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## ORANGE

# Unionist Vote Shows Ulster Stays British

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Ulster's pro-British Loyalists have given a resounding answer to London and Dublin where schemes are laid, if not quite hatched, for the betrayal of our Province into the hands of the Roman Catholic — dominated 26 County republic.

The local government elections demonstrated once again that the nerve and the will of the Ulster Protestants have not weakened, even after 60 years of vigorous opposition by the forces of anti-Unionism and 16 years of armed conflict. often at times when "Ulster stood alone.

In the face of the new political threat in the shape of Sinn Fein the Unionists of Northern Ireland have through their respective leaders, Rt. Hon. James H. Molyneaux, M.P., and Rev. Ian Paisley, M.P., braced themselves to ostracise those Sinn Feiners who have won seats in District Council debating chambers, mainly at the expense of the SDLP, which itself has become less social and less Labour than its founders once

Those of the Unionist family who cast their votes for the maintenance of the link between Northern Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom voted as follows:

Ulster Unionist — 188,174 DUP -155,353Other Unionists — 19,652

These figures by no means indicate the complete vote in favour of the N.I. — U.K. link. The Alliance Party, perhaps a little less openly declare that they stand for the maintenance of the link with Britain and they polled a total of 45,394 votes, and, of course, many pro-Union voters were among the 16,815 who supported Independent candidates. No doubt there were also some of Loyalist outlook who came into the category of "Others".

In round figures, therefore, it is reasonably safe to state that the pro-United Kingdom aggregate vote was in the region of well over 400.000.

Most significant among the returns from the Nationalist Republican side was the emergence of Sinn Fein as a new political force in Ulster's Council Chambers.

Their vote totalled 75,685 which comes dangerously close for the comfort of the SDLP who were in front with 113,967 first preference votes.

Appearing in another shade of green were the Workers Party who could only muster a total of 10,276 votes, whilst the Irish Independence Party were all but obliterated registering a support of only 7,459 votes among the first preferences.

Clearly the SDLP, through their boycott of the Assembly, have opened the gates for the hard line policies of Sinn Fein, and have reaped a bitter and poisonous harvest.

Sinn Fein's avowed aim to get the British (in reality the Protestants) out of Ireland is now as clear as crystal, and the ball has landed fairly and squarely in the Court of Westminster where the sometimes ambivalent approach of



Mr. James Molyneaux, M.P.

the Government and the dubious Britishness of certainpersonalities in the Labour Party, particularly its Left Wingfaction, Liberal and SDP groupings arouses apprehens-

ion and suspicions here in

Many of the old battles and struggles may well have to be fought over again, but with a strong arm and a resolute will Ulster's Protestants will stand on their guard as they did at Derry, Aughrim, Enniskillen and the Boyne.

### **Orange Arch** For Ligoniel?

Members of Ligoniel True Blues LOL No. 1932, concerned at the lack of Orange Arches in North Belfast in recent years, have decided to rectify the situation.

In the past few months they have been busy making preparations and plans for the erection of an Arch fronting Ligoniel Orange Hall. Under the leadership of Bro. William Moody, and with the help of other Lodge members, plans are at an advanced stage, and with a bit of luck, and a bit of hard work, hopes are high that the first Orange Arch in Ligoniel in living memory will be in position for the I stof July.

It is the intention of the Lodge members to invite a prominent Loyalist leader to perform the opening ceremony, and in doing so make Ligoniel Orange Hall, the smallest in Belfast the second of the nine in the City of Belfast, to have an Arch.

#### **ORANGE CALL FOR BAN**

In a resolution passed by the Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge held in Carleton Street Orange Hall, Portadown, deepest sympathy was extended to the relatives of the members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary murdered by the IRA at Killeen, near Newry, on May 21.

The Co. Grand Lodge resolved to give support to the demand that Sinn Fein should be proscribed, and furthermore to call upon the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to withstand every effort of those seeking the removal of the Ulster Defence Regiment from active service.



Presentation of Certificates

Bro. Tommy Smyth, second left and Bro. Davis McDowell, second right, members of Ahoghill LOL653 who received 50 year certificates. Making the presentations are Bro. Andy Millar (left), W.M., and Bro. Robert Boyde, W.D.M. Looking on are from left back-row: Bros. George Kennoway, Chaplain, William Woodrow, Jim Crawford, Secretary and Jim Milliken.

Deputy Master.

# Grand Master Unveils Tablet Near Cootehill

Ashfield Parish Church, near Cootehill, Co. Cavan, was filled to overflowing on Sunday May 5th, for the unveiling and dedication of a tablet commemorating W. Bro. Stephen McAdam, for many years a prominent member of the Orange Institution.

Bro. McAdam who died on January 26, 1983, was Co. Grand Secretary of Co. Cavan, Co. Grand Orange Lodge for a few years before becoming Co. Grand Master. He was Secretary of Ashfield LOL No. 343 and for 33 years secretary of Cootehill District LOL No. 3.

He also held office in the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland where as well as in his native County Cavan he was a highly esteemed member. He was later a member of Mullaghboy (Adams Memorial) LOL No. 276 and was involved on starting the Accordian Band.

He was founder President of the Cavan Browning Club of Apprentice Boys of Derry.

The brethren who paraded to the church a quarter of a mile away from the assembly point were led by Mullaghboy Accordian Band, and at the head of the procession were the Grand Master of Ireland, M.W. Bro. W. Martin Smyth, B. A., B. D., M. P.: M. W. Bro. G.E Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., Co. Grand Master of Co. Fermanagh Grand Orange Lodge and Imperial Grand Master. W. Bro. W.G. Foy, C.G.M., Co. Cavan G.O.L.; W. Bro. Noel Maxwell, C.G.M., Co. Monaghan G.O.L. and W. Bro. George W. Browne, C.G.M., Co. Leitrim G.O.L.

The bannerette of Co. Cavan G.D.O.L. was carried at the front.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Derek Johnston, assisted by W. Bro. G.W. Browne, a lay reader in the



The late W. Bro. Stephen McAdam

United Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, and the preacher was Bro. Rev. Joshua McCloughlin, rector of Aghavea Parish Brookeborough.

The tablet was unveiled and dedicated by M.W. Bro. Smyth. It bore the inscription: Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge. Erected to the Glory of God in memory of Rt. Worshipful Brother Stephen McAdam County Grand Master 1982-1983 who died 26 January, 1983. "Faithful unto death."

The collection was divided between the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund and the Co. Cavan Protestant Orphan Society. It amounted to £306.

Present in the family pew were Mrs. Pearl McAdam, widow and sons John (24) Deputy Co. Grand Secretary, Co. Cavan G.O.L. and Charles (21), Secretary, Cootehill District L.O.L No. 3.

Following the service the congregation were most suitably entertained to supper in Ashfield Parish Hall by the ladies of the area, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by M. W. Bro. Liddle, and the thanks of the Lodge by W. Bro. W.G. Foy, C.G.M.

### **BOYNE LINK IN LURGAN**

W. Bro. Samuel Gardiner, W. D. M. of Lurgan District LOL could hardly believe his eyes when he heard the result of the poll in the Lurgan Ward for Craigavon Borough Council in the May election.

He received 1690 first preference votes, heading the poll in his ward.

Bro. Gardiner is W.M. of Elizabethan LOL which sits in

Brownlow House Orange Hall, and is also a senior member in the Royal Black Institution.

After his resounding success as an Official Unionist candidate Bro. Gardiner who is a former Mayor of the Craigavon Borough Council, said that his two sons were baptised in water from the River Boyne.

Sir Knt James Burns the new W.M. of King Solomon's Golden Knts R.B.P. 119 Laurencetown in the Banbridge District No.6 presenting Sir Knt Cecil Magill with his Past Masters medal. Photo Sir Knt Clarence Wilson.

