will not be party to an all-Ireland state. Any attempted political settlement in the 1990s must accept that reality.

Advancing with hope through 1990

Triumph of light over darkness is the real message of Christmas, said Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. Martin Smyth, M.P., in his message at the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland on December 13.

"While the darkness of evil cannot comprehend the true light of the world, Christ Jesus, neither can darkness conquer light. So as we move into 1990 we advance with hope. The relief of Londonderry in 1689 and the deliverance of the Boyne in 1690 enhance our confidence.

"As we see the Europe of Jan Huss and Martin Luther wakening out of the serfdom of forty years we pledge ourselves to continue the struggle until democracy is restored in Northern Ireland.

"Significantly the liberties of our nation stem from the gospel liberties of the Reformation. A return to Reformation principles and practice will transform the nation. To that Reformation we stand committed," said Bro. Smyth.

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"Brain Drain" is a Threat to Northern Ireland

The scenario of a Roman Catholic majority coming about in Northern Ireland in the foreseeable future through a higher birth rate than Protestants is receding fast, as recent surveys confirm the fact that the Roman Catholic birthrate is dropping dramatically and looks like evening out to a level similar to the Protestant birthrate in a few years time.

As the "Orange Standard" commented in a recent article, this should remove the bogey so often presented down the years of the Protestant and Unionist majority being translated into a minority through a significant difference in the birth rates.

But a new threat faces the Unionist position in the Province, not albeit as pressing as the birthrate once seemed to be, but one that could be a factor in years to come.

Unionist leaders were alert to this threat a few years ago when they appealed to Pro-

testant and Unionist parents to influence their children to stay in the Province and study at local universities.

The signs are that the appeal has had minimal effect, and what amounts to a serious "brain drain" is taking place at present in the Province.

A high proportion of students are now going to mainland Britain to attend university, in preference to Queen's, the Ulster University, Ulster Polytechnic, and other local seats of learning.

The drift affects both communities, but there are clear signs it is the Protestant community which is being affected most, and if it maintains the present high level, then it could have an important bearing on future developments in the Province.

LEADERS

No country can afford to export its brightest and best equipped young people in large numbers, as this is the section which will provide the leaders of industry, the professions, commerce, and politics in years to come.

The situation is concerning Protestant clergy as well as politicians, and recently a Presbyterian minister in Portadown brought home the point when he spotlighted how many young people from the church were now studying in England and Scotland.

A proportion of those now studying across the water will eventually come back to Northern Ireland. There has always been a tradition of emigration from the Province, and no-one would fault people from travelling or emigrating in order to broaden their horizons and interests.

But this latest phenomenon is something comparatively new in Northern Ireland, and the Unionist leaders were correct in their assessment of the possible consequences were it to increase and accelerate as a trend.

Some cross-channel universities now have a very high proportion of Ulster students — Dundee, for example, has an estimated 40 per cent.

While more and more Protestant young people go across the water to attend university, the situation at home reflects this movement.

Queen's University, the main seat of learning in the Province, is now believed to have at least 50 per cent of Roman Catholics in its student population, in a country where they form less than 40 per cent of the total population.

There have recently been calls for the FEA and other agencies to campaign for more Roman Catholic teachers and staff at Queen's, and those campaigning for this are able to point to changing enrolments.

It would certainly be encouraging if more Unionist parents were to answer the plea of their political leaders and encourage their children to study in the Province.

The drain of graduates may not dramatically affect the religious percentages in the Province in the way the birth rates were once held to do, but if they continue at the present level, or increase, then they could certainly affect the recruitment of highly qualified staff in the professions and industry.

HELD OVER

Because of undue pressure on space this month a number of reports and pictures have had to be held over.

Presbyterian Help For Romanians

Presbyterians throughout Ireland are being asked to provide financial and other help for the people of Romania.

Church Moderator, the Rev. Dr. James Matthews, makes a plea for help in a letter to all Presbyterian ministers and calls for earnest pray for their "brethren" in Romania.

"The momentous events of the past couple of months in Eastern Europe have given Christians everywhere great cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving to God.

"Nowhere has the struggle been fiercer nor the courage displayed by the people of the losses sustained by them greater than in Romania," said Dr. Matthews.

The Reformed Church in Romania, with a membership of 725,000 — more than half of them communicants, is essentially Presbyterian in outlook and form of worship.

From 1556 the Hungarian-speaking population of Romania became closely associated with Calvinism and the creeds and confessions based on this reformed theology.

The Romanian Church lays great emphasis on pastoral care and on freedom of conscience within the authority of the state. It has a system of bishops almost unique in Presbyterian and through the World Alliance of Reformed Churches it is aligned with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The Romanian revolution was sparked by the actions of Laszlo Tokes, an Hungarian-speaking Roman Church pastor who dared to defy the Ceausescu regime at Timisoara in the Transalvanian region. Paster Tokes received wide public support for his stand from both Romanians and Hungarians and in the government repression that followed thousands of people were killed.

Over recent years many of the Romanian villages inhabited by members of the Reformed Church were under threat of destruction by Ceausescu, who wanted to rid the country of ethnic groups like the Hungarians.

In October, the Overseas Board of Irish Presbyterian

Church sent to Hungary four containers containing 60 tons of blankets and clothing for the Romania refugees who fled the Ceausescu tyranny.

In his letter to Presbyterian ministers, Dr. Matthews says "I feel sure you would agree that as a Church we could do whatever is possible to assist our sister Church at this time to meet her needs and to use to the full any opportunities for the spread of the gospel.

"At present we are seeking to monitor the situation and the Rev. George Preston, who has building up contacts for the Church in Eastern Europe, plans to visit Romania later this month. When the needs become clearer I shall be in touch with you again.

