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Murdered in Savage Wave of Terrorism

SLAUGHTER!

Horrifying Week-end of Violence in Ulster

There is only one word to describe the horrifying events which further desecrated the fair name of Ulster during the week-end of May 15-17. It is SLAUGHTER.

Inhuman monsters have stalked the land . . . in Co. Fermanagh, in Co. Down, in Co. Armagh, in County Tyrone and in the City of Belfast.

R.U.C. LOSSES

The Royal Ulster Constabulary took the heaviest brunt of the seven years-long campaign of violence in the murder of five of its comrades, the largest number of policemen to die in any similar period since the Irish Republican Army launched its offensive on the Loyalists of this Province.

The civilian population also suffered severely, with the bombing of licensed premises to the fore in the plan of campaign to disrupt the social life of the country.

The assassination of the two brothers, Thomas and Robert Dobson, in Moy revealed once again the brutality and the callousness of those who perpetrate these devilish and heinous crimes against humanity. Both the victims were members of Drummond L.O.L. No. 755.

Other victims of the week-end massacre were also members of the Orange Institution.

So where do we go from here? Is the response from Stormont to be the same weary catalogue of people apprehended and charged with serious crime, endless statistics concerning the number of weapons captured and bomb making equipment and materials made harmless?

HUNTING OUT THE TERRORISTS

Of course to say this is not to minimise the effectiveness and the accompanying bravery of the security forces in hunting out the terrorists and their armoury to cause death and destruction. Those concerned, the RUC and the Army, deserve our gratitude and congratulations on their unrelenting struggle, day by day, week by week and month by month to get on top of the crime wave which has held Ulster in thrall since 1969.

But all the captures of men and material and all the jail sentences seem to be insufficient to end the violence. So long as the punishment remains as we have it there will be no end to the inability of the Government and the law enforcement agencies for law and order to get on top.

We have said before, and we repeat, that the time has come for a completely new approach to the whole question of punishment.

But so long as we find the various brands of Unionism making a public spectacle of themselves with their pettifogging arguments over inessentials there can be no firm united voice in demanding worthwhile changes in policies.

In other words the terrorists and the British Government have this in common . . . the disunity of the Unionist people of Northern Ireland is playing into their respective barrows.

Time is getting very short for a real fusion of Unionist thought and action to preserve this Province for the United Kingdom. Those who profess to call themselves Loyalists and Unionists must beware that their interpretation of the situation does not lack the balance and foresight which is essential to our very survival.

Building Fund Boost

M. W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, Grand Master, receiving a £500 cheque for the House of Orange Building Fund from Mrs. Sarah Smyth, chairman of the women's committee of Mealough Orange Lodge No. 916 at a ceremony at Mealough, Carryduff. On left, Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, Grand Secretary; in centre M.W. Bro. John Bryans, and on right W. Bro. Robert Gardner, W.M. of Lodge 916. Photo: "Belfast News-Letter."



CRITICS OF ARMY REDEPLOYMENT

The withdrawal of troops to England from the very troubled South Armagh, and the reduction of military personnel in West Belfast, produced some angry reactions in early May. Mr. Rees answered the critics when he promised that there will be no lessening of the army presence in Armagh because of the redeployment of personnel in the Province.

As to W. Belfast the intention is to have the police more markedly on the ground there. Some politicians, and others, doubt the wisdom of putting the police into a continuing military situation though obviously it is only when the police are everywhere that we can be in a peaceful condition.

The new Chief Constable of the RUC, Mr. Kenneth Newman, has taken over from the popular Sir Jamie Flanagan who retired after 2½ years in the office. Mr. Newman, an Englishman, is an able scholar and theoretician on police principles and practices and he is said to have ideas of his own.

The police strength is very much greater than formerly and the spirit of the force is very good. Police involvement in community relations and other fields of comparatively new endeavour show an awareness of the value of police and public inter-relations which promises better things in law keeping in the future.

A cheque for £500 has been presented by Mealough Old Standard L.O.L. No. 916, Saintfield, to Grand Lodge for the Building Fund.

The splendid gift was handed to the Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. Revd. W. Martin Smith, B.A., B.D.; the former Grand Master, Most Wor. Bro. John Bryans, J.P., and the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P.

The presentation took place in Saintfield.

A further excellent boost to the Building Fund has come from Tandragee District L.O.L. No. 4 who raised a net £366.70 from a guest tea.

The District Lodge had the splendid support of the officers and members of Teemore W.L.O.L.

Congratulations to all concerned in both efforts.



Sister J. E. Gibney, Worshipful District Mistress of Down District L.O.L. No. 3 (centre) receiving an inscribed watch to commemorate her being an Orange woman for over 50 years. The presentation was made at a district meeting in Lisnamulligan Orange Hall by Sister M. E. Turney, District

Secretary. Also in the picture from left, Sister M. Wilson, Worshipful Mistress of Lisnamulligan L.O.L. 117, Sister M. Murray, District Chaplain, Sister R. M. Mitchell, District Treasurer and Sister Anne Brown, Deputy Mistress of Lisnamulligan L.O.L. 117. Picture: "The Outlook."

LOL No. 1339 Marks Jubilee With a Service And Dinner

Christian Crusaders L.O.L. No. 1339 Golden Jubilee was marked on Friday, April 23 and Saturday April 24.

On the Friday before a large congregation in John Whites Memorial Congregational Church (kindly loaned for this occasion) a Festival of Praise was held to return thanks to our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, for all His guidance and wisdom shown to each of our members during the last fifty years in the Orange Order, an Order we are all proud of.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Rae Christie presented the Lodge with a beautiful set of officers collarettes and gauntlets in memory of her late father, Bro. Robert Marks, P.M. and her two brothers, James and William, stating it would have been a happy day if her father had been alive to take part in this great event in the history of Christian Crusaders.

In return Bro. Joseph Wilkinson, P.M., Secretary, presented Mrs. Rae Christie with a beautiful Bible and Bible case.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Thomas Passmore, J.P., Worshipful County Master of Belfast, presented to the ladies committee a little gift for the help they had given to the Jubilee Committee who were responsible for all the preparations in connection with this great event.

One of the highlights of the night was the Unfurling and Dedication of our new Banner and Regalia. The unfurling ceremony was performed by Mrs. Jean Wilkinson, wife of the Lodge Secretary, who stated: "I pray God will bless each member and spare them many years to parade behind this banner of a wonderful Lodge whose motto is "For Christ and the Gospel"."

Most Wor. Bro. Rev. Wm. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., Imperial Grand Master of the World Council, gave a marvellous address stressing that in these times we should be more united and take a stand for the true Christian Faith.

R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., Imperial Grand Secretary of the World, invested the brethren with their new regalia.

Bro. Alex Andrews, P.M. and Secretary of our own Junior Lodge, presented Mrs. Wilkinson with a pair of scissors to cut the ribbon of the new banner.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

The Chairman, Bro. Hugh Lindsay, P.M., spoke in glowing terms of the work the committee had done during the past 27 months. They had not spared themselves in the effort to make the Jubilee something to remember, and stated that before each meeting there had a prayer meeting before



and after and in Faith lifted all our needs up before the Throne of Grace, knowing that our God did not only hear but He also answered. He reported that our income was in the region of £1600-00 and our expenditure was around £1500-60. Any money left over would be given to charities.