Sir Knts. from King Solomons Golden Knts R.B.P. 119 Laurencetown in the Banbridge District No.6 receiving their long service medals from Sir Knt Cecil Magill W.M. Leftto right: Sir Knts John Nummy 40 years, Howard Smyth 50 years, Sandy Coyle 50 years, George Bingham 50 years. Photo Sir Knt Clarence Wilson.





Sir Knt Jack Brown (second left) of Lisnamulligan Knts of the Crimson Arrow R.B.P. 638 received a 50 year medallion from Sir Knt Samuel Gardner, J.P., Imperial Deputy Grand Master, at Lisnamulligan R.B.P.s monthly meeting in the Cushnie Room, Brownlow House, Lurgan. Also present were Sir Knts James Bready, W.M. (left) and Harold Henning D.M. (right). Photo "The Outlook"

# Durham's Views or The Resurrection

The controversy this Easter was not over its dating — that was a debating issue in olden times — but because of the unorthodox statements of the Bishop of Durham, Dr. David Jenkins, on the resurrection of Jesus.

Hetalked of the symbolism of the Resurrection story in the Gospels and denied the literal meaning of it. He refused to accept traditional belief on the empty tomb and the resurrection. Whilst it is generally accepted that the Bishop's opinions are not original — no one who has read theology, however cursorily, in the last fifty years, can be unaware of such views — he made the headlines in the media.

This happened first because he was to be consecrated a bishop with the particular task to safeguard the doctrines of the Christian as enshrined in the Bible and the Creeds and the Articles of Religion while refusing to be tied by them. His appointment produced strong opposition in parishes and synods and it continues in his episcopate.

Just before Easter the Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Wood, made the point that Dr. Jenkins should resign his bishopric because he did not believe in the clearly expressed statements of Anglican belief. He claimed that the Bishop of Durham is in an impossible position, committed to teach one thing while committed to something else.

There are those who will not question the right of Dr. Jenkins to believe what he does in the wideness of Anglicanism. They refuse, as Dr. Maurice Wood does, to accept the propositon that he can do so as a bishop who is required to subscribe to Anglican orthodoxy at his consecration and to promise that he will safeguard such beliefs against error.

There is a clear contradiction between what the bishop consented to in his consecration and what he has declared to be his belief as a Christian leader.

The debate has received a greater volume of publicity in the media than would have been produced by the opposition to the Bishop of

Durham's theology, for while he denies the literal resurrection of Jesus he has implicit faith in the living Christ, but because he has also offended the establishment by expressing political views not less acceptable than his religious ones.

We are on the side of those who question Dr. Jenkins' honesty in accepting a post which demands a commitment he cannot give to Christian dogma.

We are on the side of Dr. Jenkins when he declares his opposition to political policies and sociological systems which he believes impoverish and belittle people. His strongly worded condemnations of Tory attitudes which minimise the weakness and injustices in British society, find their echo in the minds of many people. They are deeply resentful of present tendencies and question the Government's commitment to helping the great number of people who are suffering deprivation and degradation from poverty and unemployment.

As one who has long campaigned for human rights Dr. Jenkins is not lacking in knowledge of social distresses and injustices. He did not deserve the attack he got from the Prime Minister and those others who questioned his right to complain about such things on the ground that he was ignorant of economic realities.

It is a delusion prevalent in conservative circles today that clergymen are too heavenly minded to be any earthly use. The truth is that

few men are better acquainted with ordinary people and how they think, for they are in constant contact with them. And because they are often involved with people in the crisis experiences of their lives they are well acquainted with what makes them laugh and cry.

They know about the frustrations of unemployment, the unhealthy influences on people with plenty of time and lack of money and the hopelessness which is an inevitable reaction to the feeling that whatever abilities one possesses they have no commercial value.

Clergymenwereamongthe first social workers and the best of them led the way in social responsibility. They were men like John Wesley. William Booth, Wilson Carlisle, and Henry Montgomery of the Shankill Mission, Belfast. They and others, encouraged the founding of trade unions and expressed the need for the Welfare State which came by Christian men and women who got their inspiration from the same ethical source and their sense of justice.

It is reasonable and proper then that Christian pastors and people should want a better, fairer and more caring society than we have now and that voice and its demands must be heard loud and clear. No-one should want to muzzle any responsible citizen in a democratic society. We all need to be told unpalatable things at times and to be reminded of our duties and responsibilities.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

Leading City Loyalist



On Sunday 5th May 1985, at his home 42 Ethel Street, Belfast 9. William (Billy) Kilpatrick died peacefully after a very long and sometimes a very painful

Billy Kilpatrick was a great and very loyal Orange and Blackman. He joined St. Nicholas Church Temperance LOL 782 in January 1920 and the Wm. Bridgett Memorial Link& Chain RBP 715 in December 1921. He received his Red Cross Degree in January 1923. He was also a Lecturer for the

Black Institution since 1925. He was a Packing Case Maker in the firm of W.D. Siminton University Street in Belfast. He was in and out of hospital many times and had to retire from work in the early 1950s. He married his wife Mabel on 23rd April 1935 in St. Nicholas Parish Church Lisburn Road Belfast. For the last 6 weeks of his life he was a patient in Wakehurst Hospital. He got the doctor's permission to return home to celebrate his 50th wedding anniversary on the 23rd April

That was his greatest wish.

When Billy was able to come to the Lodge or Preceptory meetings, you can rest assured, a lively time was had by all. He knew all the rules and regulations and kept everyone on their toes. He was a very outspoken man and was well liked and respected by everyone who knew him. What a man and what a character,

1985. All his family and

grandchildren were there.

Thanks for the memories Billy, we will miss you in RBP 715 and LOL 782.

#### **BRO. J.J. STAFFORD**

After the success of the County parade service the Orangemen of Ashfield suffered a body blow with the passing of Bro. John J. Stafford.

In his 70's he had been ill for some weeks, but his death was quiet unexpected.

A native of Billis, near Virginia, he moved to Ashfield at an early age, and became a blacksmith by trade. He set up his own forge and was quite accomplished at his work.

It was in Ashfield that he met his wife, the former Miss Mary Sloane from Drum, who prodeceased him five years ago

It is, however, in his role as bass drummer in Ashfield Temperance Flute Band that John will long be remembered. His style was unmistakable and he would most certainly feel at home drumming for a modern "Blood and Thunder" band.

The stories and the legends that exist about John's exploits with the drum are never ending, such was his personality. He was also much involved in Ashfield Temperance Church Defenders LOL No. 343 and R.B.P. No. 999.

Eventually he moved to England and about ten years ago returned to Belfast where he resided.

During all the years he was away Bro. Stafford always managed to make his holidays coincide with his joining Ashfield Lodge for the 12th July demonstration.

This loyalty has found a lasting place in the hearts of the Orangemen of Ashfield, and so long as Orangemen meet in the area Bro. John Stafford's memory will be cherished, as will be that of his favourite catch phrase "Aye, man dear".

Orange Cause Strong in

**Border Areas** 

(Contributed)

Nearly 65 years since the Union Jack was lowered in County Cavan, and the upheaval of the civil strife and pressure on loyalists resulted in a big exodus of Protestants from that fair county, the Orange presence is still being maintained.

Indeed, there is a fervour and enthusiasm for the Orange and Protestant cause in Cavan and neighbouring Co. Monaghan, which would put many of the safe and numerically strong areas of Northern Ireland to shame.

Recently it was the privilege of the writer and some friends from Northern Ireland to travel into the heart of County Cavan to attend a big County Orange annual parade and service, held in Ashfield Parish Church, a short distance from Cootehill.

