

Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A.

# No Sign of Peace Coming Back to Northern Ireland

*"Orange Order Convenient Whipping Boy" — Grand Master*

He went on to say that urged to respect both traditions and work for reconciliation, they discovered the Ulster Folk Museum demanding Irish for a worker in the oral tradition. This left little scope for a British oral tradition, or would there be two appointments? Further when they viewed the economic instability of the Irish Republic they had little hope of stability for the good ship Ulster "now that Mate Barry has joined Skipper King on the bridge."

**"RIGHT WILL PREVAIL"**

Proceeding M.W. Bro. Smyth said: "As the Grand Lodge meets today it is right that we recognise that Orangeism is a convenient whipping boy for various sides. The wrongs of Ulster are heaped upon the Orange. It is right that, where we have gone wrong or been wrong, we confess our sins before God and man, and where possible put wrongs to right."

"Nevertheless we must stand by our own basic principles, convinced that in the end, as in the beginning, right will prevail."

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An "Ulster Says No" poster graces the bass drum of one of the bands taking part in the Rally at Ballymena.

"The people of Ulster, experiencing the continuing murder of fellow citizens, see no sign of peace from the I.R.A. onslaught" said the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A. in his address to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in the House of Orange on December 11.

## Plan to Document Flags and Banners

In a major piece of research into Orange banners and flags a questionnaire will be going out this month to every private Lodge in Ireland.

This document contains questions about different aspects of Orange flags and banners, and is an attempt to place on record matters previously un-researched in Orange history.

The research is being carried out by Bro. Drew Nelson, L.O.L. No. 616 and Bro. Gareth Porter, L.O.L. No. 120 who hope that when the research is completed they will find it possible to publish a book on the material which will have come to hand with details of the most interesting and historic banners and flags.

Both Bros. Nelson and Porter trust that their questionnaires will be fully completed by all Lodges, and returned as soon as possible. They emphasise that every Lodge should return the document in order that an overall picture of Orange banners and flags can be obtained.

The accompanying photograph shows Bros. Nelson and Cecil Murphy, both of Listullycurran Truth Defenders L.O.L. No. 616, with an old banner of their Lodge which was unfurled in 1922. Notice that this 63 years old banner incorporates two goats heads in the design. We would be interested to hear if any other Lodge has a banner with goats heads as part of the design.



# Obituaries

## Death of Belfast Orange Stalwart

Orangeism in Belfast, and particularly in the northern suburbs of Ligoniel, suffered a severe blow with the sudden death, early on Christmas morning, of W. Bro. Alexander (Alex) Moody, W.D.M. Belfast No. 1 District.

W. Bro. Moody, or "Bix Alex," as he was known affectionately by one and all, had held the office of Worshipful District Master since 1980, and such was his popularity with the rank and file that he was re-elected for a further term only recently.

In his private lodge, Ligoniel True Blues L.O.L. 1932, he was a Past Master, and had held the Treasurership for the past two years, having previously many years been lodge secretary.

He was also instrumental in the formation of the lodge's own Accordion Band, and was drum-major in its formative years. He also sat on the management committees of Ligoniel Orange Hall and the Ligoniel 91/32 Club, coupled



W. BRO. ALEX MOODY

with the vice-chairmanship of Belfast Orange Hall (Clifton St.) Management Committee.

W. Bro. Moody also held membership of the County Grand Lodge of Belfast.

Belfast No. 1 District R.A.P.C., R.B.P. 210, and the Masonic Order.

Surviving him are his widow Anna, daughters Mildred and Diane, sons Alex and Bill.

His funeral — at the family's request an Orange funeral — took place from his Broom St., Woodvale, home, to Movilla Cemetery, Newtownards, on Saturday 28th December, and was largely attended by his many friends in the Orange fraternity, in spite of severely cold weather.

To his widow and family, our sincere sympathy, and while we mourn the loss of a very dear friend and brother, we look forward to the future with confidence, because the lifetime of service to the Orange cause of Alex Moody, and his father before him, has left Ligoniel with a legacy. That legacy, in the shape of ten members of the Moody family in membership of L.O.L. 1932, certainly augurs well for the future.

## CANON W. G. H. WILLIAMS —

### Orangeman — Loyalist

A familiar figure in Orange circles in Co. Tyrone and in Grand Lodge, Revd. Canon W. G. H. Williams, M.A., has died at his home, Old Caulfield Road, Castlecaulfield, Dungannon.

A native of Cloughjordan, Co. Tipperary, he was educated at Wesley College, Dublin before graduating in Arts at Trinity College, Dublin in 1940.

At Trinity he gained Hebrew, Syriac and Aramaic Prizes. He was ordained in 1942 for the curacy of Derryloran parish, Cookstown, where he remained for two years before moving to a curacy in Armagh parish. Subsequently he became rector of Caledon and in 1961 was appointed rector of Donaghmore parish, Castlecaulfield, where he remained until his retirement in July, 1983, following illness.

Although his active parochial ministry had ended Canon Williams continued to assist whenever his health allowed. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, and two sons, Walter and Eric.

On coming North he quickly joined the Orange Institution, and his service was acknowledged in his election to a number of senior offices, including membership of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and the chaplaincy of both private and district Lodges.

He also held office in the Royal Black Institution and in the Masonic Order. In addition he was vice-chairman of the Fermanagh and Tyrone Constituency Ulster Unionist Association, and in the South Tyrone Divisional Unionist Association was its President.

The funeral which was one of the largest seen in the district for some time took place to St.

### MR. GEORGE RAINSFORD

We regret to report the death of W. Bro. George Rainsford, Dublin, a lifelong worker for the Irish Church Missions as colporteur and polemicist.

He had marked success in his one-to-one contact with people and many, among them a number of Roman Catholics, owe their conversions to him and to his clear presentation of the Gospel.

An accomplished public speaker he had a facility of speech and easy presentation which when allied to a careful preparation of his material made what he had to say well worth hearing.

His concentration on the

Michael's Church, Castlecaulfield.

The service was conducted by Canon F. K. Livingstone assisted by Archbishop of Armagh, Most Rev. Dr. John Armstrong, and Rev. Michael Barton, Cookstown.

Amongst the large congregation of mourners were many ministers from the surrounding parishes.

Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery.

problems of Mixed Marriages made him most knowledgeable in a subject of perennial importance to the churches in Ireland, and of deep concern to those involved in them and their families.

In his retirement George Rainsford had many useful contacts with Roman Catholic clergy and laity who respected him greatly and often paid compliment to him when they invited him to discuss with them matters of faith and conduct.

We offer our sympathy to the widow and the family circle and to the Dublin brethren who have lost one of their number of such quality that his loss is irreplaceable.

# Grand Master Slams Thatcher's Ulster Policy

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's law and order campaign has been described as "a fraud" by the Grand Master M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A., in an address to Ballymoney and Moyle Unionist Association in the Orange Hall, Ballymoney.

Ulster Loyalists were "following in an honourable tradition of passive resistance behind Ghandi and Tolstoy", he said.

Continuing, the Grand Master stated that the Prime Minister's "abject surrender to terrorism in Ulster contrasts remarkably with her law and order campaign on the mainland. She has surrendered to the IRA and Dublin over Ulster in total contradiction to her 'resolute' approach to the problems of law and order on the mainland".