He paid particular tribute to the secretary, Bro. Joseph Wilkinson, P.M., who had been a great inspiration to the committee.

"As we look around this Church to-night we can see for ourselves how all his arrangements were perfect," and on behalf of the members he presented him with a beautiful watch for all his efforts.

Bro. Wilkinson stated that this present was a complete surprise as he had not missed one meeting and where this was arranged was a mystery. He paid great tribute to his fellow committee men for if they had not endorsed the schemes he had brought before the Committee then his efforts would have been in vain and anything he had done for the lodge was because he loved it. Everything had been a labour of love on his part.

Solos and duets were sung to the Glory of God by Mrs. Maisie McAlister, Miss Sally Chisholm, Mrs. Nancy McIlwaine, Bro. Hugh Lindsay P.M. The following sang duets — Margaret and Wesley, Gospel Four, and Bro. Lindsay and Miss E. Fletcher.

GOSPEL BASIS

Bro. George Myers, P.M., P.D.M., gave a brief outline of the history of the Lodge which had been formed in 1926 after a Gospel Campaign held by the Rev. W. P. Nicholson in which many thousands of young men and women had accepted Jesus Christ as their own and personal Saviour. Unfortunately for the Orange Order many of these same men resigned from it, but under the leadership of Bro. John Loughlin and after much prayer a Warrant was taken out in No. 3 District with the title of Christian Crusaders L.O.L. No. 1339 with the motto of "Christ and the Gospel."

He paid tribute to the work of the Secretary in producing the Booklet of the History of the Lodge, as many of the things mentioned in the book must have taken many hours of research.

He stated that the lodge had been honoured many times by the different Districts. He himself had been a W.D.M. of both the Orange and Black District; Bro. Vincent Shortt was presently District Master and also a P.D.M. of No. 4 Junior District; Bro. William Buick, P.M. has been W.D.F.

of the R.A.P.D.C. and P.D.M. of the Black and at the present time is the Registrar of No. 1 R.B.D.C.; Bro. Joseph Wilkinson was both a P.D.M. of the Belfast Junior Orange County and of No. 4 Junior District. He also was a P.D.R. of No. 1 R.B.D.C.

Bro. Stephen McAlister is the present Secretary of No. 4 Junior District and Bro. Thomas McAlister was for many years both a County and District Chaplain in the Junior Order. He was glad to see two daughters of our first Worshipful Master Bro. John Laughlin present. He also referred to Mrs. Hetty Bayford and Mrs. Ena Scott.

In closing he referred to these words of the late Bro. Harry Burdge at their Silver Jubilee in 1951 — "The Lodge was a shining light in the Orange Order," and this had been their aim, by God's help all down the years to "let our light so shine before man that others will see the beauty of Jesus Christ in our lives."

MANY NOTABLE VISITORS

On Saturday, 24th the Dinner was held in the Park Avenue Hotel and after a very nice meal, served with great efficiency under the personal supervision of Mrs. Butcher, the manageress, the chairman gave a warm welcome to the following brethren who had also taken part in the Festival of Praise namely:—the Imperial Grand Master, the Imperial Grand Secretary, the County Grand Master of Belfast, the Deputy Grand Master, the Worshipful Master of No. 3 Orange District, the Wor-

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"BLACK" GAINS STRENGTH IN SCOTLAND

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Scotland was held on Saturday April 24th at the Orange Hall, Glasgow. Sir Knt. D. H. B. P.G.M. presiding, assisted by Sir Knt. Allan Lindsay D.C. in the vice-chair.

Devotional exercises were in charge of Sir Knts Gray and A. Thomas, chaplains.

The P.G.M. welcomed good attendance, and paid tribute to many members who had passed away since the last meeting.

A silent vote of condolence was observed, the chaplain, leading in prayer.

Routine business was transacted, and arrangements completed for Divine Service on Sunday, August 8, and also the Annual Demonstration, Saturday, August 14, Scotstoun Showground. This will be under the auspices of No. 4 District Partick.

The Provincial Registrar submitted a report previous Grand Council meeting.

Delegates were appointed to attend the June meeting on behalf of the Provincial Chapter.

The Auditors reported very successful financial year, and members showed an increase.

The Annual Election Officers resulted in changes in the principal offices, such as P.G.M., D.G.M. — Sir Knights A. Lindsay and Peter Dow respectively.

During a recess, Sir Robert Bridgett, now in his 92nd year, was honoured the Prov. Chapter, and wife, Sister Mrs. Bridgett was presented with a bouquet.

The National Anthem sung at the conclusion of a pleasant meeting, a vote of thanks having been accorded to the P.G.M.

Tea was afterwards served.



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CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY



Five 50 Year Certificates: Back row—Bro. John Wilson, Bro. William Bruce, Bro. Joseph Stevenson. Front row: Bro. James A. Wilson, Bro. Jack Ashenhurst, C.G.M.; Bro. Robert Carson.

A centenary anniversary dinner dance took place in the Royal Arms Hotel, Omagh, on Wednesday evening, March 24, when Ardstraw Death or Glory L.O.L. 502, celebrated this memorable event. Over 250 brethren and their friends attended.

The Worshipful Master Bro. Fred Millar welcomed all those present and introduced the chairman for the evening, Bro. J. R. W. Moore, District Secretary, L.O.L. No. 9.

Grace was said by Bro. Rev. D. A. G. Milligan, B.A., Chaplain, after which all enjoyed a four course dinner.

£16 FOR A BANNER

Following the Royal Toast, the guest speakers were introduced.

A detailed and comprehensive history of Ardstraw Lodge was given by the secretary, Bro. William Finlay. He referred to the formation of the Lodge and said research showed that there had been a Lodge prior to 1876, operating under a different Warrant.

One item of great interest was the comparison of prices with those of today. For example, the cost of a new banner in 1904 was £16. A drum head could be bought for 2/6. This Lodge's last banner was purchased in 1973 at the cost of £160.

In 1912 the Lodge decided to build an Orange Hall and a collection was made in the local area which brought in a sum of £500 in subscriptions ranging from £1 to £10. All materials were left on the site and the late

Bro. Cunningham Loughlin was detailed to build the Hall. The stonework was to be completed within seven weeks for the sum of £28, which paid his masons and labourers. After the stonework was completed he again got the contract of slating and fully rendering the roof for an additional payment of £6.

By way of interest, dances were held in the locals' barns before the Hall was built and the admission was 1/- for gentlemen and 6d for ladies.

On returning from the 12th July celebrations in those days the Band and Lodge were entertained in the Hall to a knife and fork sit down dinner, prepared by the ladies. It is on record that 70 lbs of ham and roast beef were purchased for this function.

During this past 100 years the Band changed from flutes to pipes at roughly ten-yearly intervals, up to 1935, since when it has continued to use pipes, some of which are still in use today.