Therewere contingents from Belfast, Fermanagh, Tandragee and Lurgan, and a few from Portadown present, but the vast majority of the Orangemen who packed the parish church were from Cavan many travelling quite a number of miles from places like Killeshandra, and Belturbet to be there.

There was even a doughty member of the Apprentice Boys Order present — a brother belonging to the Mitchelbourne Club, who made the journey all the way from Dunfermline in Scotland.

The service included the unveiling of a plaque inside the Parish Church in memory of the late Bro. Stephen McAdam, who gave sterling service for many years as County Grand Master, and it was M.W. Bro. the Rev. W. Martin Smyth who performed this ceremony — the plaque was covered with the Union Jack before being unveiled and dedicated.

The Orange brethren assembled for the half-mile procession to the church at a cross-roads, and had it not been for the presence of some friendly and courteous members of the Gardai who were present on traffic duty,

one could have imagined the scene being a typical Northern Ireland rural one.

Orangemen and their families arrived in smart and gleaming cars, also on bikes and on foot, as did members of a girl's accordian band.

The farms in the area look prosperous, reflecting the strong standing of the Protestant community in the area, and there are signs of progress, with new bungalows and modern farm machinery.

Listening to the Orangemen talking before the parade set off, one was struck by the feeling of optimism which prevaded — talk about the next big County service at Kilmore Cathedral, about plans for services in Monaghan, and how the Orange cause is being maintained as far away as County Leitrim.

No sign here of despondency, or retreat, despite the fact that Orangemen in these counties, like Donegal, face problems unknown to most Protestants north of the border.

Heavy rain did not dampen the ardour of the marchers, as they set off behind the County Cavan GOL standard for the church service, watched by many onlookers, including women and young children.

Then it was through the beautifully kept little church-yard, where headstones include one erected in memory of the men of the parish who died for King and Country in 1914-18.

The church was packed almost to the rafters for the service, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. Johusa McCloughlin.

Then, as a climax to a memorable evening, the entire congregation stood and sang "God Save the Queen".

Following the service, there was tea for the visitors at the nearby parish hall, where there was an opportunity for visitors to mingle and meet the Cavan

Orangemen over a cup of tea.

The Protestants in this part of Ireland are realistic people, and they have long since accepted the fact that their future and that of their families will lie within the Republic of Ireland. They are acknowledged by the authorities to be good citizens, who give practically no trouble, but at the same time, the Cavan brethren yield to no man, or to the Southern State in their steadfastness to the Orange cause. They are determined to uphold the Reformed witness, and this can be seen in the financial support they give to maintaining their own schools.

One thing which does give the Cavan and Monaghan brethren and their families an uplift is the support and understanding of their Northern Ireland kinsfolk. They get a warm reception when they travel to Counties Armagh and Fermanagh for their "Twelfth" and "Last Saturday" demonstrations, but it is an even bigger boost when large numbers of Northern Ireland Orangemen cross the border to join with them at their own parades.

Bro. William C. Moody M.B.E. who has rendered such great service to the Orange cause, has been putting forward this point for years, and there are signs of a growing realisation in Northern Ireland that this is good advice. A minibus took Lurgan Orangemen to the Ashfield service, and a sizeable group travelled by car from Tandragee.

But surely it is time that a great many more Northern Orangemen considered doing the same thing, and took a day off to drive across the border, and give their support to those brethren who should enjoy the admiration of all for their valiant stand and witness to the Orange cause. If they did they would find it a rewarding and encouraging experience.

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Lecturing Examinations Success



Brethren from Mourne District LOL who have passed lecturing examinations pictured with their lecturers and examiners. Photo: "The Outlook"

### STANDARDBEARER

### Resurgence of Sinn Fein

It was not surprising or unnatural that in the wake of the recent local government election in Northern Ireland certain sections of the media should have concentrated attention on the emergence of Sinn Fein as a leading contender for the Nationalist/ Republican vote. To have won 59 seats throughout the Province, just over half of the total achieved by the SDLP. was in itself a significant success, indeed one which must cause considerable heart-searching in the mind of Mr. John Hume and the SDLP which he leads. The foothold which the Sinn Fein faction have gained will not pass unnoticed among the Provisional IRA for whom they are the

political wing, the front people. We now await the putting into operation of the plan by the Ulster Unionist Party, the DUP and the Alliance to ostracise these people in their aim to wineven greater support from and recognition by the Roman Catholic population of Northern Ireland. For them and for the political parties which have commanded Roman Catholic adherence in the past the future looks oninous.

An important decision must be taken in the very near future by the SDLP, the largest non-Unionist Party in Northern Ireland, to indicate just how it intends to play its rightful role in the affairs of this Province. Their ambivalent approach to

the Assembly at Stormont, for all its faults and failings, has been in the main responsible for the impasse which now plagues them, and what is even more sinister is that the problem which confronts them will not go away. Indeed it is probable that in coming weeks and months it will escalate to the point that we may well see an alliance between these two divergent sections of nationalist/republican thought and outlook. What a prospect for the return to the peace which once prevailed in the Northern scene when it was governed by the Ulster Unionist Party. 'Misrule', 'sectarianism', 'discrimination', 'gerrymandering — these were the catcheries which were and

even now are being bandied around the world in a massive effort to discredit the Unionist and Protestant population of Northern Ireland. But truth will out, and the world is beginning to discover just how hollow the accusations were. The continuing murder of police officers and other members of the security forces is an ever present reminder of the tyranny which Loyalists could expect from the republican once they gained control of affairs in Ulster, and indeed one would hazard a guess that the Republic of Ireland would not be immune from the terror of extreme republicanism should the day ever dawn on an Ireland in control of these psychopaths and their henchmen.

# Ready Cash For Ulster 'Bubbles'

Fools and their money are easily parted, goes an old saying, and nobetter evidence is to be found in news that the ill-fated Lear Fan company is to close down its shaky operation at Newtownabbey and pay off a number of its employees in Nevada, USA. Coming in close succession to the De Lorean fiasco in West Belfast one wonders how many such South Sea — type Ulster bubbles will emerge in the future. Contrast these and other industrial failures in recent years with native-based industrial and commerical undertakings and one sees immediately how the Government at Westminster can be led into costly enterprises which no Ulsterman or woman would countenance. When one considers the nit-picking approach to certain essential needs in Ulster such as hospitals and gas, one is left

dumbfounded at the thought lessness of certain Government Departments at Westminster, indeed in the Cabinet itself, in launching out into the deep to establish industries whose products have not been already proved to be viable. Down the drain have gone £57,000,000 and the prospects of upwards of 3,000 jobs in Northern Ireland Will any blame be attached. not so much to accuse as to ensure that in the future the public purse will not be used to promote enterprises which look bright but which in the end fall flat round our feet? Meanwhile, Cabinet Ministers and the Civil Service can take comfort in the thought that come what may they will be immune from public scrutiny, that is if the clamour now being voiced for a public investigation at the highest level is finally silenced.