Campaigns initiated from Downing Street against drug pushers, pornographers, murderers and child abusers are to be personally directed by the P.M., he pointed out.

Yet, in her policy towards Ulster she sent a clear signal to the IRA that the bomb and the bullet will pay dividends. Thus, her law and order campaign "is a fraudulent one purely for English consumption in the run up to the next election".

Just as the Argentinians based their decision to invade upon her government's decision

to scrap HMS Endeavour in the Falklands, so historians would look back on Hillsborough as the signal that told the IRA that Thatcher's resolve had gone.

Referring to the Unionist campaign to defeat the Hillsborough Pact the Prime Minister's portrayal of Loyalists as "rowdies and Scargill look-alikes" was completely false.

### NON-COLLABORATION

"By our commitment to non-violent and non-confrontational action we are following in a long tradition of democratic passive resistance". The one thing which this government does not understand is non-collaboration with its unjust dictates, which Mahatma Ghandi put very well when he said:

"... the non-violence of my conception is a more active and real fight against wickedness than retaliation whose very nature is to increase wickedness. I seek entirely to blunt the tyrant's sword, not by putting

up against it a sharper edged weapon, but by disappointing his expectation that I would be offering physical resistance"

Mrs. Thatcher, he declared, had not understood this. The government had been expecting them to cut their own throats by taking to the streets, but Loyalists would not fall into that trap. Again Ghandi says:

"Disobedience to be civil must be sincere, respectful, restrained, never defiant, must be based upon some well understood principle... and above all must have no ill-will or hatred behind it".

"Our principle is our right to be governed like any other part of the UK, and to be free from foreign interference. The Prime Minister believes that we can be coaxed into a United Ireland".

County Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian novelist and social reformer put it this way: "The error at the root of all political doctrines... is always one and the same. It is, that people considered, and still consider, it possible to unite men by force that they should unresistingly submit to one and the same scheme of life..."

### "CROOKED SYSTEM"

Finally the Grand Master stated that the Prime Minister is looking for confrontation. She would not find it from the Unionists, "who will simply withdraw consent from her crooked system, this is our way forward. Our fight is an honourable one based upon principle, and Mrs. Thatcher has no weapon capable of defeating us".

### Religion in Britain

There are 900,000 Muslims in Britain, 175,000 Sikhs and 140,000 Hindus. There are 111,000 Jews and almost two million others who belong to non-Christian religions.

### Funeral of Mrs. Liddle

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Liddle, the wife of the Grand Treasurer and Past Imperial Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. George Liddle, C.B.E., J.P. The Colonel has the sympathy of his brethren in his bereavement.

The Grand Secretary, Right Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., and Grand Chaplain, Right Wor. Bro. Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P., represented the officers of the Grand Lodge at the funeral in Enniskillen.

## B.B.C. FEATURE ON FOUR IRISH

### BATTLEFIELDS

Four historic battlefields — Derry, Aghrim, Enniskillen and the Boyne — "the Orange Quadrilateral" — were visited by R.W. Bro. Rev. Michael W. Dewar, M.A., Ph.D., in the past few months.

He was accompanying Sam McAutrey on a tour organised by the BBC in connection with their radio feature "McAutrey's Country", and at each location Canon Dewar was interviewed by McAutrey on the background of the individual battle and its significance in Irish history. In each of these engagements the Williamite

army proved invincible. This period covered the years 1688-91.

Canon Dewar not only dealt with each battle as it was fought, but how it became placed within the context of European history.

During the course of the interview Canon Dewar recalled that in June last L.O.L. No. 638, Drumbeg, Lisburn, paid a visit to Aghrim in Co. Galway, under the leadership of Bro. L.

S. Kilpatrick.

There they were met by a local historian, the local schoolmaster who has made a close study not only of the site but also the historical aspect of the battle.

This Lodge makes an annual pilgrimage to some place of Orange interest, and this year it is proposed to visit the tomb of Marshal Schomberg in St.

Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, of whose Chapter Dr. Dewar is a representative Canon for the Diocese of Down.

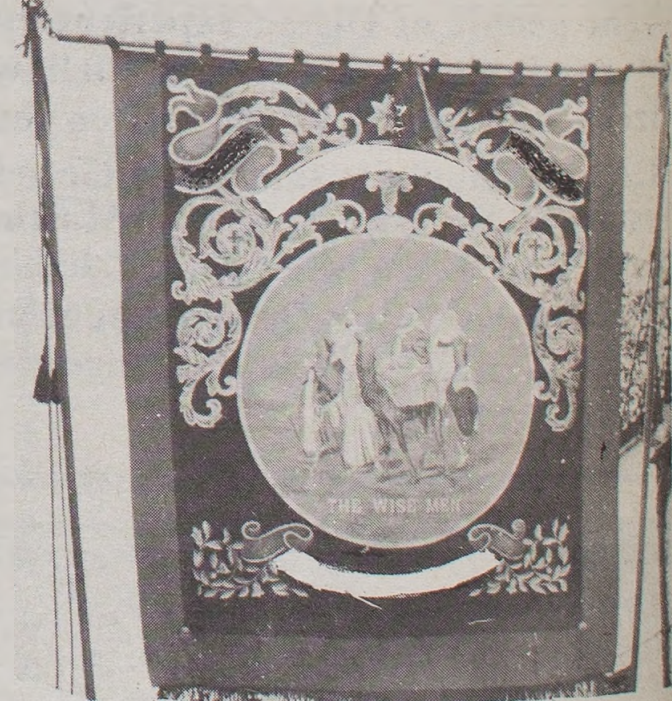
At the open meeting of the Triennial Council of the World held in the House of Orange in July last, Dr. Dewar gave a lecture on the Huguenots which he had been appointed to do by the Loyal Orange Lodge of Research to which he has over the years delivered addresses on the House of Orange (1965), Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland and King of Hanover (1976) and Songs of the Revolution (1984).

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"First and foremost we are a Protestant brotherhood basing our teaching and our conduct on the Scriptures of truth. I recognise that in our ecumenical age this is not acceptable to many. 'All roads lead to God' is a current cry.

"Is it any wonder then when men and nations follow gods of their own devising that the world waxes worse and worse? Terrorism, baby battering, wife and husband abuse, desecration of the Lord's Day, mounting crime rates, growing drug abuse are only symptoms of a world in sin.

"The Reformation truth, rediscovered in the Middle Ages assures us that salvation is found in Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone.

"As an organisation we cease to be Protestant when we deny this. If our members know it not then they fail to reflect our basic truth, and churches moving from it leave the very hinge of truth, the article of a standing or falling Church.

**PATRIOTIC AIRS**

"Secondly we are a Patriotic band. The old tunes and martial airs enshrine musically our heritage. In a world unsympathetic to a Sovereign God who rules in church and state, the old slogan, 'For God and Ulster' is an anachronism.

"But wherever Orange people live they seek to serve their God and express their faith as law abiding citizens. It is for this reason, whether in Africa or America, Toronto or Tobermore, Edinburgh or Enniskillen, London or Londonderry, Orangemen and women have been foremost in their service and sacrifice for their countries.