The Toast to the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Tyrone County Lodge was proposed by Bro. Fred Millar, W.M. and responded to by R.W. Bro. Jack Ashenhurst, W.D.G.M., W.C.G.M.

A toast to Newtown-stewart District L.O.L. No. 9 was proposed by Bro. Thomas Keys, D.M., and responded to by Bro. Rev. R. G. Doherty, B.A., District Master.

The sentiment of L.O.L. No. 502 was proposed by Bro. W. Baxter (Secretary, L.O.L. No. 250) and Bro.



Front row: Bro. James A. Wilson, Trea.; Bro. T. Keys, D.M.; Bro. F. Millar, W.M.; Bro. Rev. Milligan, Chap.; Bro. R. Patrick, Lay Chap. Back row: Committee Bros. E. H. McCombe, S. Porter, L. Finlay, V. N. Magee, J. Walker, T. N. Porter and Bro. W. Finlay, Secty.

Fred Miller, W.M. acknowledged.

The toast to the visitors was proposed by Bro. O. E. Stevenson (Sen.), P.M. and Bro. Ronnie McGerrigle (Secretary L.O.L. No. 627) replied.

A toast to absent brethren was proposed by Bro. O. E. Stevenson (Jun.)

Past Masters' Certificates were presented to Bros.

James A. Wilson, James Moore, Thomas Keys, O. E. Stevenson (Sen).

Fifty Year and over Certificates were presented by Bro. Ashenhurst to Bros. James A. Wilson, Robert Lindsay, Robert Carson, James Moore, (Vill), James Clarke, Alexander Moore, John M. Wilson, William Bruce, Joseph Stevenson.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Rev. D. A. G. Milligan, B.A. to all those who had a hand in making this occasion such a success, and this was seconded by Bro. Thomas Keys, D.M.

After the National Anthem, the brethren and their guests enjoyed themselves in entertainment provided by Herbie and the Ramblers.

The present officers of the Lodge are:—

Wor. Master: Bro. F. Millar. Deputy Master: Bro. T. Keys.

Chaplain: Bro. Rev. D. A. G. Milligan, B.A.

Lay Chaplain: Bro. R. Patrick.

Treasurer: Bro. J. A. Wilson.

Secretary: Bro. William Finlay.

Tyler: Bro. T. N. Porter.

Committee: Bros. Victor Magee (Foreman), L. A. Finlay, S. A. Porter, J. W. A. Walker, E. McCombe.

Billy at 88 Sets a Fine Example

Sir Knight and Bro. Wm. J. R. Henderson, J.P. was born on 7th December, 1887, in the reign of Queen Victoria. Billy has lived during the reigns of six monarchs.

He started work in Brookfield Mill on the Crumlin Road at 11 years of age at a time when children worked one day and went to school the next. He stayed at Brookfield Mill until he was 17 years of age and then joined Lindsay Thompsons where he remained as gateman for 28 years. He retired at 75 years of age in 1962.

Bill joined the Order in December 1909 when he was initiated into the Rhonehill L.O.L. 1902 in No. 1 District and was admitted to the Royal Black Institution when Rhonehill Royal Black Preceptory was formed in 1913. He became a member of the Murray Club of the Apprentice Boys of Derry in 1913.

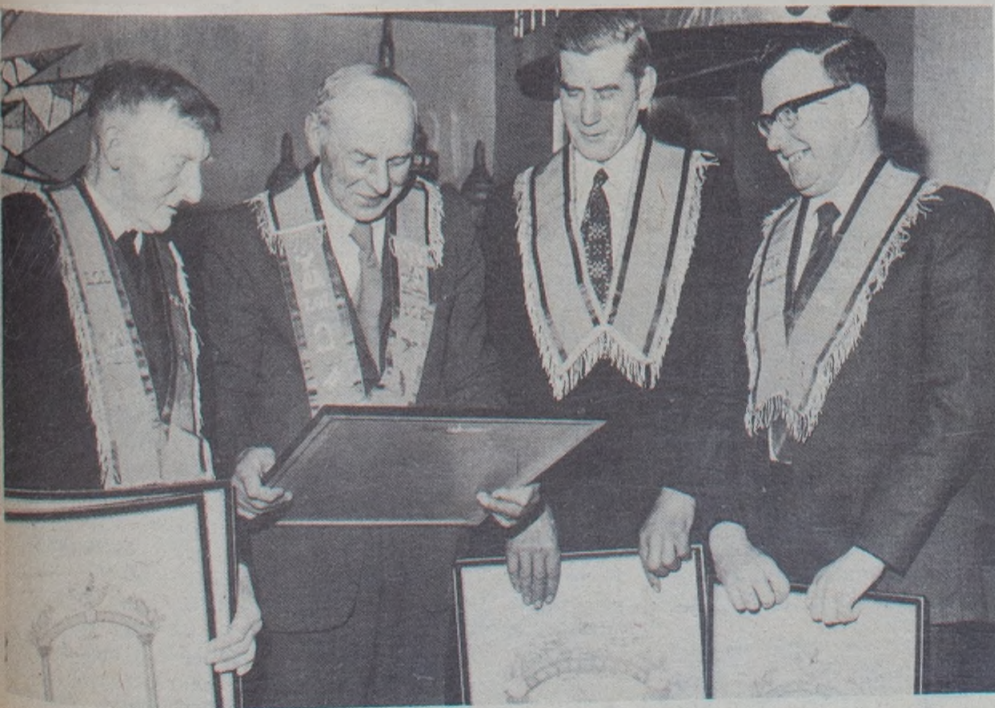
Transferring to Coronation Total Abstinence L.O.L. 786 and Shield of Faith R.B.P. 669 at West Belfast, he also moved to the Total

Abstinence AP Club in Sandy Row, and prizes greatly the torch used at the burning of Lundy's effigy on Derry's Walls in 1963 which, together with the outside sole of Lundy's boot, was presented to him by the then Governor of the Apprentice Boys, the late Bro. W. R. Abernethy.

A regular church attender for over 600 years, Billy Henderson has been a hard working member of Crumlin Road Methodist since marriage. As a member of long standing in the Ulster Unionist Labour Association he has been involved in the wreath-laying ceremony at Lord Carson's statue at Stormont each year.

These days Billy Henderson at 88 years of age is not able through failing health to attend his lodge and has had to give up his attendance as Lay Chaplain of No. 9 District where he is sadly missed after many years of faithful service.

When looking at such devoted servants as Billy Henderson one wonders can such men as these be replaced in our Institutions?



Left to right: four Past Masters — Bro. James A. Wilson, Bro. Oliver Stevenson, Bro. Thomas Keys, Bro. David Moore (on behalf of their father Bro. James Moore).

Persistent Problems

"Uncertain" and "unsatisfactory" are two words which are being hard worked in Ulster today.

"Uncertain" is used constantly to describe the political, economic and social future of the Province. "Unsatisfactory" is the descriptive word when security is mentioned and State and people relationships are discussed.