### Cardinal And Pope's Irish Critics

Things have come to a pretty pass when Cardinal Thomas O'Fee finds it necessary to defend the Pope from verbal attacks by members of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland. The Cardinal was speaking at a service in St. Agnes Churchin Dublin and he told the congregation "It is sad to note that during the past year or so some people in Ireland seem to be doing their best to pull down our Holy Father from the place of honour which he won in our hearts in 1979." Cardinal O'Fee recalled that at that time all Irish Roman Catholics and many Irish Protestants "were united in welcoming to our land this great religious and moral

leader of the world." According to the Cardinal the Pope "has not changed since then". Maybe the Cardinal has hit on the great fact of our time that it is this changelessness in the Pontiff which has brought about this remarkable dissatisfaction with the conservatism which marks the present Pope's reign. He is a strong traditionalist who appears to be striving to turn the clock back and to close the windows opened by his predecessor, Pope John the 23rd more precisely the 24th! (Rome tried unsuccessfully to forget the original Pope John the 23rd). But back to Ireland's Cardinal. He discounts the criticism of Roman Catholics

who find the present head of the R.C. Church to be "conservative", "authoritarian

or simply "old fashioned". In an effort to undo the criticism of the Pope emanating from within the ranks of Irish Roman Catholicism the Cardinal had this to say: "As our Holy Father has been subjected in the recent past by discourteous behaviour, insults and even threats of physical violence, I am sure you would wish me, in the name of Catholics in Dublin and Ireland, to pledge a anew our loyalty and devotion to him." Never before, one

would suggest, has the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland gone public to admit that all is not well with the state of Roman Catholicism in this bastion of the R.C. Faith. Coming so soon after the hostile reception which a large section of the Roman Catholic population of Holland gave the Pope last month it is now

becoming clear that for many in that church the Papacy has been weighed in the balance and found to be wanting. The prospects in Ireland for the maintenance of piety and devotion to Rome is entering a period of doubt and uncertainty. Truly Rome is indire need of a Reformation. It may well come before the end of the present century.



Rathfriland Junior District LOL 103 honoured its two most ardent supporters and workers, Bro. Jack Brown and his wife Sister Annie Brown, in the Old George Hotel recently. The couple are pictured seated left and right, with Bro. Ernest Moorhead, W.D.M. (seated centre) who presented them with a carriage clock. Included in the picture are, from left, standing Bro. Caderick Quinn. District Chaplain, Bro. Wm Ledlie, D.D.M. and Bro. Alan Rogers.

Photo 'The Outlook'

### War of Words After Massacre

Mr. Seamus Mallon, the deputy leader of the SDLP. who seems more and more to becoming the mouthpiece of the party, has called for the resignation of the Chief Constable of the RUC, Sir John Hermon. He bases his demand on the fact that Sir John declared that the bomb which killed four police officers on the border at Killeen, near Newry was set up in and detonated from the Republic. Mr. Mallon, whose sources of information were not clearly

enunciated, states that the vehicle hijacked for the bomb was "taken from around Newtownhamilton" and there, according to a report in a newspaper not opposed to the SDLP outlook, the information as to where the lorry was loaded and primed ends. One does not suggest that Mr. Mallon has, in fact, any information as to where the trailer was loaded and primed. But somewhere in the border area there are some people who do know and they have not so

far come forward. Mr. Mallon to his credit, described the bombing and the deaths of the four police officers as "absolutely abhorrent and brual." He has also condemned terrorists who in the past carried out similar murderous outrages. But what is Sir John's offence? He said, and one assumes that he was relying on investigations carried out by his men at Killeen and elsewhere, that the crime was perpetrated from the territory of the Irish Republic.

It is unlikely that terrorists carrying out the setting off of the bomb so close to the Co. Lough border would have made their escape into South Co Armagh and not via the safe haven of North Co. Louth. It is regrettable that the four victims families should have been experiencing a war of words in the aftermath of their sorrow. Politicians words will fade away, the grief of parents, brothers and sisters, widows wives and little children remains.

### Williamite Painting For Tyneside



Tyneside DLOL group No. 46 lodge held their annual dinner in the James Gibson Memorial Orange Hall, Hebburn, the only one in the North East of England where we proudly fly our Protestant Standard over our building.

If any stranger comes to Hebburn they will be in no doubt as to the whereabouts of the Protestant corner in our little town.

Pictured here are the District Master Bro. Don Middleton with the District Secretary Bro. Jim McCord, congratulating Mr. Alan Lascelles on his reproduction of William Prince of Orange crossing the Boyne.

Mr. Allan Lascelles a young up and coming artist is a member of the Protestant and Conservative Club in Hebburn.

The last painting of William Prince of Orange in the Orange Hall was thirty years ago which I remember very well.

The painting was unveiled by Bro. Jack Duncan H.D.G.M Provincial Grand Master of Northern England since deceased. He delivered a monogogue "Don't Quit" which may be helpful to our Sisters and Brethren:

May I finish with an invitation to all our brethren to our annual Provincial Parade which will be held in Scarborough on Saturday 1 st June 1985 at 12 noon. The route of the parade will start and finish at Weoponness Valley Coach Park. (Report contributed by Jim McCord).

#### DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong, as they often will.
When the road is long, and all uphill,
When funds are low and debts pile high,
When you force a smile, though breathe a sigh.
When cares bear down, and you're real hard hit.
Rest and Relax — But Don't Just Quit.

Life is queer and a struggle today, It's hard to make the grade and stay, And many a failure turns about, When he might have won had he stuck it out, So don't give up if the pace seems slow, You might succeed with another blow.

Reward is very often much nearer than you think.
Don't let misfortune deter you,
Don't pause upon the brink,
The quitter who talks up giving up.
Might well have captured the victor's cup.
Yet learns too late when the cards are down.
How close he was to the laurel crown.

So banish the gathering clouds of doubt. It may be tough but stick it out. You never can tell how close you are. It may be near, what seems afar. So keep right on when you're hardest hit. It's then above all that you must not quit.

## Comment — Comment — Comi

### Changing Patterns in Local Elections

The Local Government elections of 15 May filled the media scene for weeks before that date. Radio and television had their slots when party spokesmen declared the aims and aspirations inherent in their philosophies.

The provincial press spread itself to cover the personalities of the elections, giving them space to speak for themselves and against their opponents. Then the literature flowed through the letter boxes, and if we were blind and deaf to the media's presentation of the politicians and their wares we had them speaking for themselves directly to each of us.

Because we are well accustomed to the whole electioneering gambit — there is often the appearance of candidates or their agents on the doorstep — we no longer treat it as seriously as it deserves. But then we know all about manifestos which sound

well and performances which bear little resemblance to the

It is very easy to make promises: it is often very hard to implement them. And some election-time promises must be made 'tongue-in-cheek', for it should be obvious to any elector that some things are unobtainable. They are desires and dreams impossible of fulfilment in a country which has to wrestle with the apparently insoluble problems of unemployment and the violence which appears to be endemic in modern society.

While we were put-off by some promises we were impressed by the intention of most candidates to have things done on the mundane matters of survival and safety. To many of them the main issues were bread and butter, work, social services and security. We detected an awareness that while people are very concerned about Consitutional and national issues in Stormont and Westminister elections they are more anxious about the ordinary things that effect everyday living in those for local government.

We were impressed by the academic qualifications of many of the candidates as we reminded ourselves that when all known tradesmen and farmers were the local councillors they had a great deal more influence and authority than have their better schooled successors.

Local government changes, for reasons that may have been administratively necessary, have made civil servants more important and public representatives less powerful. And that has meant that much of what councillors promise is unobtainable unless they use what power they have effectively and they influence parliamentarians to move in matters outside their care but very much their concern.

# Garret Riled Over Cardinals' Views

Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, the Republic's Premier, must be very annoyed with the Cardinal who is in Ireland and the one that is to be found in New York, Archbishops both, whose insensitivity to his feelings about the IRA has made his recent American visit very difficult.

It is hard to convince ordinary Irish-Americans that it is a crime to support the killers of Irishmen for a political philosophy alien to American concepts of democracy, when top most churchmen regard them as misguided zealots or freedom fighters.

The American made no apology for sympathising with the aspirations of those whom Fitzgerald condemned. We find it hard to understand how the prelate reached his conclusions about the IRA. He had to disregard their political philosophy which is being condemned by Americans when looked at elsewhere than in Ireland. An enemy as stupid as this is more dangerous than the most militant Noraider.