"In the meantime the Overseas Board will gratefully receive donations sent in to help the Romanian people and will ensure that all such are sent through appropriate channels."

Dr. Matthews called on his people to remember the other recently liberated countries in Eastern Europe and he is considering arranging special days of prayer on the issue.

DEATH OF PORTADOWN STALWART

The sudden death of veteran Portadown Orangeman Bro. Jackie Kerr just before Christmas aroused widespread sympathy. He was in his mid-seventies.

Bro. Kerr, who lived at Corcrain Drive in Portadown, was a Lambeg drumming enthusiast known far beyond Co. Armagh.

He belonged to Ballyworkan LOL No. 19, one of Portadown's finest drumming lodges, and was for many years involved in the traditional Clady Day drumming match at Markethill on the last Saturday in July.

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DATE	EVENT/VENUE	L.O.L./DISTRICT	COUNTY				
Feb. 5-9	Evangelical Mission, Portglenone District, Antrim.	Portglenone District	Antrim	May 19	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Feb. 5-17	Five-A-Side Football, Ballymena District.	Ballymena District	Antrim	May 19	Mini Twelfth Parade.	Portadown District	Armagh
Feb. 8	Bowling Competition.	Annahoe District	Tyrone	May 20	Churcher Service - L.O.L. 148.	Ballinderry District	Antrim
Feb. 9	Orange Ball, Moira.			May 21	Five-A-Side Football, Ballymena District.		
Feb. 9	Historical Lecture.			May 23	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
Feb. 11	Dedication of Memorial Windows - Garvetagh Orange Hall.	Newtownards District	Down	May 25	Bar-B-Que.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Feb. 15	Guest Tea.	L.O.L. 1486, Killen District	Tyrone	May 25	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim
Feb. 20	Orange History Seminar.	L.O.L. 366, Kilrea District	Londonderry	May 25	Treasure Hunt.	Staffordstown District	Antrim
Feb. 23	Musical Concert.	Markethill District	Armagh	May 25	Sports Evening.	Randalstown District	Antrim
Feb. 26	History Lecture.	Limavady District	Londonderry	May 26	Demonstration & Re-Enactment of The Battle of The Boyne, Cookstown.		
Mar. 1	Art Competition, Ballymena District. Continues all Month.	Ballymena District	Antrim	May 26	Sports & Festival.	Magheragall District	Antrim
Mar. 1	Drama Evening.	L.O.L. 22, Randalstown District	Antrim	May 26	Football/Bowls Competition.	L.O.L. 635, Braid District	Antrim
Mar. 4-18	Evangelical Mission, Annahoe District, Co. Tyrone.			May 31	Darts Competition.	Magheragall District	Antrim
Mar. 8	Inter Lodge Quiz.	Kilrea District	Londonderry	May 31	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 176, Randalstown District	Antrim
Mar. 11	Evangelistic Meeting (1), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 1	Sports, Bar-B-Que, Childrens Party, Slatt. Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 707.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Mar. 14	Evangelistic Meeting (2), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 1	Banner Unfurling - Drumard L.O.L. 284, Kesh.		Fermanagh
Mar. 15	Variety Concert.	L.O.L. 1517, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 1	Band Parade & Sports Night.	L.O.L. 1121, District 18	Antrim
Mar. 16	History Lecture.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 1	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 206.	Magheragall District	Antrim
Mar. 16	Orange Ball, Carleton Street Orange Hall, Portadown.	Portadown District	Armagh	June 1	Band Parade & Arch Opening, Hillsborough.		
Mar. 16	Orange Ball, Rathfriland.	Rathfriland District	Down	June 1	Dedication of Band Uniforms for Kilclean Pipe Band, Castledearg.	Killen District	Tyrone
Mar. 18	Evangelistic Meeting (3), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 1	Parade/Orange Fair.	L.O.L. 1121, Braid District	Antrim
Mar. 20	Orange History Seminar.	Markethill District	Armagh	June 1	Bar-B-Que.	Randalstown District	Antrim
Mar. 21	Evangelistic Meeting (4), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 2	Church Service/Sports Day/ Banner Unfurling.	Macosquin District	Londonderry
Mar. 23	Country/Variety Concert, Ballymena Town Hall.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 2	Co. Antrim Grand Lodge Parade, Ballymena.		Antrim
Mar. 23	Orange Ball.	W.L.O.L. 105	Armagh	June 2	Parade & Rally.	Tobermore District	Londonderry
Mar. 25	Evangelistic Meeting (5), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 2	Gala.	Hillsborough District	Down
Mar. 26	History Lecture.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 2	Orange Festival.	Castlewellan District	Down
Mar. 26	Scottish Evening.	L.O.L. 269, Limavady District	Londonderry	June 2	Tercentenary Service.	Newtownbutler District	Fermanagh
Mar. 28	Evangelistic Meeting (6), Ballylinney Presbyterian Church.	Carnmoney District	Antrim	June 3	Tercentenary Service.	Bessbrook District	Armagh
Mar. 30	Festival of Music - Ulster Hall.	G.O.L.I.	Down	June 4	Orange Festival Week, Kells & Connor, Ballymena District.		
Mar. 30	Gospel Concert with Rev. William McCrea, M.P., in Kilkeel Town Hall.	Ballyvea L.O.L., Mourne District	Down	June 6	Banner Unfurling.	Macosquin District	Londonderry
Mar. 31	Festival of Music - Ulster Hall.	G.O.L.I.	Down	June 7	Scavenger Hunt.	L.O.L. 1517, Kilrea District	Londonderry
Mar. 31	Orange Ball.	Cloughmills District	Antrim	June 8	Treasure Hunt.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Mar. 31	Festival of Music - Ulster Hall.	G.O.L.I.	Down	June 8	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim
April 2-27	Exhibition, Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall, Londonderry.	G.O.L.I.	Down	June 9	Pageant & Landing of King William III.	Carrickfergus District	Antrim
Apr. 4	Historical Lecture.	L.O.L. 1517, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 9	Seven-A-Side Football.	Omagh District	Tyrone
Apr. 6	Orange Ball.	L.O.L. 2033, Limavady District	Londonderry	June 9	Rally & Opening of New Field.	Magherafelt District	Londonderry
Apr. 8	Tercentenary Service - Cromkill.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 9	Band Parade, Carnlough.	Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 16	Gala Evening/Fireworks Display.	Larne District	Fermanagh	June 10	Church Service.	L.O.L. 930, Coleraine District	Londonderry
Apr. 20	Re-Opening Killadees Orange Hall, Co. Fermanagh.			June 10-16	Orange Festival, Church Service, Sports Events, Fancy Dress Parade, Band Concerts, Kilrea District, Londonderry.		
Apr. 22	Church Service.	L.O.L. 141, Coleraine District	Londonderry	June 13	Banner Unfurling, Lower Iveagh.	Waringsford L.O.L., District 1	Down
Apr. 25	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down	June 13	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	L.O.L. 532, Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 26	Bowling Tournament.	Ballinderry District	Antrim	June 13	Tug-O-War Competition.	Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 27	County Grand Banquet, Bessbrook Town Hall.	Ballinderry District	Armagh	June 14	Pageant of Arrival of William in Belfast.	Braid District	Antrim
Apr. 28	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 15	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 531, Ahoghill District	Antrim
Apr. 28	Historical Bus Trip to Williamite Sites.	Newtownards District	Down	June 16	Demonstration & Band Parade.		City of Londonderry
Apr. 29	Tercentenary Service.	Tobermore District	Down	June 16	Sports Day.	L.O.L. 644 and 645, Limavady District	Londonderry
May 4	Orange Ball.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 16	Vintage Car Cavalcade.	Kilrea District	Londonderry
May 4	Treasure Hunt.	Markethill R.B.D.C.	Armagh	June 16	Lecturers' Conference.	G.O.L.I.	
May 5	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim	June 16	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	L.O.L. 532, Braid District	Antrim
May 6	Open Air Service.	Lisbellaw District	Fermanagh	June 16	Garden Fete/Sports Day.	Cloughmills District	Antrim
May 7	Band Parade.	L.O.L. 22, Randalstown District	Antrim	June 17	Open Air Service	Ballinderry District	Antrim
May 7	Accordian Band Competition.	Ballymena District	Antrim	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Antrim District	Antrim
May 7	Sports Day & Band Parade.	Cumber Claudy District	City of Londonderry	June 17	Tercentenary Service.	Sixmilewater District	Antrim
May 7	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 148.	Ballinderry District	Antrim	June 18-23	Tercentenary Service.	L.O.L. 249 and 291, Larne District	Antrim
May 11	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 1025.	Cloughmills District	Antrim	June 18-23	Scarva Orange Festival - Sports Events, Band Concerts, Williamite Period Banquet, Exhibition.		
May 12	Gala - Killyglen Orange Hall.	L.O.L. 692 and L.O.L. 197	Antrim	June 18-23	Antrim Orange Festival - Sports Events, Fancy Dress, Band Parade, Exhibition. (Organised by various local Lodges).		
May 12	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Cullybackey District	Antrim	June 18-23	Ahoghill District Orange Festival - Sports Events, Concert, Village Fair, Treasure Hunt.		
May 12	Band Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim	June 19	Pageant of the Arrival of the Williamite Army in Scarva.		Armagh
May 16	Presentation of New Drums to Eden Accordian Band.	Eden L.O.L. 2028	Londonderry	June 20	Treasure Hunt.	Tamlaght O'Crilly District	Londonderry
May 16	Band Parade, Ahoghill.	L.O.L. 344, Ahoghill District	Antrim	June 21	Bannerette Unfurling.	Braid District	Antrim
May 18	Barn Dance.	L.O.L. 161, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 22	Banner Unfurling - Tullygarley L.O.L. 473.	Ballymena District	Antrim
May 18	Treasure Hunt.	L.O.L. 175, Kilrea District	Londonderry	June 23	Mountnorris Orange Hall - Centenary Celebrations.		Armagh
May 18	Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 1184, Braid District	Antrim				
May 18	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 314, Glenavy District	Antrim				