There is a pervading dissatisfaction all around. It comes from the concern which everyone has over the many imponderables in our society. While people must plan for the future — to be unconcerned for the way ahead is to be without the spirit of adventure and devoid of hope — they are compelled to be tentative, for many things could happen to change their minds and to block and divert their course.

It is impossible to be unaffected by the state of the country, though many strive gallantly to live on as happily and usefully as possible regardless of the handicaps and deprivations which people elsewhere in the United Kingdom would bitterly resent. Their efforts have meant that people in many parts of the country have managed to enjoy a remarkably good quality of life in spite of the Troubles.

There is the indomitable human spirit, and Ulster men and women have illustrated it in these seven years of turbulence. They have gone on about their business regardless of the terrorist, though always mindful of the terror at hand.

If there is any certainty about Ulster it is that in the courage of its good citizens there is the potential for the making of a happy people and a peaceful country. It may be an old cliché but the heart of the people is sound. They must be helped by Government and law to defeat the enemies which threaten to destroy them and their country. This pedestrian statement has the nub of the matter in it.

The people are powerless to defeat the terrorist by force of greater arms. They are incapable of taking action



which will compel the men of illegal force to hand over their arms to the lawful authority. They can take no measures which will persuade those whose philosophy is that power comes through the barrel of a gun to change their minds. They are powerless in matters where they have delegated authority and given power to others. And they have been grievously hurt and frequently disappointed by the words and actions of those in whom they have placed their confidence or those who have accepted responsibility for their welfare.

They are not elated when they are blamed by implication for the expense of the Troubles which are not of their making and for suffering for which they have no responsibility. To say, as Mr. Rees and so many others "Over there" have done, that the community must cast off the terrorists is to speak to a relatively few people who might be expected to have an influence over their own people, and to others whose role in society suggests that they can affect the thinking of the violent in the midst.

You do not need to be overly intelligent to realise that people who are involved in terrorism are trapped in cages of their own making, or those of others, which prevent them from honouring family relationships or from recognising the right of a friend to persuade them to change their ways. The complexity of the situation can not be reduced to a naive statement which bears no relation to the reality of things.

The Terrorist must be made to learn the lesson that his violence can not bring final victory to his cause. He has had victories because Government and law has been less effective than they should have been to prevent him from having them. There must be no more weakness of the kind for the forces of law and order must defeat the enemies of society in whatever garb they appear or regardless of the cause they espouse.

A Fair Deal For Ulster

The Ulster Unionist Party under Harry West has refused to take part in the UUUC Action Committee which pledged itself to work for the early restoration of devolved government. Understandably there has been no spelling-out of what "action" means in the thinking of the Committee. It has been assumed by some political observers that it could mean disruptive actions with certain specific targets of attack.

The UUP is tackling the matter of devolved government its own way. It is not less determined than others that devolved government is essential for the best administration of Ulster. Bro. West has attacked the Westminster Government for refusing to grant to Ulster the same rights of parliamentary representation as other parts of the United Kingdom and threatened that his party was considering taking the matter to the House of Lords and the International Court at Strasbourg. Under-representation at Westminster and a local government system geared to devolved government means that Direct Rule is intrinsically insufficient and inefficient.

Whilst most people recognise the need for an Ulster Government, their main concern is for an end to terrorism and a return to peace. In the wake of the unsuccessful Convention there is a political vacuum, though party people are meeting frequently and annual and public meetings are being held as usual. And some inter-party conversations are continuing.

PROPERTY OWNERS

Two worrying disclosures have been made recently. One is that the Provisional IRA and the UDA are now considering property owners and proprietors of businesses in republican and loyalist strongholds of Belfast respectively and the other that sinister people are selecting targets for the bombers and arsonists.



QUIET AND TOUGH — THEY'RE ALL WELL MOULDED IN "32"!

Britannia is a good strong name for Junior Lodge No. 32, strong enough to have lasted 50 years, and on Friday March 26, its strength was shown again in the happy young faces of its members, as they celebrated their Golden Jubilee.

The Master of the Lodge, Bro. Frank Hewitt, assisted by the Master of No. 2 Junior District, Bro. Norman Gibson, cut the anniversary cake to the cheers of 40 hearty voices.

After the supper which followed, letters of congratulation were read, all containing sums of money for the Lodge; some from former P.M.'s, another from a former Superintendent, Bro. Arthur Morrison, though unable to attend through illness, still with us in spirit.

We have boys in the Lodge now, whose fathers were

once our members and it is a great thrill when after some years a former junior brother turns up with his son to join the Lodge.

For those whose only experience of the junior movement is watching the parade, we would explain more than ever before it takes a lot of patience to deal with boys, especially unruly lads of which every Lodge has a few, but after a few years careful handling they usually turn out to be some of your best members. Then just as they become a real asset to the Lodge, they are the age to leave and join the seniors.

Then the cycle starts all over again, for the Superintendent and his assistants. New members come in — quiet ones and shy ones, rough ones and tough ones, but they soon blend together to make Britannia 32.

The quiet and shy boys soon learn to speak up and from them usually come the best ideas, as was the case when No. 2 Junior District started the boys club, a huge success. The idea came from a 9 year old boy of Lodge 32.

The rough and tough boys after a few months seem to take a protective role with the smaller lads. This is more noticeable during an outing or parade.

For the senior members there are many headaches, but there are many happy worthwhile hours spent with the boys of Britannia Junior L.O.L. 32.

What every Junior Lodge needs is a good ladies committee and we have one of the best. Two of our ladies, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. McMullen, have given us 21 years of faithful service. So how could we miss being a good strong Lodge!

"THOU SHALT NOT..."

The above heading was given by "The Irish Times" to an editorial which was very critical of a declaration from Rome on sexual ethics. The editor of the "letters to the editor" section of the same paper gave letters on this subject the same title.

At the same time a report about a thirty-two year old vicar and his fifty-nine year old housekeeper also appeared in the same paper. The vicar and the housekeeper had been charged with stealing, but the report carried the heading "7th Commandment." According to the R.C. Church, "Thou shalt not steal" is the 7th commandment, but of course to a member of the Church of England (or Ireland) it would appear that the report suggested that the accused had been guilty of committing adultery.

On one half of the window of the Mission buildings we had a display of the ten commandments and on a sheet of paper, on which we struck the newspaper report, we wrote: "What commandment did the vicar break? What about the 9th!" The newspaper cutting was placed in the window in order to get people to think about the commandments, which were written in full on a card a few inches away. If the vicar had read this report he might have thought that the newspaper was breaking the 9th commandment as he was accused of stealing, not adultery.

The card with the ten commandments was given to us by one of the three Protestant societies who have borne the cost of placing these on the London

underground trains and in other places. Also in our window at that time were five large posters, two with texts urging people to walk in God's commandments and to examine their ways; the other three had the 4th, 6th and 9th commandments. Another card had the following:

1. Have no other Gods but Me,
2. And to no image bow your knee.
3. Take not the name of God in vain,
4. Do not the Sabbath Day profane.
5. Honour your father and mother too,
6. And see that you no murder do.