It is another case of Roman Catholic Church involvement in political matters. When a Belfast RC bishop refuses to appear at an Assembly enquiry into his own charges of alienation in the community, on the ground that he will not be involved in politics, he is not typical of his kind.

We recognise the right of all citizens, churchmen included, to

involve themselves in the politics of their country. We deplore the unbalanced views of those of them who are blinkered to the needs, aims and aspirations of others of different religious and political persuasions.

Fitzgerald recognises the realities — the IRA and what it represents, and the determination of Ulster Unionists to stay British. His intention is to eliminate the IRA threat to his country, and to persuade the Ulster Unionists that a United Ireland is preferable in the long term for the stability of the whole island.

He is well aware of the problems inherent in his two aims. The IRA can be defeated when support for it is lost in America and in Ireland, but the day when that happens seems to be far off. The persuasion on the Unionists has no chance of success, for the religious and political reasons that are so well known they need no reiteration here.

Every insensitive utterance of Roman Catholic Church leaders makes us the more determined to maintain our Constitutional position as an integral part of the United Kingdom. Fitzgerald's plea, echoed by Hume, that it is not an all-Ireland Southern take-over which is envisaged, but a New Ireland partnership, falls on deaf ears.

### Air Link Visit Raises Hackles

The visit of Fitzgerald and his Foreign Secretary, Barry, to Londonderry for the launching of the new air link between Dublin and Londonderry was condemned by Unionists as an 'invasion' by foreigners.

Fitzgerald was charged with ignoring protocol by entering the territory of another country uninvited officially. N.I. Secretary Douglas Hurd, was undisturbed by the happening, while Mrs. Thatcher in answer to a question from Enoch Powell in the Commons said she understood what he was saying when he spoke of the anger of Unionists over the visit. She gave the impression that she did not like what had happened.

The other objection to the visit was more general and political. It charged Fitzgerald with electioneering on behalf of SDLP, for the visit appeared to be timed to help the party win votes at the May 15 elections. All the other parties thought this a legitimate condemnation of the visit. It preceded the Premier's visit to the USA so that he was involved in controversies here and there for some days.

### More R.C's Support Link With U.K.

The 13 May BBC's Northern Ireland 'Spotlight Special' with its commissioned poll of opinions on 'major issues of the moment' was questioned as to its findings and timing. Appearing two days before the Local Government elections, with its percentage of preference patterns pleasing only to the Ulster Unionist Party, not unnaturally the other party people refused to accept them as even near approximations of their strengths; and they had the reason to complain that the poll might have influenced uncertain voters. That in spite of the fact that the presenters and the poll director warned that it was not to be taken as a forecast of results in the pending elections.

Among the many poll disclosures was the information that about half the Roman Catholic citizens favour the continuance

of the link with Great Britain. This alone must have confounded those RC churchmen and politicians who have persisted in the claim that an overwhelming number of their co-religionists favour a United Ireland.

The majority of both Protestants and Roman Catholics do not favour supergrass trials. Both, by large percentages, however, favour cross-border police co-operation in the defeat of terrorism. And Roman Catholics join Protestants in the complaint that more should be done by the Republic to improve security in Northern Ireland.

Most Protestants and many Roman Catholics believe that Mrs. Thatcher will stand firm in her attitude to Northern Ireland and its Constitutional position.

Whilst opinion polls must always be taken with the proverbial 'grain of salt' this one had such remarkable disclosures that we are more than usually interested in it.

As to its findings, the studio experts felt that the Unionists were reasonably well satisfied with things as they are and if their aspirations have little possibility of an early realization there is no need for anxiety that they will be sold out by Westminister or taken over by Dublin.

The day after the elections the "Irish Times" said that Dublin had floated the idea of a shared judiciary in terrorist cases with Northern judges sitting in Southern courts and vice versa. We shall await with interest the British reaction to a proposal which has been heard before and rejected then.

### Queen's Snub For Pope

The controversy over the Pope's Mass at the Vatican on the Italian visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales was a major item of media news and views. The refusal by the Queen of permission to attend the service had, though it did not need, the backing of several church spokesmen, for Her Majesty is capable of making up her own mind on a religious issue of such consequence.

The Roman Catholics, and some so-called liberal churchmen, who sympathised with the Royal couple on their being unable to fulfil their intention to share a Mass with the Pope, deplored such a prohibition in "these ecumenical days". They had no regard for the strong feelings of a Protestant monarch and Protestant people who will not substitute principle for expediency or honour with politeness.

It was not said loudly enough that the Mass is the Holy Communion service of the Roman Church with all that that implies, and that the Church of Rome refuses Communion to Anglicans so that the Prince and Princess would have been attenders only at a service and ceremony much of which would be strange and unbelievable to them.

Here is another case of a Roman Catholic attitude to interchurch relations which is one-sided and self-interested. For publicity reasons the attendance of the Royals would have been of great importance to the Papacy.

We are all acquainted with such stances in Northern Ireland where the denominational interests of the Roman Catholic Church have made ecumenism of little value and without movement. Friendliness among people with different views and attitudes is a proper thing which should be cultivated across denominational divides. It is a very different thing for interchurch relations which have any meaning and importance.

The strongly held position of Roman Catholicism and Protestantism make nonsense of expectations of meaningful changes in their relationships. Friendliness is a necessity, principles can never be jeopardised for it. Fortunately it is not a question of either/or, but of both being important to people who live here. Ecumenism is a hobby with some church people to make them members of the ecumenical club. It is a harmless body which has much to say, but, in the nature of things, shows little by results.

### Sandy Row Standards

### Unfurled

The presentation, unfurling and dedication of Standards in Memory of the late Wor. Bro. W.J. Hobson J.P., P.M. took place in Sandy Row Orange Hall for Botanic Temperance LOL No.1119, No.5 District Sandy Row.

The Standards were unfurled by Mrs. Annie Hobson, wife of the late Bro. Hobson and the dedication was by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Most Wor. Bro. Rev. W.M. Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P.

Wor. Bro. Rev. J. M. Batchelor, G.O.E., D.G.C.I., presided and the presentation of the Standards and Gifts was made by Mrs. R. Copeland Mrs. H. McMillan and Mrs. G. Allen on behalf of the Ladies Committee.

A presentation of gifts to the lodge was made by Wor. Bro. H. McMillan P.M., Wor. Bro.

W. Mahood, P.M. and Bro. Will Mahood.

Tributes were paid to the late Bro. Hobson by R.Wor. Bro. Walter Williams J.P., Grand Secretary, R. Wor. Sir Knt William J. Logan, Asst. Sovereign Grand Master, I.G.B.C., Wor. Bro. Ernest Lemon, W.M., W.Bro. George Watson, J.P., D.G.M.I., W.D.M., No. 5 District. Wor. Bro. George Chittick P.M., Bro. Sir Knt Thomas Patton, C.B.G.B.C., Sir. Knt. Edward Chapman No.3 R.B.D.C., Wor. Bro. Raymond Craig P.M. Secretary and Bro. John Fisher

Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Hobson, Mrs. Smyth and Mrs. Batchelor by Wor. Bro. James Coalter P.M.

Lodge Standard Bearers were Bro. R. Copeland and Bro. G. Allen, and the Lodge Sword Bearers Bro. N. Corbett and Bro. R. Galloway took part in the proceedings.

The soloist was Sister Dorothy Allen, Past Mistress.