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June 22	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 853, Drumquin.	Killen District	Tyrone
June 22	Sports Evening & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 984, Limavady District	Londonderry
June 23-30	Orange Festival Week, Newtownards District. Events include Exhibition, Vintage Car Rally, Fun Run, Gospel Concert, Band Parade.		
June 23	Sports Day & Band Parade, Mosside.	Ballycastle District L.O.L. 23	Antrim
June 23	Sports Day & Pageant, Kilkeel.	Mourne District L.O.L. No. 6	Down
June 23	Gala & Pageant, Antrim.	Organised by various local Lodges.	
June 23	Sports Day, Dunmurry.	Derriaghy District L.O.L. 11	Antrim
June 23	Parade.	Loughbrickland District	Down
June 23	Sports Day/Fancy Dress Parade.	Moneymore District	Londonderry
June 23	Parade & Sports Day.	Glenavy District	Antrim
June 23	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Portglanone District L.O.L. 116,	Antrim
June 24	Church Service, Scarva.	No. 4 District L.O.L. 247,	Down
June 24	Church Service, Dromara.	No. 1 District	Down
June 24	Church Service, Donacloney.	L.O.L. No. 8	Down
June 25	Mini Twelfth & Arch Opening, Ballyclare.	Sixmilewater District	Antrim
June 25	Festival of Flowers Exhibition, Lower Iveagh West.	District No. 8	Down
June 25	Orange Festival, including Band Parade, Fancy Dress, Sports Events, Lambeg Drums.		
June 25	Bushmills District No. 21.		
June 25	Orange Festival, events include Fun Run, Gospel Concert, Sports Events, Garden Fete, Fireworks Display, Orange Ball. District No. 1, Co. Down.		
June 25	Orange Festival, events include Sports Events, Lambeg Drums. Armagh District No. 5.		
June 25	Orange Festival, Ballylurgan, & Ferniskey, (Ballymena District).		
June 25	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Kingshill L.O.L. 319, District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 26	Treasure Hunt & Bar-B-Que.	L.O.L. 83, District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 27	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 237.	District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 28	Cultural Evening.	Richhill District L.O.L. 75,	Armagh
June 28	Sports Night.	District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 29-July 7	Orange Festival, Rathfriland District, events include Fireworks, Band Parade, Sports Events, Fancy Dress.		
June 29	Parade and Pageant commemorating The Break of Killyleagh.	Killyleagh District	Down
June 29	Mini Twelfth.	Derriaghy District	Antrim
June 29	Mini Twelfth Parade - Killen.		Tyrone
June 29	Fife & Lambeg Drums.	L.O.L. 20, District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 29	Unfurling New Banner & Dedication of New Band Uniform - L.O.L. 2036.	Limavady District	Londonderry