"The obverse is equally true. They are staunch in their resistance against attacks on their country. This is why they are found faithfully serving in the country's armed and police forces. This is why they oppose diminution of their country's sovereignty.

"Thirdly we are a Political body. Our views have to be expressed democratically in the body politic. We have done this openly and honestly. On occasions some have played what is called 'The Orange Card'. In so far as our views have broadly represented what is best for Ulster people with our heritage of civil and religious liberty they have supported us.



Thousands took part in the rally against the Anglo-Irish Agreement at Ballymena on Saturday, 18th January.

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"They look to us for leadership. We do not condone coat trailing. We at the same time will resist gross betrayal. In this context we will oppose the Balkanization of Ulster by resisting measures which deny free access by law abiding British citizens on our roads and byways. Where an Orange parade may not march could quickly lead to a position where some may not be able to dwell.

**FAILURE TO CONSULT**

"Furthermore, against all our basic instincts and training, since Her Majesty's Govern-

ment has ceased to consult properly with our elected leaders, and equality of citizenship is denied us within the United Kingdom, we must now engage in a campaign of passive and non-violent resistance until full citizenship and democracy is granted us.

"It may be a long haul, but it will be an honourable one. With Daniel of old we are persuaded that our God is able to deliver us. But if that, at this time, is not His Will, we will not surrender our principles of Faith, Nationality and Politics."



Orangemen marching into Ballymena for the rally on 18th January. Pictures courtesy of "Belfast Newsletter".

# Orange Re-action to Anglo-Irish Agreement

## Anglo-Irish Accord Won't Bring Peace to Ulster — G.L.O.I.

Support for the Unionist politicians who are working for the overthrow of the Anglo-Irish Agreement which "was drawn up, signed and sealed without consultation or consent from them" was given in a resolution considered by the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland at its meeting in the House of Orange, Belfast, on December 18.

The resolution, given unanimous approval, stated:

"Committed as ever to maintain Northern Ireland's Constitutional position within the United Kingdom, as of right, we believe that the destiny of the Province must be determined by the will of the majority of our people. We condemn the Government for allowing a foreign power to interfere in the government of this part only of the United Kingdom.

"We condemn those politicians at Westminster whose ignorance of our situation and insensitivity to our suffering is proved by their willingness to have imposed on us an administration which we will never accept and which is alien to our position in the United Kingdom.

"We call on all Orangemen, their families and friends to respond positively to whatever lawful demands are made on them to ensure a maximum refusal of this Agreement which will not bring safety to our citizens or peace and stability to the Province."



## Anglo-Irish Agreement: Message from The Secretary of State

Since my appointment as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, I have been much impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the officials, whether from the NICS or the Home Civil Service, who have maintained the public services in Northern Ireland at such a high standard of efficiency through difficult times. You have a vital and continuing role to play. Some of you may be concerned about changes which may flow from the Anglo-Irish Agreement which has been signed by the Prime Minister and Taoiseach and I want to send you a personal message about its implications.

The Prime Minister and I will shortly be reporting to Parliament, which must approve the provisions of the Agreement before it is brought into effect. I have no doubt that its contents and its significance will be widely discussed in the coming days. It cannot, of itself, solve all our difficult and complex problems. What it can do is to provide a framework for working together; a framework within which, I hope, the two Governments who have signed the agreement, and the two traditions in Northern Ireland, will develop steadily a mutual trust and confidence.

As the Agreement makes clear, there will be no derogation from the United Kingdom's sovereignty. The Government remains fully responsible for the decisions and administration of government in Northern Ireland, with officials' responsibilities unchanged to Ministers who are in turn accountable to Parliament. Detailed guidance about the implementation of the Agreement, and the work of the Intergovernmental Conference and the Secretariat which is to be established to serve it, will be issued to those who will need it.

I know that I can look to all of you, as loyal and professional public servants, to support me in pursuing the wider objectives of the Agreement: not only peace and the defeat of terrorism in Northern Ireland; but also political stability; mutual recognition and respect for each others' rights, traditions and aspirations; freedom from discrimination and intolerance; and widespread participation in the internal structure and processes of Government.

15 NOVEMBER, 1985.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland was represented at a hearing of the Grand Committee of the Northern Ireland Assembly at Stormont by Right Wor. Bro. Canon S. E. Long, LTh., J.P., and Right Wor. Bro. George Morrison, County Grand Master of Antrim. They testified to the attitude of Grand Lodge to the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

We append their submission and the Grand Lodge Statement published after the December meeting of Grand Lodge as they were presented to the Assembly Committee.

## The Orange Institution Has Two Stances

The first is for the Christian Faith as believed and taught by the Protestant Reformers, with the Holy Bible as its rule of faith and conduct. There is the recognition of "the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation".

The philosophy of belief and practice enshrined in "The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion," and "The Westminster Confession of Faith," requires us to declare our allegiance to Jesus Christ; our devotion to the Church, Protestant and Reformed; and our commitment to stand fast for, and to publish abroad, the truths of the Gospel.

We are constrained to withstand those who deny the supremacy of Christ in Christianity by their superstitions and idolatries. Our refusal of the claims and pretensions of the Church of Rome is scripturally and experientially based.

Roman Catholicism teaches much that is at variance with

Scripture; and we have evidence of its effects on the lives of people to ensnare and enslave them. Its baneful influence is religious and political, for the Roman system, in strength, is no respecter of the rights of the individual to think and act in religion and morals as conscience dictates.

The Protestant judgment on Roman Catholicism is well founded. The intolerance and interference of the Church of Rome in the affairs especially of Southern Ireland are such that we have a duty to ensure that civil and religious liberty is secured in Northern Ireland against its power to control societies and belittle people.

The Institution with its membership drawn from the several Protestant churches has long been a bulwark against error and false doctrine, that of Rome and of others. The distrust of Romanism has always affected our thinking as Orangemen and Ulstermen.

## The Second is For The Union With Great Britain

We have shown the quality of our allegiance to the British Throne in sacrificial ways. Many of our members have died for the United Kingdom in wars, and violent situations like the present Troubles, so that our loyalty has never been questioned by fair minded people.

We are British by choice because we believe that in spite of the recent betrayal of the Province by Her Majesty's Government and Parliament, our destiny can only be secured properly and happily in a society where Romanism does not predominate and the citizen is assured of the rights and liberties which belong to his humanity. And because by our origins we are mostly of Scottish and English stock.

The Republic of Ireland has a history, culture and religion very different from ours.

The Institution is committed to the maintenance and strengthening of the Union. It is our constant and continuing aspiration.

The civil and religious liberty we want to maintain is not for "ourselves alone." It is for all citizens to enjoy the freedoms which our humanity demands. To stand for our principles is not to deny to others the same privilege.

We want "Equal opportunities for all; special privileges for none." The fact that our people are being treated undemocratically in the Anglo-Irish Agreement demands that we fight rationally and determinedly to have it withdrawn.

We, the members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, declare our support for the Unionist political leaders who are working for the overthrow of the Anglo-Irish Agreement which was drawn up, signed and sealed without consultation or consent from them.