### Medals Presented

Fifty year medals were presented to seven members of Red Cross Knights R.B.P. No.34 Annalong at a dinner held in Annalong Orange Hall. The recipients - Sir Knts. Thomas McCormick, Robert McKnight, W.M. of R.B.P. 34 and W.D.M. of Mourne District No.8 Thomas Clarke, Charles McKibben, James Annett, Hubert Clarke and William Orr, D.M. of R.B.P. 34 - are pictured with Sir Knt Sidney Wilson, Co. Down Grand Master, who presented the medals, and other Preceptory and County Officers. Seated left to right are Sir Knts McCormick, McKnight, Clarke, McKibben, and Sir Knt. Canon T. H. Frizelle, County Grand Chaplain and Chaplain of Mourne District. Standing left to right are Sir Knts. Wilson. Annett, Clarke and Orr, with Sir Knts Robert McBride, Treasurer of R.B.P. 34 and David

Baillie County Registrar and Registrar of R.B.P. 34. Photo "The Outlook"

### RBP No. 813 Service of Thanksgiving

At 11 a.m. on Sunday the 12th May last, members of the Prince Albert Temperance RBP No. 813 accompanied by Sir Knts from the parent No. 6 Royal Black District Chapter, encamped in the West Belfast Orange Hall, Shankill Road and visiting Sir Knts from the Clifton Street, Orange Hall Chapters, walked the short journey from the Shankill Road, to the Church of the Holy Redeemer in Riga Street, to join with the assembled congregation of the Church, in a service of thanks giving for the Black Preceptory within the jurisdiction of the Imperial

Grand Black Chapter of the British Commonwealth. The colour party and bible and crown, parted at the Church gates to allow all the Sir Knts to be welcomed at the door, by The Reverend Peter Lepine, the Minister in charge. On taking their seats, among the congregation, and with all then invited to stand, the Colours and Bible & Crown were accepted by the Minister and placed in the sanctuary for the duration of the morning service, which was conveyed on the Sunday morning order, the New and Old Testament readings being given by Wor. Sir Knts George Irvine, P.D.M. No.1 R.B.D.C. and Leslie Stewart, Chaplain No.6 R.DB.D.C. respectively. The sermon by the Church Minister, The Reverend Lenine, on request of The Prince Albert Preceptory. Many Sir Knts in quiet prayer, remembered the Sir Knts who

have gone on to be with the Great Grand Master, the King of the Kings. In 1965 they took out the warrant of 813. Men of the calibre of Sir Knts William (Billy) Spence, Bertram Spencer, and our first Worshipful Master, Frank (Big Fra) Curry. In silence, we gave thanks to the Almighty for Sir Knts such as these, and hopefully, give us the strength and guidance to carry on their true traditions, as Christian Sir Knts and Brethren of the Royal Black Institution.

After a grand and inspiring service, the Sir Knts all, dispersed with the congregation, to their respective homes, with gratitude to the Rev. Lepine, the congregation, choir and organist, and last but no means least the Select Vestry of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, for allowing us to join with them in praising God for our twenty years of inception.

## Research Lodge at Portadown

The specialist Loyal Orange Lodge of Research had its last meeting at the Orange Hall near Portadown, when the Worshipful Master W. Bro. John Black, presided, assisted by Deputy Master W. Bro. W.J. Cochrane.

The brethren were welcomed to the hall and the County of Armagh by Wor. Bro. John Brownlee, District Master, Portadown.

The essayist was Bro. Robert Wallace, B.A., his subject being "The Glorious Revolution.'

He dealt with the circumstance which led up to the invitation to William, Prince of Orange, to become with his wife the Princess Mary, daughter of King James II, the successor to the English Throne on the Abdication of

The personalities of the two main characters in an historical drama, which retains its interest three hundred years later, were examined and compared. And things were uncovered about many of the other participants in what was to be a mighty watershed in English and Irish history, and of incidents and events which made what happened then more understandable now.

There is to be a sequel to the paper in another one to be read by the same essayist in the near future. It will deal with the Williamite actions and campaigns in Ireland and their effects on religion and politics

The meeting was followed by the customary sit-down

### 30 Years Master

The out-going W.M. Sir Knt Hubert Crutchley, who has held the office for the past 30 years, was presented with his 30 year Past Master's certificate and jewel at the installation of officers of Slar of the East R. B. P. 251 Ballymartin. He is pictured (seated second from right) receiving the certificate and jewel from Sir Knt David Baillie, County Grand Registrar. Looking on are Sir Knt Stanley McConnell, W.M. (seated left), Sir Knt. Trevor McConnell, D.M. (seated right) and other officers, standing left to right, Sir Knts. W.J. Ferguson, John Chambers, the Rev. B.T. Blacoe, Bob McConnell and Stanley Matthews. Photo: "The Outlook"



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# John Wesley in Ireland

The Ireland to which Wesley and his preachers came was in great need of spiritual awakening. He had been preceded by Thomas Williams who had been engaged in evangelistic work for a year and had gathered in Dublin a Methodist society of 300 members, including William Lunell, and whose favourable report on his work had persuaded Wesley to come across the sea to Ireland.

#### THE CHURCHES

The evangelicalism of Wesley was little known in the country. The Established Church was in a bad state. It had been described as a political engine rather than an instrument of instruction in evangelical truth. Its dignities and benefices were bestowed as the reward for political accommodation rather than for moral and religious worth.

Jonathan Swift was at his most cynical when he described the Irish bishops as highwaymen who had robbed the real prelates of their credentials on Hounslow Heath on their way to Ireland and had taken their places.

The episcopate was not much regarded, for the days of Ussher. Bedell and Jeremy Taylor were over and it would have been hard to name one bishop whose recognisable aim was to promote the spiritual welfare of his diocese.

John Hoadly had died as Archbishop of Armagh in 1746. He was well known, but as an agriculturist. It was while working on his farm that he caught the fever from which he died

Like bishops: like clergy! They were comparatively few in number, badly paid and ill educated for their work. The ministry was seen as a professional suitable for the younger sons of wealthy merchants and poor gentry. They were clergymen for reasons which had less to do with religion than with social and political aspirations and a pleasant way of life. Services were read hastily and indifferently and preaching was generally of very poor quality. Like clergy: like people!

Dr. Philip Skelton, when appointed Rector of Templecarne, County Donegal, said that he found his parishioners "sunk in profound ignorance, one could hardly have supposed that they were born and bred in a Christian country. Yet many of them were nominal Protestants."

There was general disregard to sacred things. Sundays were given over to sport and recreation, fixtures in which Protestants and Roman Catholics took part together.

#### **PENAL LAWS**

The Roman Catholic Church — nine-tenths of the population were Roman Catholics — was in no good state either. Because of the penal laws some of the Roman Catholic gentry had become members of the Church of Ireland. The ordinary folk stood firm and they often lived in conditions appreciably worse than their Protestant neighbours.

Wesley said of Romanism. "At least ninety-nine in a hundred of the native Irish remain in the religion of their forefathers; nor is it any wonder that those who are born papists live and die as such, when the Protestants can find no better ways to convert them than penal laws and Acts of Parliament."

The Roman Catholic people's response to their church was different to that of their bishops who were condemned by Pope Benedict XIV for being absent from their dioceses. He said, "What can be expected from this shameful non-residence, but the certain calamity of the people and the eternal ruin of their souls."

And the Presbyterians! It was said of them that their churches were smitten with a spiritual paralysis. "The Ministry was rapidly degenerating, and many, by an insincere subscription to an orthodox creed, gained access to the pupils and deluded the congregations." (1).

John Wesley visited churches each Sunday while he was in Ireland and was often bitterly disappointed with what he saw and heard. Because he was anxious for the progress of the Faith he gave credit where it was due. There were the few occasions when he was pleasantly surprised. His initial experience was discouraging. He preached in St. Mary's, Dublin, "to as gay and senseless a congregation as he ever saw."

George Whitfield, who had knowledge of Ireland, having visited here ahead of Wesley, felt compelled to say, "Not one clergyman in all Ireland is yet stirred up to come out singularly for God." This was a judgment after his third visit.