June 29	Orange Ball.	Larne District	Antrim
June 30	Sham Fight, Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
June 30	Pageant & Sports Day.	Richhill District	Armagh
June 30	Garden Fete/Bands/Fireworks Display.	Newtownbutler District	Fermanagh
June 30	Banner Unfurling.	L.O.L. 358, Garvagh District	Londonderry
June 30	Arch Opening - Kesh.	Pettigo District	Fermanagh
June 30	Mini Twelfth Parade, Raphoe.	District No. 3	City of Londonderry
June 30	Gala - Moira.	District No. 8, Lower Iveagh West	Down
June 30	Band Parade - L.O.L. 254.	Limavady District	Londonderry
June 30	Banner Unfurling - L.O.L. 122.	Tandragee District	Armagh
June 30	Sports Day & Bar-B-Que.	Ballinderry District	Antrim
June 30	Orange Gala.	Bushmills District	Antrim
June 30	Orange Gala.	Portglanone District	Antrim
June 30	Lambeg Drumming Competition.	Staffordstown District	Antrim
July 1	Divine Service in each District.		
July 2	Brownlow Orange Festival, Lurgan District, Co. Armagh. Events include Orange Ball, Exhibition, Sports Events.		
July 2	Somme Anniversary Parades - Various Districts.		
July 2	Band Parade.	Ballyronan District L.O.L. 489 and 503,	Londonderry
July 4	Orange Fete and Parade, Broughshane.	Braid District	Antrim
July 4	Re-Opening, Magherally Orange Hall.	Banbridge District	Down
July 6-11	Gosford Orange Festival, Markethill, events include Band Parade, Mini Twelfth, Sports Events, Orange Exhibition.		
July 6	Banner Unfurling - Derrykeighan L.O.L. 1986.	Ballycastle District	Antrim
July 6	Bar-B-Que.	Newtownards District	Down
July 7	Rossnowlough Demonstration, Co. Donegal.		Donegal
July 7	Its A Knockout Competition, Dungannon.		Tyrone
July 8	Services in various Districts.		
July 9	Pageant and Fireworks Display, Lisburn.	G.O.L.I.	
July 9	Mini Twelfth Parade.	Ballymena District	Antrim
July 11	Eleventh Night Bonfires etc.		
July 12	Twelfth Demonstrations.		
July 13	Scarva R.B.P. Parade & Sham Fight.		
July 14	Religious Service - Boyne Site.		
July 28	Sports & Carnival Day.	Larne District	Antrim
July 28	Clay Pigeon Shoot.	Portglanone District	Antrim
Aug. 13	Darts Competition.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Aug. 18	Fun Run.	Portglanone District	Antrim
Aug. 31 - Sep. 2	Banner and Floral Display and Service of Thanksgiving.	Lurgan District	Armagh
Sep. 5-9	Lecturers Trip to London.		
Sep. 9	Tercentenary Service - Irvinestown.		Fermanagh
Sep. 9	Church Service.	Ballyronan District	Londonderry
Sep. 11	History Lecture.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Sep. 13	Musical Evening - Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Sep. 19	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
Sep. 23			
Sep. 21	Orange Ball, Bessbrook Orange Hall.	L.O.L. 959, Bessbrook	Armagh
Sep. 23	Reformation Rally, Aghadowey.	Garvagh District	Londonderry
Sep. 29	Grand Lodge Parade - Belfast.	G.O.L.I.	
Sep. 30	Tercentenary Service.	Portadown District	Armagh
Oct. 5	Harvest Dinner Dance, Divernagh L.O.L. 77, Bessbrook.		Armagh
Oct. 11	Musical Evening - Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Oct. 16	Reception for Holders of 50 Years Service Medal. (County Armagh).		Armagh
Oct. 17	Historical Lecture.	Newtownards District	Down
Oct. 30	Fashion Show.	Markethill W.L.O.L.	Armagh
Nov. 4	Church Services - Various Districts.		
Nov. 9	Tercentenary Dinner - Bessbrook Town Hall.	Armagh	
Nov. 15	Bessbrook District L.O.L. No. 11		
Nov. 19-21	Musical Evening - Galgorm.	Ballymena District	Antrim
Nov. 21	Tercentenary Exhibition, Craigavon Civic Centre.	Co. Armagh	Armagh
Dec. 31	Historical Lecture.	Grand Lodge	
Dec. 31	Burial of Time Capsule.	Newtownards District	Down
		District No. 1	Down

Please contact your local District L.O.L. for further information, and a complete list of events in your area

But Not An Orange Prince ...