7. Abstain from all deeds unclean

8. And steal not thy neighbour's goods

9. Of false report bear no part

10. What is your neighbour's covet not.

+By way of explanation the R.C. Church joins "1st and 2nd commandments to make one, and splits 10th in two. In some of the catechisms, the longer commandments are shorter with the result that what regard as the 2nd, forbidding graven images, is omitted altogether!

(From "The Banner of Truth in Ireland" by the Church Missions, A. 1976).

BOBBY, 90 NEVER MISSES A MEETING

Shankill Road Heroes L.O.L. 1923, "The Heroes," was founded in 1870 under the jurisdiction of the Killead District. After meeting in the home of Bro. Andrew Crawford it moved to the Orange Hall in Agnes Street on the Shankill Road.

Their first Worshipful Master was Bro. Robert Knox, and a look at the record of their early meetings reveals that expenses in those days included "District Dues at 1/-, coal for fire 6½d. and candles 3½d." Also recorded is the fact that "the Heroes" agreed to allow the Shankill Purple Marksmen L.O.L. 1122 to use their banner for an early parade while both lodges were encamped at Agnes Street.

The Shankill Road Heroes have five long serving

members who have been presented with 50 years' jewels. Bro. Bobby Kerr, their oldest member and 90 years of age never misses a meeting.

During the past troubles the Heroes lost one of their devoted members when Bro. "Joker" Andrew was killed in the bomb blast in the Four Step Inn.

One of No. 9 District's largest and strongest lodges, Shankill Road Heroes, holds a special place in the hearts of the people in their area and always draw applause from spectators during parades. Its present officebearers include W. Bro. John Lowry, D.M., Desmond Dillon; Chap. Bro. Trevor Hill; Treas. Bro. Cecil Robinson, and Secretary, Bro. James Baillie P.M.

Orangeman General Resigned Rather Than March Against Ulster



MAKE A STAND

And the lesson is this — make a stand in all dealings with Westminster and Whitehall. Let the voice of loyal Ulster be heard throughout the land and there will be sympathetic ears.

It was a real pleasure this week (May 5), therefore, to listen to Bro. Harry West, Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party — speak so authoritatively and firmly on the question of Ulster's right to equal representation in the Parliament of the Ulster Kingdom.

For decades Northern Ireland has been under-represented, and it is heartening to know that this vexed question is to be taken up at the highest possible level, in order that we here in Ulster are given a proportionate share of the seats in the British Parliament.

Ulster's cause must be pressed home on every

possible occasion with vigour and to that end no commitment should be made to any political party in the House, even if it means that the Unionist vote plunges the country into a General Election. (One of the reasons why we are denied our Parliamentary rights).

When Ulster gets her point of view finally acknowledged then will be the time to consider whether she ought to strike up relationships with her former associates, the Conservative and Unionist Party, who are even more culpable than the Labour and Liberal Parties in failing to recognise the validity, not to mention the legality, of Ulster's right to representation in the House commensurate with her population.

Bro. West should receive the full support and encouragement of every loyalist organisation in Ulster in his advocacy of the case he is now putting forward.

BY STANDARD BEARER

of loyalty by officers and men who had everything to lose by their refusal to obey orders to march against loyal Ulster.

KEEP IT IN MIND!

The order which the Army was awaiting exposes one of the most despicable examples of British handling of Ulster affairs in our long and chequered history, and it must be kept to the forefront of our thoughts in these days when we see further examples of chicanery and horse-trading by some elements in London in their direction of Ulster's security.

By March 24 things had altered in Army circles in Dublin. Capt de Vallance in a letter to his mother was able to report that the Colonel was back, re-instated and with the guarantees that the Regiment would not be employed to coerce Ulster under any conditions.

It appears, according to the statements of the Colonel on his return to Dublin, that Lloyd George, Winston and Co. with the Army Council had planned a coup d'etat on Ulster.

Troops were to be posted in from all parts — the warrant for Carson's arrest was actually written, "and when we were in Ulster we were to be asked if we would fight. Unfortunately — for

the General — Sir A. Paget made the most appalling blunder of asking us before we left."

"If the Government want to play with Civil War they will have to get a democratic army — all officers to be raised from the ranks, as I heard two men in the train suggest. I fear they will find it rather an expensive amusement."

All this happened more than 60 years ago, but the lesson must not be allowed to slip into limbo. Its relevance is as strong today as it was in 1914.

IRA ARE WAGING RELIGIOUS WAR

Make no mistake about it, the war which the IRA of whatever hue, official, Provisional or breakaway faction, is waging is designed to weaken not only British influence in Ulster but to undermine and eventually crush the Protestant presence here.

The death toll this year has been borne very largely by the Protestant sector,

and as always the destruction of property throughout the Province has been almost exclusively confined to Protestant-owned and English sponsored.

Large sectors of industrial, commercial and office accommodation have suffered at the hands of the terrorists, using sophisticated devices which have come in here from sources of international origin.

by the knowledge that the Courts are unable to order the birch or the cat.

It is evident to those who have recourse to the Courts that criminals of whatever brand, do not fear the consequences of their misdemeanours.

A year or two ago there was an outcry when the magistrates in the Isle of Man ordered the birch to a number of youths who had misbehaved themselves during the holiday season.

MASSIVE BILL

Already the massive bill paid and awaiting payment for compensation on claims for the loss of life and the destruction of property is of such proportions that it must now be beyond doubt that sooner or later someone in high office will be called to account for the continuance of what is a national disaster.

In recent weeks and months we have been reading of scandals in the world of high finance, but these are nothing to compare with the scandal of financial losses incurred by the seeming inability of the Government and its agents to put this cancer of violence and damage out of our country.

Clearly the punitive measures which exist through the Courts are such as not to have any real deterrent effect. Indeed it could be said with equal truth that young offenders carrying out crime of a less serious nature than terrorism, are also hardly deterred

Well Done Isle of Man

But the Manx authorities to their eternal credit dismissed the clamour and ordered their island as they saw fit. Quickly the outcry faded and we have heard no more about it.

I would be pilloried if I were to make this statement in some circles of our now so very civilised society, but that does not matter.

Society as a whole has rights too, and those who offend the law as it affects the good ordering of life in any community must have the punitive consequences administered so that he or she will have the recollection of that punishment uppermost in the mind if tempted to repeat the offence.

Spare the rod . . . Its an ancient piece of advice but it is as effective in 1976 as the day it was given.

Some interesting and valuable sidelights on the Ulster situation in 1914 have come to the surface in a series of extracts from letters written by Captain Vane de Vallance who was serving in the 5th Royal Irish Lancers in Dublin at that time

"Our General, Gough, as also the Colonel, have resigned, so we are in good company. The General is off to Ulster, being an Orangeman. I can't quite decide whether I ought not to join them."

This episode was, of course, the great and momentous Curragh revolt which brought the British Army face to face with its greatest challenge to central authority in its long history.

What we owe to General Gough and men of his courage and determination in standing up to the threats to Ulster by the then Mr. Winston Churchill and the British Government of the day we may never be able fully to assess.