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By S. E. LONG

Whatever effect I reland and the Irish had on John Wesley he made an impression on this island and its people greater than that of any other evangelist. From the first visit which began on 7 August 1747, when he was accompanied by one of his preachers. John Trembath, and hospitably entertained by Mr. William Lunell, a Dublin banker of Huguenotancestry, he was drawn as by a magnet to a country he came to love and to people he respected.

#### AN IRISH HARVEST ...

Wesley was to lament, "O, what a harvest might be reaped in Ireland, did not the poor Protestants hate Christianity more than either Popery or heathenism."

The clergy of the churches were not prepared to take actioneitherinevangelismorin combating the many social evils of the times. The campaigns against the evils of drinking and gambling, poverty, immorality and corruption were still in the future. Nothing was being done about better housing, working conditions, hospitalisation and education. These were the days before charitable institutions, bible and missionary societies and social service agencies.

The Call — The Methodist Conference of May, 1746, had the question "What is a sufficient call of Providence to a new place?" The answer was 1) An invitation from someone that is worthy; from a serious man, fearing God, who has a house to receive us.

2) A probability of doing more good by going thither than by staying longer where we are.

There is little doubt that the question was put with Ireland in mind. In the summer of 1747 Thomas Williams crossed to Dublin and preached in the open air at Oxmanton Green. It was at this time that Williams procured portion of a house at the corner of Marlborough and Talbot Streets, a disused Lutheran place of worship, and it became the first Methodist meeting house in Ireland.

#### PREACHING NEED

Wesley came to an opportune time, for the country needed his preaching on sin and salvation, repentance and forgiveness, such was its moral and religious condition. He quickly reached conclusions about the people. He said, "For natural sweetness of temper, for courtesy and hospitality, I have never seen any people like the Irish."

He added, "Indeed all I converse with are only transplanted into another soil, and they are much mended by the removal, having left all their roughness and surliness behind them. They receive the Word of

God with all gladness and readiness of mind. The danger is, that it should not take root, that it should be falling on stony ground."

In his Journal hesays, "The people in general are of more teachable spirit than in most parts of England, but on that very account they must be watched over with the more care, being equally susceptible of good and ill impressions."

It was generous of Wesley to speak of the Irish in this fashion, for he and his preachers suffered grievously at the hands of many of them who disliked the message of these cross-channel enthusiasts in religion.

Fortunately the persecution was stayed until the Methodists had gained a foothold. From the very beginning, of course, there were those who were offended by them. Miss Tear, Athlone, expressed a Protestant reaction when she said, "If they would only try to do some good to the poor ignorant Papists, they might be borne with, but to think of their assurance in pretending to instruct good Protestants, when we have everything we can wish for in our own church is intolerable." Methodist perseverance and success changed the minds of many Protestants who thought this way, among them that of Miss Tear.

#### THE WESLEYS

In these days John and Charles Wesley were very close. They remained that way always, though the time came when Charles' marriage caused him to abandon an itinerancy in ministry. And so he too came to Ireland arriving in Dublin on 8 September 1747.

Charles was making his contribution as preacher and hymnist, for skilful as he was as a poet he was as able a preacher as his brother. It was as a preacher that he had his most frightening experience when at Athlone he preached to 2,000 people and was attacked by Roman Catholics who had to be dispersed by Dragoons after some serious rioting. Charles Wesley who wrote hymns for every occasion had one of deliverance after this happening.

### 'Twelfth' booklet

The Orange Order in Belfast have launched the latest edition of their 'Twelfth' magazine, which contains all the details of this year's celebrations in the city.

Money raised from the sale of last year's magazine was distributed to various charities including the Tear Fund for their work in Africa, and the Bradford City disaster fund.

#### PROOF

The best proof that appearances are deceiving is the fact that the dollar bill just looks the same as it did ten years ago.

#### HELD OVER

Because of undue pressure on space this month a number of reports and pictures have had to be held over. These will appear in the July issue. The second verse is:

"From the malice of men
Thou hast saved us again,
And broken the snare,
And scattered the folk that
delighted in war;
A thirst for our blood,
In ambush they stood,
Our lives to surprise,
And hurry us hence to our
friends in the skies."

In spite of persecution and opposition, for the churches were not kindly disposed to evangelical enthusiasm, Methodism made progress. John Wesley was already finding some in the churches partial to him. At Kinsale in the first year or two every denomination claimed him as their own — the Presbyterians said he was a Dissenter, the Episcopalians that he was a churchman, and the Roman Catholics were sure that he was a Catholic at heart.

There were successes for Wesley's work. Many were converted and the spiritual temperature was improved wherever the Methodists made an impression. At Limerick in 1749 he made this perceptive comment, "The more I converse with this people, the more I am amazed. That God hath wrought a great work is manifest."

And yet the main of them, believers and unbelievers, are not able to give a rational account of the plainest principles of religion. It is plain God begins his work at the heart; then the inspiration of the Highest giveth understanding."

Mr. Lunell had written Wesley on 27 June 1748 to advise him that the work was prospering in Dublin; that all persecution had ceased and the congregations were the largest in the Kingdom. He was premature. Persecution was to be an accompaniment of Methodism for a long time to come.

#### THE ATTACKS

In Cork on 31 May 1749 Charles Wesley was attacked by people who declared war on the Methodists. On 19 August twenty-eight denositions were laid against the rioters before the Grand Jury who threw them our and then went beyond their brief to accuse Wesley of gross misdemeanour, and without reference to a trial specified a sentence. Their judgement was that Charles Wesley was 'a person of ill fame, a vagabond and a common disturber of His Majesty's peace, and we pray he may be transported.

John Wesley was so intrigued by the Grand Jury's judgment that he considered it "worthy to be preserved in the annals of Ireland to all succeeding generations." Charles wrote an ode in commemoration of that event, too.

The second verse has this: "Me he hath counted for His name

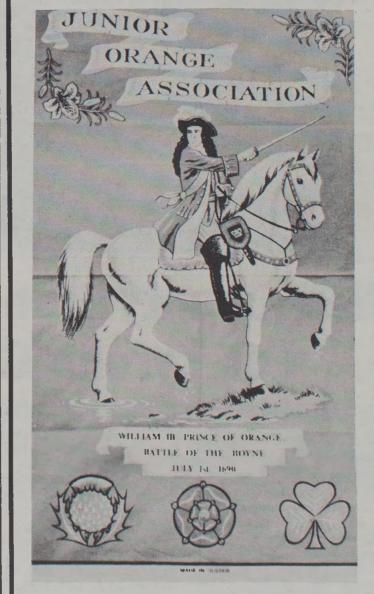
Worthy to suffer wrong and shame; Condemn'd for publishing my

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'Gainst all the laws of earth and heaven."

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### Medals For Co. Leitrim Veterans

The half-yearly meeting of the Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge was held in the old Schoolhouse, Killygar, on May 14.

The Co. Grand Master, Bro. George Browne presided, assisted by Bro. Charles Johnston, D.C.G.M., in the vice-chair.

Visiting brethren from Counties Cavan and Monaghan were welcomed. Among the visitors were W. Bro. W.G. Foy, C.G.M., Bro. Garold Spotten, C.G.T., and Bro. John McAdam, D.C.G.S., all of Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge.

Apologies were received on behalf of W. Bro. W.C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P., Co. Armagh, who was on holiday in Australia, Bro. Henry Latimer, Waringstown, Bro. Charles McAdam, Secretary, Cootehill D. L. O. L. No. 3, Bro. J. F. Roberts, D. C. G. M. Cavan and Bro. W. Roberts, C. G. R., Co. Cavan R. A. P. C.

Those present paid tribute to two members of the County G.O.L. who had died since the last meeting. Bro. J.J. Richardson had been Co. Grand Treasurer for many years, and Bro. James Bleakley, D.M. of L.O.L. No. 14c had been an Orangeman for more than 50 years.