"It is obvious that the Tercentenary of the Glorious Revolution is already a dead letter as far as Church and State are concerned in England, owing to their determination to play the scenario without the Prince, not of Denmark, but of Orange."

This condemnatory viewpoint is contained in an essay written by R.W. Bro. Rev. Dr. Canon Michael W. Dewar, former Church of Ireland Rector of Helens Bay, now living in (active) retirement in England.

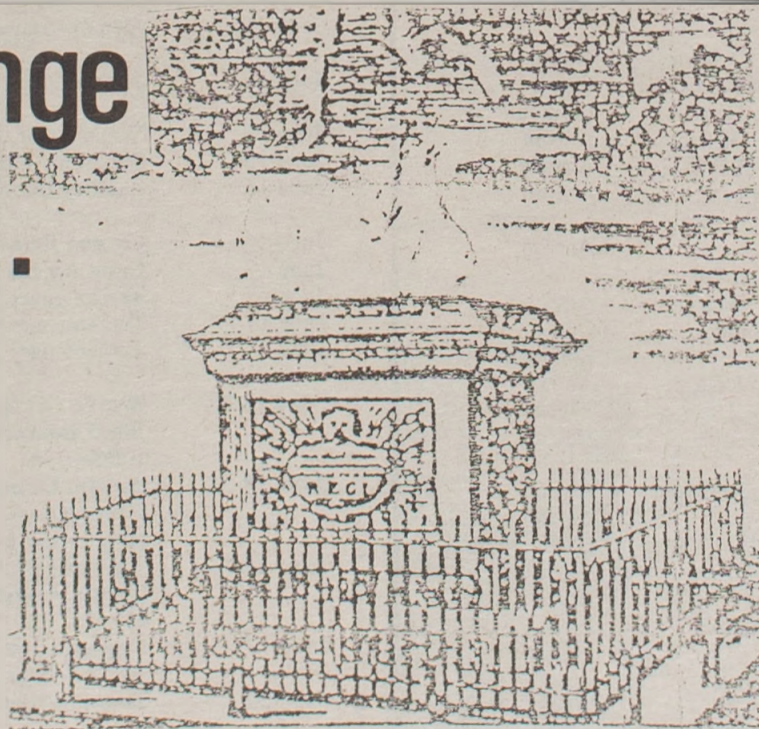
The essay was delivered in October at Derriaghy as the Sophie Taylor Lecture under the auspices of the Down and Dromore and Connor Diocesan Library Committee.

Dr. Dewar pointed out that notwithstanding the reticence, indeed the avoidance, to play the scenario without the Prince of Orange there are two academics "who are not unaware of the importance of the one place where the influence of 1688 abides and will abide."

He was referring to the Dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge, who has written "religion thrives in Northern Ireland as it does nowhere else in the

Kingdom, and so does political discord. It is what happens when people really do believe in the values they profess."

Dr. Dewar indicates the other as the Master of Balliol College, Oxford who "even more trenchantly" wrote: "The argument for retaining the Union is now almost entirely a moral one... The average Englishman or Scotsman or Welshman feels no closer, in sentiment to the Protestants of Northern Ireland than to the Irish Catholic, North or South. The greatest divide is rather between those who regard religion as important in politics (as do the great majority of Irishmen, North and South), and those whose politics are unaffected by religion (as are most of those who live on the side of the Irish Sea)... The Union must be preserved, because for the foreseeable future, the alternative to preserving it would be catastrophe for the inhabitants of the Province, catastrophe for which we on the mainland



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could not escape a large share of the responsibility." With both of these statements Dr. Dewar concurred, emphasising that "never has this situation, virtually unchanged since 1688, been more clearly expressed than by one in whose veins flowed the blood of Marlborough, with all the vacillation that this involved."

Here the lecturer quoted Winston Churchill writing between the two World Wars,

more prophetically than he could have imagined: "The whole map of Europe has been changed. The mode and thought of man, the whole outlook on affairs, the grouping of parties, all have encountered violent and tremendous changes in the deluge of the world, but as the deluge subsides and the waters fall we see the dreary steeples of Fermanagh and Tyrone emerging once again. The

integrity of their quarrel is one of the few institutions that have been left unaltered in the cataclysm which has swept the world."

But, as Dr. Dewar clearly recalled in his lecture, Churchill was writing between 1918 and 1939, and subsequently learned to value Northern Ireland's contribution to the 1939-1945 conflict... "But for the loyalty of Northern Ireland...."

An Ulsterman has left this on record "At this point, whether it is realised or not, he came close to defining the essential character of the Ulster problem."

As Dr. Dewar so rightly,

assessed the position "It is this very reason that English politicians and ecclesiast will turn deaf ears to unacceptable truths discerned by this former Home Ru (Churchill) nearly 60 years ago."

The lecturer added, "The dreary steeples" - the derisive term once used by Churchill to describe the Protestant churches of Fermanagh & Tyrone - still have their quarry just as in 1688, even without the Prince with whose colors they are still decorated every July. One of them is Cathedral in Enniskillen, which all the world has heard."

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Mark Event by Service of Remembrance?

Clanabogan,
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Sir,

However much the Orange/Unionist leadership has endeavoured to put a brave face on the size of the turn-out for the 'people power' protest on November 15, one would be less than honest not to admit that it was very disappointing indeed.

By no stretch of the imagination, could it be said that it reflects the continuing sense of outrage of the entire Unionist family at the iniquitous Diktat inflicted on us exactly four years ago.

As Belfast's Lord Mayor rightly said on a BBC Talkback programme, idle criticism of the organisation for the day of protest isn't going to get us anywhere.