Perhaps the Orange Order may one day find time to take a fresh look at this remarkable demonstration

TWO HOURS TO DECIDE

In a letter to his father on March 20 this young officer disclosed that on that morning they were given two hours to decide whether they would be prepared to march against Ulster — the alternative being dismissed the Service.

The letter went on: "I have resigned my commission, as also the whole Mess, except two members. I suppose we ought to call it dismissed the service."

JUNIOR GIRLS FORM LODGE IN RATHFRILAND

On Saturday afternoon last a new Junior Women's L.O.L. was formed in Rathfriland Orange Hall. The Lodge which is attached to the ladies lodge in Rathfriland 'Dawn of Peace L.O.L. 174' will be called Rathfriland Women's Junior L.O.L. 37. A total of 24 members enrolled at the meeting, and the formation of this lodge brings the number of Junior Women's Lodges in Ireland up to 30. The meeting was attended by the Worshipful District Mistress of Down, Sister J.

E. Gibney, J.P., who is also the President of the Junior Women's Orange Association of Ireland. Sister Agnes Campbell and Sister Beryl McClimond have been appointed Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent respectively, and the worthy mistress of the lodge is Sister Lorraine Kinley. Others sisters elected to office are as follows—Deputy Mistress, Anne Harbinson; Chaplain, Yvonne Gracey; Secretary, Mary Bennett and Treasurer, Lorraine McAuley.



Our picture shows the Superintendents (back row) with members of the new Junior Women's L.O.L.

"A GOODLY HERITAGE" IN WAR-TORN ULSTER

In a sermon delivered at the Belfast Widows Fund service in April, W.Bro. J. Power, M.A., chose the text: "Yea I have a goodly heritage" (Psalm 16. 6).

He said: "Heritage" has been defined as something transmitted by, or acquired from, a predecessor, a legacy, a birthright.

Every thinking man will stop at times to consider his heritage, and to be grateful for it.

In the 16th Psalm King David reflects on his heritage. He says: "The Lord is the portion of my inheritance. The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places. Yea, I have a goodly heritage."

DAVID REMEMBERED

He remembered his forebears:—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Samuel, and a host of other great men. All of them had contributed something to him. With God's help he would maintain that heritage and add something to it. David extended the Kingdom and made Jerusalem the national capital.

He prepared to build a great Temple to the Glory of God; but that was not to be in his lifetime. His son Solomon on strengthening his heritage did build that Temple.

As members of the Loyal Orange Institution we have a goodly heritage. And because it is one to be proud of, it lays upon us certain responsibilities. We have a duty to preserve it and to add to it.

We have, in our heritage, a beautiful land (in spite of the Troubles); the Protestant Faith (which many do not value sufficiently); Civil and Religious Liberty. Above all, we have the heritage of God's Holy Word, the Bible—"a lamp to our feet and a light to our path," if we pay attention to it.

God's Word has not changed. He is the same God who created the Heavens and the Earth and everything therein; Who upholds all things by the Power of His Word; the God

who spoke to many through the ages — and will speak to us, and guide us if we listen; the God who said to Joshua "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for I the Lord Thy God am with Thee whithersoever thou goest."

TRUE FOR US TODAY

Those words are as true for us today as they were for Joshua. And yet, we find a falling away from faith in God. Less heed is being paid to His Divine Word. Indeed the Bible is a closed Book to many people. They are ignorant of its precepts.

Church attendance has dwindled. Even the numbers attending our services of the Loyal Orange Institution have decreased in the last few years. We can remember when there was difficulty in having sufficient halls and churches to accommodate the numbers attending our services.

And today, in spite of the good weather and the seriousness of the times, our smallish numbers here represent four Districts. Where are all those who claim to support our Order? Have they forgotten their goodly heritage?

We need a spiritual revival, or we will lose our heritage, for the forces of evil have spread to almost every aspect of our daily lives. Speaking of evil reminds me of a saying of Edmund Burke "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to succeed in this world is for enough good men to do nothing."

This Province needs good men and women to set the example in true Christian living so that an increasing number of militant Christians will be inspired to renew their faith, to stand firm for God's Word, for our Protestant Heritage; for Civil and Religious Liberty; to stand — and, as St. Paul said — "having done all, to stand."

MORE LOVE IN OUR DEALINGS

The Loyal people of Northern Ireland are not the

first to be down trodden by enemies; not the first to be deceived by those who pretend to be friends; not the first to be unjustly treated as a result of corruption in high places; not the first to be on the verge of despair; not the first to fall away from Christian principles.

We need more Christian love in our living and in our dealings with our fellow men. And when we have it, we will deserve a true leader, a faithful guide, an inspired voice.

Through the centuries we learn of voices divinely inspired which have enthused and guided the people and led them to happiness and prosperity.

God spoke once to an old man, a political refugee, his career finished, hiding in the mountains, tending sheep.

"He said "Moses, go down to Egypt and get my people." Moses obeyed, and the history of the world was changed. God spoke to Gideon at the winepress, to Samuel in the Temple, to Saul on the road to Damascus. These men heard and obeyed, and the world has benefited from their influence.

Through the ages we find inspired voices leading people from the depths of despair to the heights of joy, happiness and prosperity. Voices right down to our own time — Churchill, Carson and James Craig. All this is our goodly heritage.

What of the future? Only God, through an inspired leader, can bring this province from its present sorry state to one of happiness and prosperity.

Too many people are looking for a leader without considering their own attitudes and behaviour.

We must be worthy of a good leader; we must remember our heritage; we must return to the Faith and keep God's commandments, and spread goodness more strongly by word and deed. Then, in God's own good time, someone will hear that call "whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And that person, the chosen vessel of the time, will be inspired to reply, as Isaiah of old, "Here am I, send me."

When that time comes, I hope the loyal people of Northern Ireland will be worthy of such a leader.

LEADERS AND SLOGANS

Good inspired leaders have always been necessary

to unite people and bring them from trouble to better times. But history has shown too, that special phrases or slogans have roused people and spurred them to great efforts. Phrases such as "By the sword of the Lord and of Gideon." "England expects every man to do his duty." "No Surrender," and Churchill's call to greater effort when he referred to "blood, sweat and tears." Today I suggest one more.

In a small Church in Leicestershire there is a plaque on the wall which reads "In the year 1653 when all things sacred in the nation were being profaned or destroyed, Sir Robert Shirley founded this Church. It was to his singular praise that he did the best things in the worst times." When Churches were being

memories of those acts of kindness to others which give us most pleasure.

As the quotation puts it "If there is any good thing you can do, do it now, for you will not pass this way again."

TIME IS LIMITED

We have a limited amount of time in which to use our talents and obey God's Commandments. Some people in our community spend their time causing misery and making stumbling blocks to a happy life for those around them.

Others (and I hope we would be included) use their time to make stepping stones to a better future, and to increase our goodly

heritage. These thoughts have been attractively expressed in a little poem I read recently. Isn't it strange that Kings, and Clowns that carry sawdust rings, And ordinary people like me, Are builders for all eter-

To each is given a bag of tools, An hour glass and a set of rules, And each must build ere the hour be flown, A stumbling block—or stepping stone."