Members were reminded that the County parade service will be held in Killegar Parish Church on Sunday July 7 at 3.00 p.m.

The Co. Grand Master presented to Bro. Fred Humphreys an active member of Cullies LOL No. 14c a 50 years service medal. A 60 years bar was added to the

jewel with the compliments of the Grand Secretary, to mark Bro. Humphrey's remarkable service to the Orange Order.

Bro. Humphreys suitably acknowledged, the meeting having been informed that he first entered the Orange Institution on July 12, 1921, making his total membership 64 years.

The C.G.M. of Cavan presented a new Co. Grand Lodge seal to the Co. Grand Secretary, Bro. W. Mitchell. The seal was presented to the Co. Grand Lodge by the C.G.M. and D.C.G.M.

Following the close of the meeting all present were entertained to a splendid tea by the local ladies.

Bro. Humphrey's wife was presented with a token of Cavan Crystal, as a gesture of the appreciation felt by Cullies LOL No. 14c of the work she

has faithfully carried out over several years.

The social meeting continued with Bros. Robert Rusk and Albert Goodwin entertaining in song. Bro. Ruske's rendition of "A Westmeath Bachelor" proved very popular.

The high morale displayed in Co. Leitrim is due to a large extent to the D.C.G.M., Bro. C. Johnston, who, when the local Orange Hall was burnt, made his house available for their meetings. The local ladies come to the house for a chat and provide tea after every meeting.

This has led to LOL No.14c becoming one big family, and there is probably no Lodge that can boast as friendly an atmosphere at their meetings. Long may they be spared to carry on the good work!

### What The Provos Plan

"Songs of Resistance" is a song book published by the Irish Freedom Press Book Bureau. The address of the bureau, 44 Parnell Square in Dublin, is that of the Provisional Sinn Fein headquarters.

The 3rd edition includes such song titles as "My Little Armalite", "The Sniper's Promise" and "The Rifles of The IRA".

There are several songs by the late John Lennon, popsinger, atheist, professed pacifist and yet Provosupporter. One of these is called "Sunday Bloody Sunday" and in part is sets out what the Provos are planning for Ulster loyalists.

It includes such lines as:
"You Anglo pigs and Scotties
Sent to colonise the North
You wave your bloody Union

And you know what it is worth."

This sounds strange coming from an organisation which howled in horror when Sir John Junor asked the question For You

wouldn't you rather admit to being a pig than being Irishout shows the Provos to be hypocrities and anti-British racists.

racists.

The song labels Ulster loyalists as "the English" and advocates that they

advocates that they
"Put the English back to sea"
and "Repatriate (us) to
Britain."
Loyalists believe that Provo

talk of uniting Orange and Green is simply propaganda and that the real plan is to bomb, burn and butcher the loyalists out of Ulster and into the sea. This is, however, always branded as the product of a paranoid Protestant imagination. But here the same prospect is set out in a Provo song book and our fears are once again confirmed. We are described as "pigs" and told to head for the sea.

There is only one choice the defeat of the IRA or the destruction of Ulster. (Issued by the North Belfast Independent Unionist Assoc.)

#### BANBRIDGE DISTRICT R.A.P. SERVICE

There was a large attendance of brethren and sisters at a Royal Arch Purple Service in Banbridge on Sunday, May 12.

Organised by Banbridge R.A.P.C. No.7, members of Banbridge Women's LOL 41 were joined by sisters from Dromore, Lisburn, Lurgan, and Tandragee.

The parade was led by Seapatrick Flute Band from Banbridge Orange Hall to the Baptist Church were a service was conducted by Pastor Samuel Carson.

The Scripture reading was by Bro. D. Bell, Lay District Chaplain, and the collection was for the Westbank Children's Home Greystokes, Co. Wicklow. The Mistress, Mrs. Mathers, was present at the service. A vote of thanks was moved by W.D.M. Bro. Andrew Mitchell.





# New County Grand Master For Tyrone G.B.C.

County Tyrone Grand Black Chapter held their annual election of officers for 1985 on Saturday 13th April at 2.30 p.m. in the Orange hall Cookstown.

Before commencing the business a vote of sympathy was passed referring to the recent death of the County Grand Master Sir Knt Robert Montgomery B.E.M. and W.D.M. of Castlederg District Royal Black Chapter No. 6. Arrangements were also made for a memorial service for the late Sir Knt Montgomery to be held in Derg Parish Church on Sunday 18th August at 7 p.m.

The election of officers was conducted by Sir Knt George Stewart County Grand Master of County Londonderry Grand Black Chapter assisted by Sir Knt Rev. Hugh Ross B.A., B.D. County Grand Chaplain

of County Down Grand Black Chapter.

The newly elected County Grand Master is now Sir Knt Samuel A. Glasgow of East Tyrone District No.5. Other officers elected were the following: Deputy Co. Grand Master Sir Knt John Taggart, Chaplain, Sir Knt Rev. James Kane M. A., Deputy Chaplain Sir Knt Canon W.G.H. Williams M. A., Lay Chaplain Sir Knt Alex Reid and Sir Knt Nevell Gallagher, Grand Registrar Sir Knt Ivan Symington, Grand Treasurer Sir Knt Samuel Douglas, Deputy Grand Treasurer Sir Knt Mitchell Cummins, Grand Lecturer Sir Knt James Slaine, Deputy Grand Lecturer Sir Knt Stewart McKinney, 1st Grand Censor Sir Knt W. Mehaffey, 2nd Grand Censor Sir Knt George Mehaffey, 1st Grand Sword Bearer Sir Knt Will Bennett, 2nd Grand Sword Bearer Sir Knt Sydney Sommerville, Grand Pursuivant Sir Knt Robert J. Kirkpatrick, Grand Master of Ceremonies Sir Knt W.

Abernethy, Grand Standard Bearers Sir Knt William Cummins and Sir Knt Tom McCammon, Co. Grand Committee Sir Knts Harry Deans, (Foreman), W. Ferguson, W.D. Hughes, John R.W. Moore, James A.

Emery, Uriah Brush, and William Purdy. At a social hour afterwards Sir Knt Samuel Glasgow presented Sir Knt Stewart McKinney with the long service medal in recognition of his services to the County for over 50 years especially to the interest he under took as a tutor to many lecture# classes he presided over

BROTHER EDWARD CHAPMAN District Lecturer No.5 District Sandy Row

The Officers and Members of Botanic Temperance LOL 1119 extend sincere thanks to Bro. Edward Chapman, District Lecturer, for his work in the lecturing faternity. Two of our members, Bro. Richard Copeland and Bro. Grainger Allen attained their Lecturers Certificates due to the endeavours of Bro. Chapman.

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Dromore, Lisburn and
Tandragee who attended
Banbridge R. A. P. C. service

in Banbridge Baptist Church

on-Sunday, 12th May. Photo

by Bro. Clarence Wilson.

## Co. Cavan Orange Parade Dates

Sunday, June 2, Cavan District LOL No. 1 Kilmore Cathedral, 8.00 p.m. Preacher Very Rev. Herbert Cassidy, Dean of Kilmore.

June 9th LOL No. 607 – Killoughter Parish Church. 8.00 p.m. June 23rd Cootehill District

LOL No. 3 — Killmount Presbyterian Church8.00 p.m. June 30th Dartrey District LOL Dartrey Parish Church, 3.30 p.m.

July 7th Co. Leitrim GOL

— Killygar Parish Church
3.00 p.m. Preacher Bro. David
Martin Pomeroy.

July 7 Bailieborough District LOL No. 7 — Knockbride Parish Church. 8.00 p.m.

All visitors from Northern Ireland will be made most welcome at these services.

Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge

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