It was pretty obvious to most rank and file members that an East European-style 'people power' protest would not really catch on in this neck of the woods, especially when some people were required to travel long distances to get to the assembly point and at lunch hour to boot!

About 300 folk from the Mid Ulster and South Tyrone areas made their way to the Ballygawley roundabout for an hour-long religious service. We neither joined hands nor linked arms, but stood quietly, while three ministers and a lay reader conducted the worship.

A platform and an excellent public address system were laid on and a silver band was there to lead the praise.

We were blessed with fine weather and although the attendance could have been larger, the turn-out was very creditable and much bigger than many of the others shown on television.

As it happened we got no TV coverage and hardly a mention on the early evening news bulletins.

I came away from the Ballygawley roundabout feeling good to have been there, having made my personal protest at

the continuance of the nefarious Anglo-Irish Agreement and the lack of democratic rights in our Province, and having remembered with gratitude the costly sacrifice of so many of our security forces and civilian workmen over the past 20 years and especially since the signing of the Diktat and also having prayed that we might all be protected from the land of evil, vicious men.

Many of my fellow loyalists did not venture out that day to make their protest publicly, no doubt for all kinds of reasons. As I feel that the form our protest took at the Ballygawley roundabout was a most dignified and proper one. Could I therefore suggest that next year, if the Diktat is still around, a short religious service of remembrance be held at lunch hour around the cenotaphs in those towns where the 26 District Councils meet or alternatively, in every town which has got a war memorial.

Our protest would also give us the opportunity to remember all the servicemen and civilians murdered and maimed since the Diktat was signed, a Diktat, we are always being told which was principally designed to promote PEACE, as well as, stability and reconciliation.

I feel that this is perhaps, the most fitting way to mark any future anniversary. If our Unionist people really understood the purpose and format of the protest, I am confident they would be prepared to leave their homes, farms, shops, offices, and schools in their thousands and congregate around the War Memorials in their towns as they did for the Memorial Service for the Rev. Robert Bradford MP.

A mini-rally in each town could also be considered. There are many people who would not feel able to travel to Belfast or Hillsborough for a mass rally, but would be glad to attend a smaller gathering within their own locality.

Bro. Wilfred Breen

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Comber

Dear Sir,

A very interesting article on the concept of Independence appeared in the November 1989 issue of the "Orange Standard." The idea of Independence is at the moment being put forward by the Ulster Independence Committee and its magazine the Ulster Patriot the idea of Independence for Northern Ireland is not a new one for it has been put across by different groups ranging from the UDA, to the National Front, to the now defunct Ulster British Dominion Party of Professor Kennedy Lindsay (see Northern Ireland A Political Directory 1968/88 published by Blackstaff Press in Belfast) who was a Vanguard Unionist Convention member before setting up his Independence grouping. Professor Lindsay has the distinction of being the only Canadian to have taken an active part in Ulster politics.

As a member of the Orange and Black Institutions and a member of the Northern Ireland branch of the British S.D.P.I. for one cannot accept the concept of Independence at all. Lines 1 and 2 of verse 2 of the poem "Keep the Union

Flag Flying" which appears in the book Poetry For Everyone (second issue) and published by Dickens Publishing in London goes — "We wish to be British is the call from the majority in this strife torn land."

To be British is what I and most people in our Province want and nothing else. This poem has been described as the Battle Cry Poem of Northern Ireland and was conceived by its author while walking through Dunsy Way Recrea-

tion area in Comber shortly after the death of the Rev. Robert Bradford M.P., who was murdered by the IRA and to whom verse six of the poem is dedicated. There is a point in Dunsy Way recreation area from which Parliament Buildings at Stormont can be viewed and it was this view along with the death of the Rev. Bradford which led to the writing of the poem. A copy of the book in which this poem appears is to my knowledge to be found in the library of the House of Orange in Belfast.

So therefore I urge all Orangemen to do all in their power to preserve the Union and "Keep The Union Flag Flying."

Yours faithfully,
James Annett (Jnr.)

£500 FOR JUNIOR ORANGE CAUSE



Co. Antrim Grand Orange Lodge is well aware of the expenses involved in the 1990 Tercentenary celebrations but they are also mindful of others in the Orange family. To this end they have given £500 to the Junior Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland to help defray their expenses for 1990. The cheque was recently presented to W. Bro. Tom Ross, Grand Secretary of the Junior Orange Lodge, by W. Bro. George Morrison, County Grand Master of Antrim. Thanking

Bro. Morrison, on behalf of the Junior Orange, Bro. Ross said that this gift was most welcome from Co. Antrim and showed that in the midst of a very busy time the senior brethren of Co. Antrim Grand Lodge were looking to the future by assisting the youngest members of the Orange family to provide for the next generation of Orangemen. The Grand Master of Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. W. Smyth, M.P., acknowledges the Co. Antrim generosity.

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Letters to the Editor



Apprentice Boys of Derry

GENERAL COMMITTEE

December 1989

Dear Sir,

We wish to respond to your recent articles concerning our application for funding for a Heritage Centre in Londonderry.

The Apprentice Boys of Derry are run and controlled from Londonderry by the eight Parents Clubs. This is the way it has always been, for hundreds of years and will continue to be so. All who become members accept this situation. We consider ourselves an umbrella group for all shades of loyalist opinion and protestant sections of the Reformed Faith and are not prepared to be dominated by any one particular group.

Amalgamated Committees are simply a group of clubs in a particular area who can meet on a regular basis to discuss matters. They have no power to take decisions or decide policy on behalf of our Association. The South West Ulster Amalgamated Committee has been disbanded for persistently breaking the rules and disregarding the decisions of the Governing Body over recent years. They no longer exist as part of the Apprentice Boys of Derry.