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The strength of feeling among the pro-Union Citizens of Northern Ireland is such that only those whose knowledge of the Province has been obtained from some media people and republican propaganda have been surprised. The belief in the value and importance of the Union is so deep seated among most Ulstermen that it is the one matter of political importance to them. It is pivotal to their thinking, for they believe that religiously as well as politically and economically, the future for them is only to be

secured in the United Kingdom.

The Republic of Ireland with its dominance by the Roman Catholic Church and the resultant lack of liberty in matters of faith and morals has nothing to offer Ulster Protestants who have seen their numbers there declining from twenty per cent, when the state severed its connection with the United Kingdom, to less than four per cent now. It has no more attraction for those Northern Roman Catholics who are convinced that Ulster in the British economy is a much more desirable place in which to live. No other government of the Republic whatever its political philosophy would be any more acceptable. The Unionists will not go into a United Ireland whatever accommodation is made for them.

The Institution's refusal of a Unilateral Declaration of Independence is demonstrated by the fact that the option has never been down for consideration on any agenda.

The Government Committee of the Presbyterian Church produced a second statement on the Anglo-Irish Agreement, 9 January, in which it repeated its condemnation of an arrangement which allows a foreign government to have a say in the administration of a part of the United Kingdom.

It added the plea that every effort be made by the Unionists to help produce a form of government acceptable to all the people of the Province. Their plea for progress in that regard in train with opposition to what is most undesirable is one likely to be agreeable to many people. It is not enough to condemn the unacceptable agreement unless there is the promise of something much better being produced.

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# STANDARD BEARER



## Sinn Fein Banned From Eire Airwaves

During mid-January I was listening to a news broadcast from Telefís Eireann dealing with the political parties which were just then issuing their individual Election manifestos. First the announcer gave details of what one of the main Constitutional parties would be saying to the electorate. Then the announcer stated that on that day Sinn Fein had also issued their manifesto but because of a restriction imposed by the Dublin Government on any statements from Sinn Fein as a political party they were, as State organisation involved in

the media, precluded from giving any details other than the fact that Sinn Fein had put out their manifesto. It has long been a particular ground of complaint by certain branches of the media with a left wing bias and organisations whose interests are in line to those of Sinn Fein and the terrorist bodies for whom they would speak that Section 31 of the Eire Broadcasting Act should be repealed. To its credit the Dublin Government over the years has steadfastly refused to bow to this clamour. But B.B.C. programmes can be received throughout the Republic.

## Nicholas Scott's Tommy Rot!

If Minister of State Nicholas Scott were a schoolboy he could be excused for thinking that his comments on Ulster politics would entitle him to be placed head of the class. In mid-January Mr. Scott made this earth-shaking pronouncement: "There is no future for the people of Northern Ireland in turning the Province into a 'never never land'." Who had Mr. Scott in mind? Why did he not name the "culprits"? Is he not guilty of making one of the most reprehensible accusations of his political career? To do so suggests chicanery of the most lamentable kind. It has been the fact that since the State of Northern Ireland was created six decades ago that it has been its entrenched Britishness that has held together the unity of the

United Kingdom. Mr. Scott seems oblivious of the "entrenched positions" which he assailed to his wide-ranging effusion. In the course of this statement Mr. Scott proceeded to claim it was the "overwhelming view of the two sovereign Governments in these islands that the Anglo-Irish Agreement provides the best framework within which real advances can be made in helping the various political elements to work together". The Agreement has become the essential godword of the Northern Ireland Office, buttressed by the opinions of a few leading churchmen. A little more emphasis on the recognition of law and order would be more in line with Unionist thinking.

## "North" or "Northern Ireland"?

Have you noticed the reluctance of a number of spokesmen for SDLP and others who continually refuse to give Northern Ireland its correct title. In the Election broadcasts and other statements from these non-Loyalist sources the term "North of Ireland" is used instead of "Northern Ireland", a name enshrined in parliamentary records and in Statute law. Fortunately we hear less today of that in unapprobious designation "Six-County Area". It seems to have fallen somewhat into relative disuse. Strange that these who come on tap to pour out their venom against all things British and Ulster have no inhibitions to refer to, say, the

BBC which one does not need to explain, are the initials for British Broadcasting Corporation. If those who deign to demonstrate their antipathy to the use of the designation "Northern Ireland" were sufficiently honest they ought to refrain from using a British microphone and accepting, one presumes, British payment for their contributions to political debate. One would ask: do the Sinn Fein leaders accept payment for their propaganda exercises in the realm of political debate? Certainly no cash flows from Radio Eireann or its television counterparts in Dublin to such organisations in their area.

## How Different It Is In Ulster!

All this is in striking contradiction to the facility with which Sinn Fein is permitted to use the BBC and UTV for the personal appearances and other announcements as to its aims and views. This can include such disgraceful appearances as those which justify their aneamed ambition to get Britain — "the forces of occupation" — to withdraw. How often have we seen accredited spokesmen of the Sinn Fein come to the microphone to argue why Britain should get out of Ireland and to justify the plausible and dastardly campaign in which the IRA and UDA are engaged. Such mouthpieces of Sinn Fein always take pains to make clear that they

"do not speak for the IRA". Stuff and nonsense. All are part of an amorphous gang whose sole purpose in life is to right the "ancient wrongs" and bring all-Ireland under the heel of a republican-Marxist regime which would plunge this land into a slough of misery which it has seldom if ever experienced in its long and turbulent history. It is not generally appreciated or realised that the past 18 years of civil war waged against the Loyalist population in Northern Ireland has saved the Irish Republic from a convulsion which might well have ended in complete disaster for the 26-County area. This is a point which needs to be stressed at every opportunity.

## But Ulster Will Say "NO"

Mr. Scott is of the opinion that Unionists cannot go on "simply saying 'No'. They must in their own interests and for the sake of the whole Province say 'Yes' to something which will work positively towards achieving reconciliation and stability between all those who believe in the path of peace and reconciliation". Words, words, words, and no positive action by the British Government to end the trauma which Northern Ireland Loyalists have endured with patience, courage, and forgiveness for the last 16 years. From his eyrie inside the barbed wire-secured Stormont Castle, Mr. Scott cannot realise the depth of feeling among the Unionist people of the Province following

the gross insult that Mrs. Thatcher perpetrated on them in her alliance with Garrett Fitzgerald in the proclamation of the Hillsborough Agreement, a document which in its title vilifies the fair name of one of the most beautiful villages in Ireland. Mr. Scott will one day resign his seal of office as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, realising that despite his overtures to Unionists and Nationalists he has failed, as his predecessors equally and miserably did not succeed. All efforts to bring peace to this beleaguered Province will end in equal disappointment until the scourge of murder and destruction as we have experienced it over two and a half decades is lifted from our brows.