Yes I have a goodly heritage.

Its 1912 and this Ulster Unionist postcard had a message that is equally true in 1976.



destroyed he built one "the best things in the worst times."

Few would deny that our present times are the worst we can remember. Yet it is in such times that good men make a greater effort and inspire those around them.

BEST THINGS IN WORST TIMES

You have noticed that in illness or in trouble good men and women show their concern. They help in many ways. In bereavement, the remark is often heard: "I never realised I had so many good friends."

"The best things in the worst times." Today we see our standards of life demolished; trickery has been substituted for honesty; "do as you please" for moral law; homes are no longer the sanctuaries they were; our Protestant Faith and Civil and Religious Liberty are in danger — even of disappearance, if some had their way.

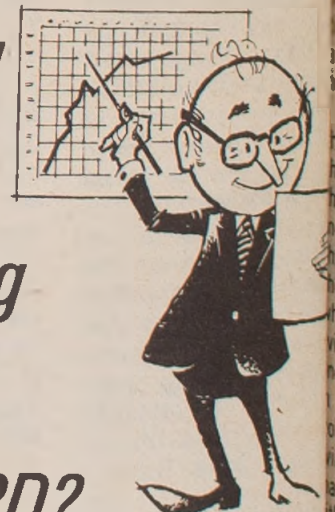
It is time for us to do "the best things in the worst times." Let us do more to visit the sick, tend the old, help the youth in their behaviour and attitudes; strengthen the Faith; and, on this day to remember the widows.

In every good thing let us increase our giving.

Some speak of the widows' mite. There is no mention in the Bible of the widows mite. It says "she put in two mites." One mite would have done, in her circumstances, but she gave two — all that she had.

As we look back on our lives it is always the

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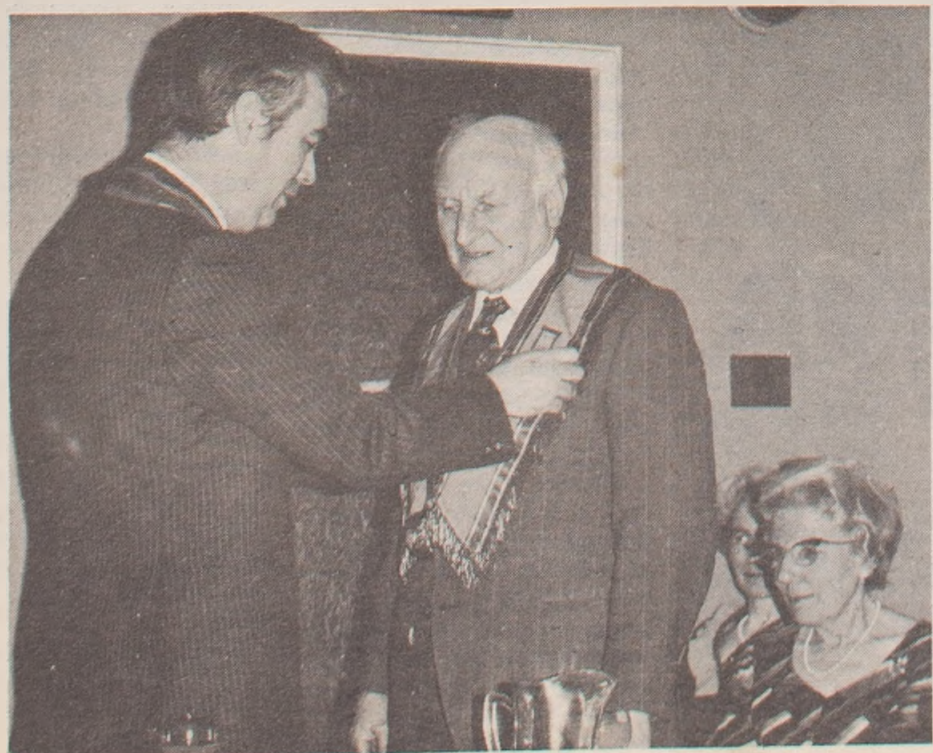
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Festival of Praise For Golden Jubilee

(Continued from page 2)

of Partick District presented Bros. Wilkinson and McAlister with their P.M. medallions.

HYMN SINGING SESSION

Bro. Hugh Lindsay, acting as M.C. led the company in community hymn singing in which everyone joined, and he had the same singers to call on who had been present on the Friday night. The editor of the "Belfast News-Letter," Mr. Kenneth Withers and Mrs. Withers were also present.

To you as you read these words may I again say that any one of the singers could be earning good money singing at Cabaret Clubs, but because each one of them knows Jesus Christ as their own and personal Saviour they are using the talents given to them to send forth in song the praises of their great Redeemer Who had paid for their sins and your sins on Calvary's tree.

Just remember these words in John 14: "I go to prepare a place for you and where I am there you will be also." Does this apply to you or will you hear these terrible words "Depart from me I never knew you." This is a personal question and only you can answer it?.

The Lodge is composed of brethren from all the Reformed Protestant Churches, and each member can tell you when he took Jesus Christ as his own Saviour. Can you? If not, why not, for Jesus says "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

On both of the two nights Bro. Rev. Brian Kennaway opened the meeting with prayer and also read a portion of Scripture.

Both the meetings were brought to a close by the singing of that old and well known Psalm 23. Bro. Rev. Wm. Martin Smyth pronounced the Benediction on Friday night, and on



Senior Officers and Sir Knights on parade to their annual service in Gilford.

Photo: "Portadown News"

Saturday night the Benediction was pronounced by Bro. Rev. Brian Kennaway.

On both occasions the meetings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

JOSEPH WILKINSON P.M.
Secretary.

THE ROYAL ROSE OF ENGLAND

The royal rose of England, the flower of Albion's Queen,
The type of many a gallant deed, on land and on the main;
For Merry England's blushing rose, in rich imperial hue,
Flashed forth the sword of Agincourt, Trafalgar, Waterloo;
Like England's maid all beautiful appears the flowery gem,
Like England's youth prepared for war appears its thorny stem;
Thus beauty's claim and valour's worth in its fair form is seen,
The royal rose of England, the flower of Albion's Queen.

The royal rose of England, with all her fragrant sighs,
Like England's own immortal fame, her perfume never dies;
Like England's fame, oh! dearly bought by many a martyred saint,

All pure appears her virgin tint, unsullied, free from taint,
And when the softened dews of eve bespangle all her leaves,
They're like the tears by Albion shed for poor unhappy slaves;
Thus emblem'd in our blushing flower old England's worth is seen,
The royal rose of England, the flower of Albion's Queen.

The royal rose of England, our motto and our type,
To fight for it our swords are true, our hearts for battle ripe;
We'll take the bright example left when Orangemen did join
And fought for England, truth, and faith, upon the banks of Boyne;
Oh! who would not stand man to man, the falchion bravely draw,

When sounds of the war cry gallantly, "Old England and Nassau"?
And proudly on our banners bear, o'er land and o'er the main,
The royal rose of England, the flower of Albion's Queen.