We see no contradiction between opposing the Anglo-Irish Agreement, which we will continue to do, and applying for funding through the North-

ern Ireland Tourist Board, who are handling our claim. The one-sided Agreement has failed in its aims of bringing peace, stability, and reconciliation and cannot be sustained. The money supplied, mainly from U.S.A., was to help in those aims and to promote economic regeneration and tourist development with no political connotations attached.

No one has yet come up with a viable alternative for the money needed. Our members certainly won't. The facts speak for themselves. Over 700 Clubs and Orange Lodges were circularised with an appeal to help restore the outside of the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall at a cost of £150,000. It brought in a paltry £5,000.

We aim to have a Centre within the walled city of Londonderry as a worthy replacement for the destroyed Walker Monument and which will promote our British traditions and culture and educate all in our history and heritage. Those who oppose us are hypocrites.

We would remind them that the architects of the one-sided Agreement are Westminster and Dublin. Lodge dictates that money should be refused from these sources also. It appears to be a case of don't do what I do, do what I say.

If funding is offered and the conditions are not insurmountable we can accept and still say No Surrender.

Yours faithfully,
Derek Miller,
General Secretary.

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Leading Portadown Orange Personality Passes On

Orangeism throughout Northern Ireland lost one of its most enthusiastic members by the passing of Bro. Robert Jones, of Portadown, who for 41 years, held the office of caretaker in Carleton Street Orange Hall.

Bro. Jones — "Rab" as he was known to his many friends — was a great worker for the Orange and Black Institutions, and he was one of the leading sellers of the "Orange Standard" newspaper.

Robert's death marks the end of an era as far as Portadown Orangeism is concerned, as he was caretaker during four decades which were among the most momentous in the history of the Order in the "Hub of the North".

During the period he held the post from December 1948, until December, 1989, Bro. Jones served under every post-war worshipful master of Portadown District — Bros. Dr. George Dougan, Robert J. Magowan, Herbert Whitten, John Brownlee, and Harold Gracey.

Robert served all with loyalty and dedication, and brought a personal touch to his job which was one of the most demanding in Ulster Orangeism.

Carleton Street is the busiest Orange Hall in Portadown District which has one of the largest memberships in the Province. The hall is a hive of activity throughout the week, being the meeting place of many Orange lodges, Black preceptories, Apprentice Boys Clubs, Junior lodges, and Unionist branches.

Bro. Jones brought a personal touch to his job and he

made a point of having a friendly chat with everyone who entered the building during the week for meetings.

He knew the great and the famous too, and these included Unionist leaders and politicians such as Sir Basil Brooke, Harry Midgley, Sir Norman Stronge, the Rev. Ian Paisley, Enoch Powell, and the

Rev. Robert Bradford, as well as present-day personalities in Orange and Unionist circles.

Bro. Jones was a direct and straightforward person who did not pull punches when it came to putting his point of view, but never in a malicious fashion. His views were sought by most people who appreciated his deep wealth of knowledge on Orange affairs.

Robert put his views forward, listened to the other person's point of view, and invariably ended the proceedings with a hearty laugh and handshake. That was his style, and it was recognised as such throughout Co. Armagh Orangeism which he served so ably.

During his service, many important improvements were carried out to the district hall, including the ballroom, while new lodge rooms and function rooms were provided.

MODERNISATION

Bro. Jones was vice-chairman of the energetic hall improvement committee which has raised tens of thousands of pounds since its formation resulting in the upgrading and modernisation of the hall.

The weekly dance has always been a feature of

Carleton Street Orange Hall, and Bro. Jones was always to the forefront in helping to organise dances, social evenings and important meetings.

He was invariably the last person to leave the hall each night, but never complained about this, although functions often lasted to the "wee small hours".

The billiards and snooker room was another of his special interests, and he was usually to be found there most nights, chatting to the young men and often giving them advice on the sport.

A staunch follower of Portadown Football Club, Robert always enjoyed a yarn about the fortunes of his team, but he was always prepared to see the other person's point of view. In the 1950s when it was the custom for most of the Linfield supporters clubs to stay in Portadown for an evening's entertainment after their team had played at Shamrock Park, many of them found their way to the dances and billiard room in Carleton Street.

Those Blue fans who attended these dances will remember the friendly welcome they always received from Brother Jones and the banter exchanged with them over results.

Like all Portadown Orangemen, Bro. Jones was very annoyed about the events which took place in the town a few years ago when Orange parades were re-routed, to placate the enemies of Ulster loyalism and Unionism.

It was his great hope that events would return to normal and Portadown would return to the place it occupied as a centre



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 collar 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.

and bastion of Ulster Orangeism, in its best traditions.

Happily, he lived to see peaceful and normal parades again in the town, and last Twelfth he was in his familiar place in front of the hall on the morning as the lodges set out for the demonstration, waving to most brethren and extending good wishes for the day.

Bro. Jones was also delighted that the Sir Knights of the Belfast preceptories returned to Portadown for their annual demonstration in the 1980s, after a lapse of some years. Along with the late Bro. Whitten, and the present district officers, he played a leading role in having the district included in the Belfast Black Saturday parading itinerary, and this gave him the opportunity of extending his

hospitality and that of his good wife, Myrtle, who assisted him throughout his career as part-time caretaker of Carleton Street Hall, to the many friends he had in Belfast and other areas.

A staunch Presbyterian, Bro. Jones was a faithful member of First Portadown Presbyterian Church, whose minister, the Rev. Desmond Knowles, and assistant, Mr. Stephen Carson, officiated at the services in the home and at the graveside.

This passing is greatly mourned by thousands of Orange brethren and loyalists throughout the Province, and sympathy is extended to his wife, Myrtle, son David and daughter, Elizabeth, as well as the other members of the family.

DEFENDING ULSTER'S HERITAGE

The Ulster Society formed its first local branch in the Province, an event marking an important stage in the history of the organisation which is based at Brown House in Lurgan.