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# Outstanding Success For Warren House

The annual meeting of the McCrea Memorial Trust was held in Warren House, Donaghadee on Saturday, 15th January. A large number of brethren representing the Junior Orange Association in all parts of the Province attended to hear of the progress of the Trust during 1985. Invitations were extended to the District Masters of the four local North Down Senior District Lodges but they were unable to attend. The chairman, Wor. Bro. Thomas Haire, in his report stated there had been greater use of Warren House by Junior District and Private Lodges during the past year and the occupancy rate had gone up considerably. He also said the property maintenance programme had continued in 1985 and whilst outside contractors had been employed on a few occasions it was the voluntary work of the brethren on the Committee which had made a valuable contribution to the maintenance programme. Bro. Haire reported that the Trust has received an extension to the Government A.C.E. scheme to take the contract through to April 1986. The employment of an Ace Worker enabled the gardens at Warren House to be improved and necessary repairs to the perimeter fences to be completed. He also said he was indebted to Mrs. Jean McClurg

and Bro. Robert McClurg, not only for their work, on a voluntary basis, at the weekends when Junior boys are in residence but for their great help during the year in connection with the A.C.E. Scheme. The treasurer, Wor. Bro. Hugh Conn, Castlerock, in his financial report for 1985 said he was pleased to advise that there had been an increase in

the income which for the first time since the extension to the original building had been completed had resulted in the Trust being completely free from debt. He also reported that the financial budget for 1986 had made provision for improvements to the fire and safety equipment to meet the additional requirements of the

recent legislation. The Junior Grand Master of the Junior Grand Lodge of Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. John McCrea, J.P., conducted the election of officers and in accordance with the Rules of the Trust only one Officer retires every four years which this year was the Chairman. It was the unanimous choice of the brethren that Wor. Bro.

Tom Haire be re-elected for a further term of four years. The Grand Master said that this made his job very easy and he congratulated Bro. Haire and his other officers on the manner in which they had carried out their duties during the past year. He reminded the brethren that they had an important task in the Junior Order and whilst

all reports for 1985 had been excellent, including the financial report, there was no room for complacency and the hard work must continue. His final request to the brethren was that they should seek to increase the annual income of the Trust so that they could do even more for the good and welfare of the Junior Orange-men of the Province.



The Chairman, McCrea Memorial Trust, Thomas R. Haire, (fifth from right), with his Officers, Trustees and Committee at the A.G.M. in Donaghadee.

# Letters to the Editor

Sir,

Some of our church leaders are very naive if they imagine that opposition to the Anglo-Irish Agreement could be overcome, if Unionist representatives were to be given a direct input into the Inter-governmental Conference.

They have rightly voiced the fears and frustrations of the majority community, especially as decisions on the future of the Province were taken behind their backs. But Unionist anger can and will not be placated simply by attempting to make a few minor concessions to Unionist opinion.

Some of our liberal-minded churchmen must be made to realise the depth of feeling and resentment caused by this deceitful document. Everyone knows that it is a complete sham, and provides substantial gains for the minority and very few, if any, for the majority community.

The principle of giving a foreign power a 'substantive' role in the government of this Province is anathema to every right-thinking Unionist voter. In no way can this Accord be acceptable to Unionists, for it contains within it the mechanism for the eventual trundling of the six counties of Northern Ireland into a 32-County Republic. Therefore, in their candid opinion, the Agreement must be scrapped altogether and they will use every constitutional device open to them to achieve this goal.

A number of our leading churchmen also seem to be advocating some sort of power-sharing arrangement for administering the Province's affairs. But surely they must realise that for John Hume and his party, this is now not on, except within

the parameters of the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

It's my honest opinion that the S.D.L.P. do not really want a devolved government here, for that party, as the constitutional representatives of the minority, has now got major input into the Inter-governmental Conference.

Why should the SDLP want to share power with Unionists or anyone in fact, in a Northern Ireland Assembly, where its powers are limited, when it can have direct access to the Conference and can, therefore, influence decisions taken there on such important matters as security, prisons, courts system, electoral law, etc., all of which a devolved administration has no authority to discuss?

I greatly admire the stand taken by both the Presbyterian Moderator and the Methodist President on the Anglo-Irish Treaty. Would that the leader of my own church and his fellow Bishops in the Province, where, incidentally the vast majority of the Protestant population live, were as positive in their opposition to it?

It would be so very encouraging if more of our church leaders were to come out strongly and condemn successive British Governments for their gross ineptness in dealing with Republican terrorism.

The fact that the present government has had to call for the assistance of a hostile Irish government to help to "restore order and stability" here is surely a very frank admission of its failure to do just that over the past sixteen years.

Cllr. Wilfred Breen (OUP),  
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## Call to "Use Your Pen!"

Sir. — One of the great dangers of the present political debacle following the ratification of the Anglo-Irish Agreement, is our habit of talking amongst ourselves about the obvious flaws and contradictions in this so-called Agreement.

What we should be doing, is writing to those who take political decisions on our behalf, telling them of our true individual feelings, not waiting for someone else to do it for us.

Two hundred thousand of us attended the Rally, how many have taken the time and trouble to put pen to paper to the Prime Minister and/or the Secretary of State telling them they have been misled by their Advisers on many points and letting them know that we do support our elected representatives?

Remember "the pen is mightier than the sword"!

Do we have the dedication to use the pen?

Yours fraternally,  
S. W. Lindsay,  
47 Kensington Road,  
Belfast.

# Co. Leitrim G.O.L. Elects Officers

The half-yearly meeting of the Co. Grand Orange Lodge of Leitrim was held in Killegar Old Schoolhouse, the Co. Grand Master, R.W. Bro. George W. Browne, presiding, assisted by W. Bro. Charles Johnston, D.C.G.M. in the vice-chair.

The opening prayer and a portion of Holy Scripture were in charge of the chaplain, W. Bro. Robert Gilpin, following which Bro. Browne welcomed all the brethren, especially those from Co. Cavan.

A vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Bro. F. Stoddart, former Co. Grand Treasurer.

Apologies were received on behalf of W. Bro. W. C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P., W. Bro. John F. Roberts, D.C.G.M., Cavan, and Bro. Thomas Mayne, District Master of Belturbet District L.O.L. No. 3.

The election of officers was conducted by W. Bro. W. G. Foy, Co. Grand Master of Cavan, assisted by Bro. W.

Roberts, Stonepark L.O.L., Co. Cavan.

Co. Grand Master, W. Bro. George W. Browne; deputy Co. Grand Master, Bro. Charles Johnston; Chaplain, Bro. Robert Gilpin; Secretary, Bro. William Mitchell; Treasurer, Bro. Thomas R. Abbott; Tyler, Bro. George Magee.

R.W. Bro. Foy conveyed good wishes to the newly elected officers and brethren of Co. Leitrim.

It was reported that the Co. Grand Lodge had raised a substantial amount of money for the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Society.

Following the meeting of Grand Lodge a meeting of the Royal Arch Purple Chapter was held and the following were returned to hold office: C.G.M., Bro. George W. Browne; D.C.G.M., Bro. C. Johnston; C.G. Chaplain, Bro.

Robert Gilpin; C.G. Registrar, Bro. W. Mitchell; C.G. Treasurer, Bro. T. R. Abbott; D.C.G.T., Bro. Robert Ruske; C.G. Tyler, Bro. George Magee.

After the business had been transacted all present were entertained to a splendid supper by the local ladies who were thanked by Bro. William Roberts.

The Co. Grand Master,

Bro. Browne, was presented with a beautiful inscribed Bible by Bro. Mitchell on behalf of Killegar L.O.L. 404 to mark the occasion of his recent marriage.

Mrs. Robert Gilpin presented Mrs. Browne with a bouquet of flowers. Both thanked the brethren for their kind thoughts.

After an evening of happy and pleasant conversation in this outpost of Irish Orangeism the brethren and ladies left for their respective homes, concluding another memorable night in the history of Co. Leitrim Orangeism.

## Reformation Sunday in Lurgan

The annual Reformation Sunday commemoration parade and Divine Service was held by Lurgan District L.O.L. No. 6 on Sunday 27th October.

Brethren assembled at Brownlow House Orange Hall for the parade to Hill Street Presbyterian Church. Sisters of Lurgan District Association of Loyal Orangewomen were very well represented at the front of the procession.

The new world champions in Flute Band circles, Corcrair Flute, Portadown, led the parade, and they were ably supported by Bleary Accordion Band. The latter is a recently formed band in the Lurgan District and has close ties with Bleary Crimmon Star L.O.L. 12.

Divine Service was conducted by Bro. Rev. David Latimer, D.C., G.C., Co. Down, who preached on the subject of Heaven and in particular on the Reality; the Residents and the Rejects of Heaven. Contrary to present day doubts on Biblical inerrancy he expressed his belief that the Bible does teach the reality of Heaven, residents of which include Bishops Latimer and Ridley — burned at the

stake on 16th October 1555 Oxford, England — Martin Luther, John Wycliffe, etc., Hell is also a reality and those rejected in Heaven will spend eternity there.

Lively singing was a mark of the Service, the hymns chosen being of particular significance: "Following Jesus ever day by day", "O Happy day", "Loved with everlasting love".

Hill Street Presbyterian Church choir were commended for their full attendance at the Service and for their rendering of the anthem. Thanks is also due to the Kirk Session for having the Church so well prepared and heated.

The offering was donated to Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orange Orphan Society.

An excellent Autumn-type afternoon continued until the sisters and brethren returned to Brownlow House Orange Hall where the proceedings were brought to a close by W. Bro. N. R. S. Hood, C.G.M., and by the singing of the National Anthem.

The Reformers had once again been remembered in Lurgan.

## Orangeism Expands in Ballynafeigh

At the annual election of officers at Ballynafeigh District L.O.L. No. 10, which takes in the Ormeau, Stranmillis and Newtownbreda areas of South Belfast, the District Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. Caldwell, informed the brethren that the District

membership had increased by 47 during 1985.

This renewed interest seems to be continuing as Lodges 454, 837, 978 and 1018 have all had new candidates initiated in the past few months.

## The Meaning of Democracy

Presiding over the election of officers at the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland in the House of Orange in December, M.W. Bro. Sir George Clark, D.L., stated that a very heavy load of responsibility is laid on the shoulders of those in the Assembly and in Parliament in trying to restore the true meaning of the word "democracy."

Democracy, he told the meeting, is the rule of the elected majority not the contrived rule of the minority.

The elections, included: Grand Master M.W. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., M.P.A.; Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P.; Grand Treasurer, M.W. Bro. Lieut-Col. G. E. Liddle, C.B.E., D.L.,

J.P. Assistant deputy Grand Secretary W. Bro. Dr. William Brownlee.

Elected as Deputy Grand Masters of Ireland were Co. Down, W. B. Hugh Russell; Co. Antrim, W. Bro. John Curry; Co. Monaghan, W. Bro. William Dixon; Belfast, W. Bro. Thomas Doyle; Co. Tyrone, W. Bro. Wm. D. Hughes; Londonderry, R.W. Bro. Robert Fleming; Co. Londonderry, W. Bro. Walter Greer; Co. Leitrim, R.W. Bro. George W. Browne.

W. Bro. John Morrison, M.A., was elected as assistant Librarian.

## Ligoniel True Blues Installation

Ligoniel True Blues L.O.L. 1932 held their annual Installation meeting on Friday, 17th January, at Ligoniel Orange Hall, Crumlin Road, Belfast.

Officers installed or remaining in office under their former obligations were: W.M., John Singh; D.M., Joe Mills; Chaplain, William Cunningham P.M.; Secretary, Greg Hopkins.

Committee: William Moody, David Nicholl, Robert Crawford, John Smith, David Reid, Tyler, Robert Gray; Lecturers, George and William Moody, Superintendent of Junior L.O.L. Harry Swindell (Sen.), P.M.

The installation was ably carried out by the officers of No. 1 District, Belfast, and after the meeting the members, guests and visiting brethren, including representatives from the neighbouring Ballysillan L.O.L. 1891, were entertained to supper served by the ladies committee.

## Ligoniel Rejects "Accord"

Ligoniel True Blues L.O.L. No. 1932 have placed on record their "complete and utter rejection" of the Anglo-Irish sellout.

They wish to publicly congratulate the leadership of the Official and Democratic Unionist Parties, along with the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, for the leadership given to the Loyalist people at a critical time in Ulster's history.

In addition they reiterate their call for the resignation or dismissal of the Chief Constable, Sir Jack Hermon, "for his continued ineptitude."

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# Princess Michael and the Papacy...

In one of his stranger pronouncements the Pope is reported to have said last week that he is "very fond" of members of the British Royal Family. If this is so, it is a tribute to the extent of his charity, for what have they done lately to merit his affection?

Earlier this year there was the fiasco of the Royal Mass that never was. Prince Charles, in a burst of ecumenical enthusiasm, asked if he and the Princess of Wales could attend Mass with the Pope in his private chapel at the Vatican. The Pope promptly agreed, only to be told later that the request was withdrawn. The Queen, annoyed that she had not been consulted and sensitive to public opinion, had vetoed the plan. The Pope, whose role throughout had been passive and accommodating, suddenly appeared once more in his traditional role as a threat to Protestant supremacy in these islands.

Next on the scene this year has been Princess Michael of Kent. The story of her relations with the Vatican is a long and troubled one. She was born and brought up a Roman Catholic. But she has not behaved at all times as her Church might have wished.

For a start, she married an Anglican, Thomas Troubridge, in 1971. The wedding took place in an Anglican church — Chelsea Old Church, to be exact — according to the rites of the Church of England. When, in 1977, she obtained a divorce, she also obtained an annulment from the Roman Catholic Church. This was because she and her first husband were childless. But Pope Paul VI nevertheless refused to let her marry Prince Michael in a Roman Catholic church.

The reason for the Pope's durability was the Prince's insistence that any children they might have should be brought up as Anglicans. Prince Michael was prepared to renounce for himself any hope of succession to the

throne, but not for his children.

That might not have mattered, given that nowadays Roman Catholic partners in mixed marriages are required only to use their "best endeavours" to educate their children in their own religion, but Princess Michael appeared reluctant to promise even that much. She was, at any rate, reported as saying that "it doesn't matter which club you belong to." Whether or not the Pope read that report, he would not allow her a church wedding. The couple therefore had to make do with a civil wedding in Vienna Town Hall in 1978. The next day they attended Mass in a Benedictine monastery.

Why Vienna? Well, it was an attempt to respect the proprieties. While the Roman Catholic Church had annulled her marriage to Thomas Troubridge, the Anglican Church had not. It regarded them as still married. A royal marriage unrecognised by either Church — particularly by the Church of which the Queen is head — could only decently be celebrated abroad, as it was (in rather different circumstances) in the case of King Edward VIII and Mrs. Simpson.