The Larne and Area branch of the Society was formed at a recent social evening in the coastal village of Glenarm when chairman David Trimble told the audience in the Orange hall that unless the unionist community made the effort to discover and research its own heritage it could depend on one else doing so.

He said that there were some who were doing their best to blacken the Ulster loyalist community, but the more the loyalists looked into the history for themselves the less they had to be ashamed of.

The meeting, which was jointly organised by the Society and Glenarm L.O. 1121, was also addressed by Bro. David Hume, who delivered a lecture on the history of the Clyde Valley gunrunning of 1914.

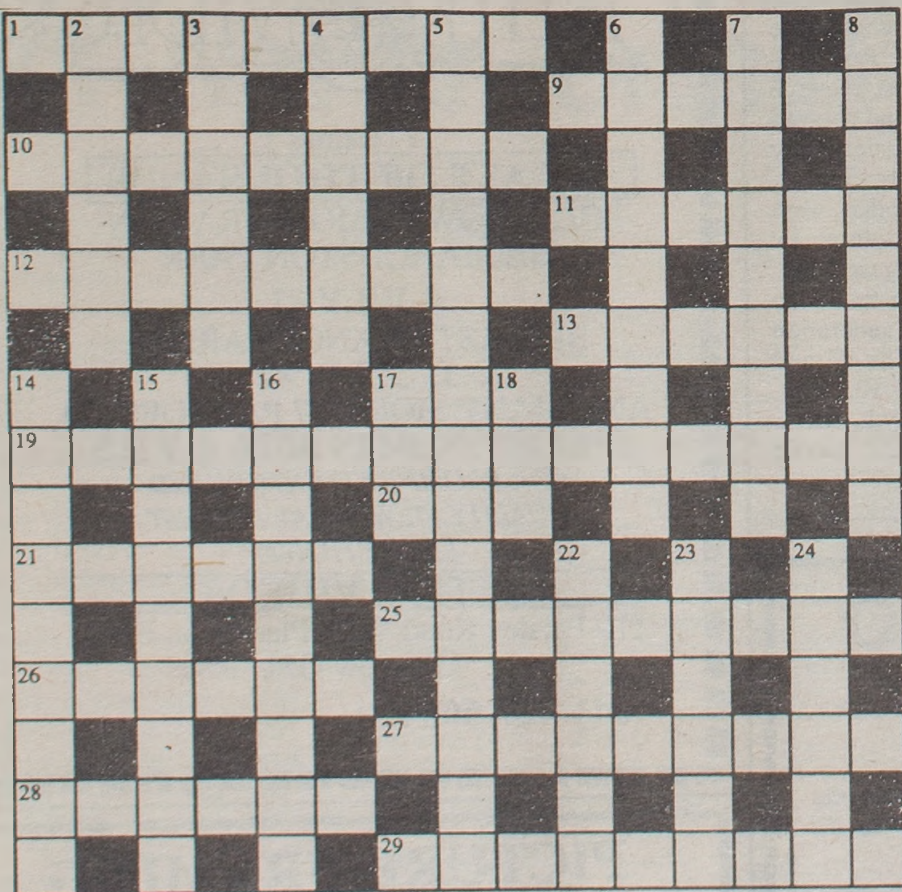
He said that when Home Rule was mooted in 1886 brought hostility from the unionist community north and south. But the southern unionists had been isolated and were to ultimately be in a weak position as a result, he said, and only in Ulster was unionism concentrated to the extent of being able to successfully oppose Home Rule from Dublin.

The speaker outlined the major events which led up to gunrunning, namely Covenant Day, 1912 and the formation of the Ulster Volunteers in January 1913. And he spoke of the plan to bring a major arm shipment into the Province which ended on the night of April 24/25, 1914 when the ports of Larne, Donaghadee and Bangor were sealed off by the UVF.

Bro. Hume also showed a series of slides showing the Clyde Valley on her first journey across the Atlantic in 1968.

PRIZE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This month the Orange Standard presents a new feature—a Crossword Puzzle. While some of the clues have a distinct Orange nature, it should also be noted that some do not. The Grand Lodge of Ireland's Music sub-committee has donated two tickets for the Festival of Music on Friday March 30 as prizes.



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Entries to be returned before Friday, March 9, 1990. To Orange Standard Prize Crossword, 65, Dublin Road, Belfast 2.

Down

2. In the middle, but forward at soccer.(6)
3. What to take at a time according to the song.(3,3)
4. An ointment or plant.(6)
5. A great chapter in anyone's book.(5,4,6)
6. Nothing bound, but having a view.(9)
7. A very old age.(9)
8. What we get from accounts and hobbies.(9)
14. Oliver was such a Lord.(9)
15. A relative who tries to solve other people's problems in public?(5,4)
16. If you don't have the will, you still die this way.(9)
17. The answer (d.v), well rearrange this ode.(3)
18. Two of these show you're enjoying your food.(3)
22. Strengthened, as trousers might be.(6)
23. Does he eat with others or just play with his food?(6)
24. What you might find hair arranged in.(6)

Across

1. William's 2-i-c.(9)
9. An ill-tempered organ in the body(6)
10. Are these found under carpets?(9)
11. Will United Nations sticky stuff achieve opposite of what was intended?(6)
12. Not safe from fracture.(9)
13. Some politicians seem to lose this at crisis time: did the milkman lift it?(6)
17. Fungus causes this kind of rot.(3)
19. An angry supporter of a Romeward trend?(6,9)
20. Unit of electrical resistance.(3)
21. Offer for a boat?(6)
25. Like District meetings.(9)
26. They could be pop's or the navigator's.(6)
27. Vehicle for E.T.(9)
28. Decorated.(6)
29. Speak to someone again, to redirect the mail?(9)



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