Despite all this, Princess Michael continued to insist on her Roman Catholicism. There is an element of heroism in this. Members of the Royal Family into which she had married had pressed her to join the Church of England. It would certainly have made things much easier. Nevertheless, she persisted in regarding herself as a Roman Catholic and pursued her goal of getting her marriage to Prince Michael solemnised by the Roman Catholic Church.

Two years ago she obtained what she wanted. With the agreement of Pope John Paul II she and Prince Michael were married in Cardinal Basil Hume's private chapel at Westminster.

What had made the Vatican

change its mind? Her two children by Prince Michael were indeed being brought up as Anglicans as promised, but only up to a point. Little Frederick and little Gabriella were given a Catholic nanny. They were also taught Catholic prayers by their mother and taken by her — often with her husband in attendance — to Catholic Mass.

The British popular Press started accusing Princess Michael of turning her children into Catholics. Whether it was that, or whether it was the Vatican's reasonable judgment that she could not be held responsible for the "discriminating law" of the British Royal Family which insists that only Anglicans can accede to the throne, she was duly forgiven by Rome.

But no sooner had she been accorded her Roman Catholic wedding than she set her sights on an audience with the Pope. The Pope initially refused. On the face of it, this seems surprising. The Pope will receive practically anybody in audience, even Yasser Arafat. But it was decided by the Vatican that an audience at that time would be "premature."

If the Vatican's rejection of Princess Michael was surprising, so perhaps was her determination to obtain the audience. She was, so a friend says, in a "fever" about it. She was bitter then — and has been even more bitter since — about her treatment at the hands of the Royal Family. Perhaps she was eager for a sign of public approval by somebody, in particular by a person whom she described last week as "the most remarkable man in the world today."

A new application for an audience was made only a few weeks ago and was duly granted. To the Pope, who spends much of his time receiving dignitaries of one sort or another, it cannot have seemed like an event of great importance. But to Princess Michael it was momentous. From the point of view of the

The following article by Alexander Chancellor appeared in the "Sunday Telegraph" during December, 1985:

Vatican, and of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in England, it was a pity that she could not keep her excitement to herself.

The news of the impending audience broke in the *Daily Mail* the week before last. The author of the story was Nigel Dempster, that newspaper's gossip columnist, who recently has assumed the role of Princess Michael's unofficial public relations officer, devoting much space in his column to denials of gossip about her in other newspapers.

As a result of the publicity she was accompanied to Rome not only by her husband and a Scotland Yard security man, but by a host of Fleet Street reporters who have little respect for the Vatican's sense of decorum. There has been considerable irritation about this in official Catholic circles. It had been suggested that Princess Michael suffers from an inability to keep her mouth shut. It has even been suggested that she and Prince Michael are less than sophisticated in their understanding of the subtleties of religious diplomacy.

Be that as it may, she obtained her audience and — to some people's surprise — a Mass as well. Prince Michael was present in the chapel which Prince Charles was forbidden by his mother to attend. It has all been something of a triumph for the princess. After eight years of trying, she has got what she wanted.

The Pope, too, may be secretly gratified at being courted so persistently by British royalty, even if the courtship has been conducted without the sort of finesse one traditionally associates with either the Vatican or Buckingham Palace. With two sensational books about her due to be published before Christmas, one can only hope for Princess Michael that the Papal blessing will have had a soothing effect. For where can she go from here?

## Degree Conferred at Brownlow House

A recent meeting of Red Cross Volunteers R.B.P. 286, encamped at Glenavy, was held in the H.A. Cushnie Room, Brownlow House, Lurgan.

The W.M. Sir Knight Mervyn Bolton presided, assisted by the D.M. Sir Knight Adrian Bell. Sir Knight Roy Farrell, Chaplain, read the opening Prayer and Scripture.

Sir Knight Bolton then welcomed a number of visitors to the meeting, and invited the Imperial Grand Lecturer, Rt. W. Sir Knight Thomas Malcolm, and Sir Knight Thomas Matier, Deputy County Grand Lecturer of Antrim, to take their places alongside him.

The general business having been completed, the meeting continued with the conferring of a Red Cross Degree on Sir Knight Mervyn Wilson. The Lecturers were: Sir Knight George E. Ingram, P.M., P.D.M., and Sir Knight Dermot Somerset, P.M.; Sir Knight John A. Christie, P.M. was Chaplain.

The W.M. thanked the lecturing team for their excellent efforts, and congratulated Sir

Knight Mervyn Wilson on having received the Degree.

Sir Knight Mervyn Bolton presented on behalf of the Preceptory an embroidered runner for use in the H.A. Cushnie Room. The presentation was accepted on behalf of the Imperial Grand Black Chapter, by the Imperial Grand Lecturer, Sir Knight Thomas Malcolm, who thanked the Preceptory for their gift, and spoke of the outstanding service given by the former Grand Registrar, Sir Knight H.A. Cushnie, over a period of forty years.

Sir Knight Adrian Bell thanked Sir Knight Bolton, for his excellent conduct of the meeting, and a number of the visiting Sir Knights also spoke, thanking the Preceptory for a most enjoyable evening. These included Sir Knight Stephen Henry, R.B.P. 274, Sir Knight Thomas Steele, P.D.M., R.P.B. 287, and Sir Knight Desmond Reid, R.B.P. 289.

All present were entertained to supper, and a very enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.



### Can You Identify This Man?

Bro. Greg Hopkins, 7 Grange Valley, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim, writes to state that the photograph above has been in his family's possession for as long as he can recall.

It shows a person in military uniform standing beside a banner with the title "3rd Ulster A.A. L.O.L. Rising Sons of Egypt".

Recalling that he had an uncle

who served in North Africa during World War II, Bro. Hopkins assumes that the person in the photograph was a comrade of his, and any assistance in identifying the person and the story associated with this makeshift banner in North Africa would be much appreciated.

Any replies should be forwarded to Bro. Hopkins at the address printed above.

## Junior Orangeism Flourishes in County Tyrone

The annual election and installation of officers of Tyrone Junior County Lodge held in Killyman Orange

The Worthy Master, Bro. J. J. Hunter, welcomed the visiting officers and called on John McCrea, Junior Grand Master, to preside and conduct the election ceremony. Bro. Kenneth Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, occupied the Vice-Chair and Bro. Thomas Haire, Grand Secretary, was recorder.

The election resulted: Worthy Master - J. J. Hunter; Deputy Master - Bro. J. Mulligan; Secretary - W. Breen; Chaplain - Rev. J. J. Wilson; Deputy Chaplain - R. Corbett; Recorder - S. Douglas; Lec-

turer - R. Mulligan; Steward - R. J. Archer; Inner Guard - T. Fleming.

Committee: K. Grimes, J. Cowan, J. Watt, D. Robinson and C. Buchanan. Grand Lodge Committee delegates: S. Douglas and R. Mulligan.

The officers were installed immediately afterwards by the Junior Grand Master.

The Worthy County Master thanked the visiting brethren for so efficiently carrying out their respective duties.

The Deputy County Master, Bro. J. Mulligan endorsed the sentiments expressed by the County Master adding a word of congratulations to Bro. McCrea on being recently appointed a Justice of the Peace. The Junior Grand Master

said he was very glad to be back in Co. Tyrone and thanked the brethren present for their congratulations and good wishes on the recent honour bestowed on him.

It was his dearest wish he said to see the revival of Junior Orangeism. He hoped that Lodges with dormant warrants would start up again as young men of the right calibre were needed as never before in a Province that was passing through such very dark days.

He felt sure that Junior brethren would never forget the Scriptural truths they had learned in their lodges and would always practise the Christian teaching they had received in their everyday living.

The days ahead were very uncertain, he continued, and their Protestant faith would be greatly tested. Although their Protestant heritage was at stake, he knew he could rely on the men who came up through the ranks of the Junior Order to maintain the principles of Protestantism, for they knew that they had right on their side.

He concluded by wishing the new officers every success in the year ahead.

Bro. Ken Wilson, Deputy Grand Master, said he was glad to come to Tyrone once again and to assist for the first time in the election and installation of the officers of the County Lodge.

He wholeheartedly endorsed everything the Grand Master

had said and wished the officers God's richest blessing. He hoped all the Lodges would support the "Orange Standard" paper and pass on reports of happenings to their Press Officer, Bro. W. Breen, for publication. He asked the brethren to supply him with any ideas they might have for improving this paper.

Bro. Tom Haire, Junior Grand Secretary, said he too was delighted to be back again among the brethren of Tyrone, congratulating the County Lodge on its very active participation in all the competitive events organised by the Junior Grand Lodge, and hoped the other County Lodges would follow Tyrone's example.

He too, wished the newly

installed officers a good year in 1986.

The County Secretary, Bro. W. Breen reported a very successful year in the various competitions. Tyrone had won both the Senior and Junior Scripture competitions, the General Knowledge competition, the Junior 7-a-side Soccer competition and were runners up in the Lecture and 7-a-side Senior Soccer competitions.

The Treasurer Bro. S. Douglas reported that the Lodge was in a very healthy financial state.

The County Master thanked all the brethren for their continued support and the Deputy Master concurred. The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

## Closing of the Gates of Derry Anniversary

The Rev. Ian Paisley, M.P., M.E.P., M.P.A., with members of the Apprentice Boys of Derry, Belfast, at the parade to Martyrs Memorial Free Presbyterian Church, Belfast, to mark the anniversary of the Closing of the Gates of Derry, on Sunday, December 7.



# Larne Venue For Massive Demonstration

The annual Easter Tuesday demonstration of the Belfast Junior Orange County Lodge will be held in Larne on Easter Tuesday, 1st April 1986.

The decision taken at the November meeting of the County Lodge, was one of the closest for some years - just by one vote. Two invitations were received for the County Lodge to hold their demonstration in Bangor and Larne.

The annual meeting of the County Lodge usually attracts a large attendance of District Officers and this year was no exception. One vote separated the two venues and the Officers of Larne Junior District No. 1 were very pleased with the result of the vote.

The Larne brethren now look forward to the "Big Day" when some 25,000 people will converge on Larne for the traditional Easter Tuesday Rally. The main Belfast Districts will be joined by the Carrickfergus District and a large number of Lodges from the Lisburn, Crumlin, Antrim and Ballymena areas. It is also expected that several Lodges from Limavady District No. 1 will travel to Larne.

The Belfast parade will be headed by West Belfast Junior

District No. 1 who will leave Shankill Road at 9 a.m. and they will be followed by Sandy Row District No. 2 who will leave approximately fifteen minutes later. The two other Belfast Districts will follow about an hour later, with Ballymacarrett District No. 3 leaving Templemore Avenue and Clifton Street District No. 4 leaving from Carlisle Circus.

The main parade in Larne is

expected to move off at 11.00 a.m. for the Sandy Bay demonstration field. Prior to the main parade the six Larne Junior Lodges will parade the town and proceed to the War Memorial where the District Master of the Junior District Lodge, accompanied by the County Master of the Belfast Junior County, will lay a wreath.

The Larne brethren are looking forward to a very successful

demonstration. Although Easter is early this year they expect record turnouts. The District officers have extended invitations to the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, A., B.D., M.P. and the Grand Master of the Junior Grand Lodge, M.W. Bro. John McCrea, J.P. to attend.

The County Grand Lodge of Glasgow are expected to be represented by two of the Officers of their Juvenile Committee and it is reported that at least one Junior Lodge from Glasgow intends to travel to Larne.

## 50 Year Medals Presented

The Wilson Memorial LOL 1881 had its annual dinner in the Drumkeen Hotel on 8th January. The chairman was W. Bro. Vance Rodgers, W.M. The guest speakers were Right Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, Grand Secretary, and Mr. Robert McCartney, Q.C. They responded to the Toasts "The Loyal Orange Institution", pro-

posed by W. Bro. James Moreland, P.M., and "The Prosperity of Northern Ireland", proposed by W. Bro. George Power, M.A., P.M., respectively.

The lodge secretary, W. Bro. John Black, P.M., received from the W.M. gifts from his brethren to mark their appreciation of twenty years selfless service in the office. Among them was a fifty year jewel, for

Bro. Black has been an Orangeman for fifty-five years.

Grand Lodge officers who spoke in response to the Toast of "Our Visitors" proposed by W. Bro. F. H. McNair, J.P., P.M., were Right Wor. Bro. John McCrea, J.P., County Grand Master of Belfast, and Right Wor. Bro. Canon S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P., Imperial Chaplain.

Dr. Kanes Crimson Star L.O.L. 417, Worshipful District Master Bro. J. Brownlee with some of the 15 members of L.O.L. 417 Portadown who were presented with Service Medals on Friday 3-1-86. Other members of the Lodge also in the picture. The total years service of those who got medals was 544 years: Bro. M. Hillen, 44 years service; Bro. J. Tedford, 36; Bro. D. Tedford, 31; Bro. R. Tedford, 36; Bro. R. Timmins, 36; Bro. E. Burke, 29; Bro. R. Hamilton, 27; Bro. M. Cassels, 31; Bro. J. Watson (Sen.), 29; Bro. W. E. McCann, 30; Bro. J. Quinn, 33; Bro. C. Graham, 37; Bro. T. Wright, 28; Bro. W. Laverty, 30; Bro. E. Hayes, 37.

A 50 Year Service Medal was also presented to the family of the late Bro. Wm. Quinn who died early last year and was due to receive his medal on this night.



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**Pen Pals**

Miss Sandra Crone, Feltwell Road, Anfield Liverpool, L4 2TE, Merseyside, writes seeking pen pals. She is aged 16 years and member of the Orange Institution of England L.O.L. No. 79.

We quote from her letter: am interested in having pen pals from the Institution of Ireland in Ulster between the ages 16-18 years.

"My hobbies and interests are the collection of memorabilia of William III, Prince of Orange — i.e., plaques, framed pictures, postcards, etc. would be grateful if you could help me to fulfil my wishes."

This is the first pen pal letter that the "Standard" has received in its 13 years history and we trust that Sandra will have many replies from Orange juniors. Perhaps some of the adult brethren, past the pen pals stage!, could supply some of the material that Sandra is seeking.