An Orange Melody from "Life and Times of William The Third and History of Orangeism," by Joseph Carnahan. Published: Auckland, New Zealand, 1890.

Belfast Lecturers Visit Scotland

The bi-annual visit of No. 4 Lecture Class, Belfast, during the Easter week-end to Glasgow, was warmly welcomed by the officers and members of No. 4 Partick Class.

It was shortly after the second World War, when late Sir Knt. John B. Irvine, then R.W.D.M. of No. 4 District, formed the idea with Sir Knt. D. H. Boyd, then R.W.D.M. No. 4 Partick. The visits have been going on ever since, and a great friendship formed.

Weather conditions were ideal for this year's visit, and the ceremonial work, carried out on Saturday, April 17, under Warrant of R.B.P. 461 in the Orange Hall, Whiteinch, was of first class order, by both Classes.

Special praise was given to the members of the Partick class, who have recently joined.

They gave a surprisingly high standard in degree work.

Sir Knt. James Hamilton, R.W.D.M. and President of the Partick Class, extended a very warm welcome to all present.

He invited to the platform, Sir Knts. John Patterson, President No. 4 Belfast; D. H. Boyd, P.G.M. and Past President Partick Class, and John A. Reilly, P.D.M. No. 4 Partick, each of whom complimented and congratulated all the lecturers

on their high standard, and efficiency in degree work.

At the close of the proceedings, and the singing of the National Anthem, all present were entertained to a high tea, followed by a sing song and other musical items.

During the week-end, a visit was paid to Edinburgh, where the Ulster visitors were impressed with their sight seeing tour of St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh Castle, Holyrood Palace, and a call at South Queensferry to view the new Bridge across the Forth.

Sir Knt. Patterson conveyed thanks on behalf of his fellow members for the hospitality and reception received.

He thought of one particular member, the late Bro. Major Rev. Geough Quinn, who had made the Supreme Sacrifice at Salerno in 1943. This Brother was a descendent of the General who in 1912 refused to march the British Army to Ulster when ordered to do so during the Home Rule debate. In closing the G.M. prayed that long peace would hence more be ours.
Bro. William Murdie, J.C.M., presented to the outgoing Worshipful Master his Past Masters collarette, jewel and certificate. Bro. Donald Chalmers W.M. of the Partick District presented fifty year medallions to Mrs. Hanna, P.M.; Mrs. P.M.; Mrs. Lambe, P.M. and Mrs. Rainsford, P.M. Bro. William McEwan, Treasurer

"JIMMY TODD — A Man in the

Barnabas Mould"

The Orange service in St. Ninian's Church, Whitewell Road, Belfast, was also a memorial service for the late W. Bro. James Todd.

Taking part were M. Wor. John Bryans, J.P., Immediate Past Grand Master, who read the Lesson; R.W. Bro. Thomas Passmore, J.P., County Grand Master of Belfast who made the Charoty Collection Appeal; and R.W. Bro. the Rev. S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P., Grand Chaplain, who preached the sermon.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Hugh Hopkins, rector. Among the Grand Lodge Officers present was R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., Grand Secretary.

Bro. Long began his sermon with the few words introduction, "When I was asked to say something . . . , on the work and worth of the late W. Bro. James Todd I immediately made a mental comparison of the man whom I, and you, knew in Lodge and Institution with another man, whom I, and you, know by the New Testament.

"This other man was Joseph Barnabas, one of the great New Testament men, who willingly took the secondary place that the work of Christ and the Church should flourish by the leadership of others."

The preacher went on: "There are four specific mentions of Barnabas in the Acts of the Apostles where he is described as a generous man; as the friend and sponsor of Saul of Tarsus, the new Christian; as a good, wise, man;" and

as a man sent by the church to be a missionary.

"The name Barnabas means 'Son of Consolation' and Joseph Barnabas lived up to it. He was always a kindly, consoling, comforting person. The pioneer of Christian Missions, man of substance he used his money to help in the spread of the Gospel.

"Barnabas had the Christ-like spirit. He was a 'giver' not a 'getter'."

"A native of Cyprus he knew the Gentiles as Paul, the other foreign Jew among the first Christians knew them. He was the man chosen by the Apostles to receive the Gentiles of Antioch, who had become believers, into the church.

"This commission made him seek out Saul for help to tackle the job of winning others than Jews for the Kingdom of God. Whatever the others felt about Saul, the former persecutor of Christians who had become one of them, Barnabas really knew the man. Much injustice and unkindness has been visited on people who have been misjudged by those who did not know them even when they were sure that they knew them well.

"Barnabas was like Jesus. He thought the best of people and tried to encourage them. He wanted everybody to realize that they are included in God's plan of salvation.

"He was a first exponent of the philosophy of everyman for Christ.

"There are two kinds of people — those who shut doors and those who open them.

"Barnabas opened doors for Paul and everybody else. His bigheartedness showed in his pleading the cause of John Mark when Paul refused to take him along with them on their second projected missionary journey because Mark had run off and left them on the first one.

"Barnabas was a compassionate man. He found it easy to forgive. And he never minded taking the second place. The missionary pair Barnabas and Paul became, by his consent, Paul and Barnabas.

"He never held a grudge. His forgiveness of John Mark was one evidence of that spirit, and we are indebted to him for the considerable work of Mark as the first of the Four Evangelists. And Mark justified Barnabas' confidence in him. He was reconciled to Paul, too, to become a great friend in his last years.

"Barnabas was like Jesus for no-one was better at forgiving than He.

"Barnabas was a good man, generous, humble, forgiving, sincere, an example in Christian living.

"James (Jimmy) Todd was in the Barnabas mould. He had the same qualities of true humanity. The Orange

Order in private, district and county lodge had a very great indebtedness to him. He worked incessantly and lovingly for the Orange cause as a leader sometimes, but often in secondary roles. He was so much concerned for the case that he would do anything to promote it, even to tying up parcels of the "Orange Standard" for distribution here and abroad.

"There are two kinds of organisation men — the members, "in little more than name," and the workers, like 'Jimmy Todd.'

"Christ makes demands on those who claim to be His. "The Church makes demands on those who claim to belong to her.

"The Orange Institution, which bridges church affiliations, makes demands on its members. No-one has to belong, but if a man wants to be an Orangeman then he must be serious about it.

"He should live out his Orangeism in his devotion to Jesus Christ; loyalty to the church; and love for people. And show his Orange concern for the good of the community in which he lives — its economics, politics and quality of life.

"He is a man of principle whose deeds give meaning to his words. They are the evidence that vows taken and promises made are well and truly kept.

"Like Barnabas, and James Todd, we must act like men, like Orangeman, worthy of the name.

"We must be true to the greatness of our Faith and the greatness of our Orangeism."

US Writer Disparages "The Sash!"

"There's no accounting for taste"! This is possibly in the realm of music. Some prefer Bach to Boogie; of pop to Purcell, and some readers of this paper would have the Lambeg than "Rock."

However, recently, Leon Uris, a well known American writer, who consistently displays anti-British trends, disparagingly of "The Sash." In his pictorial book, "Ireland — A Terrible Beauty" he manifests a palpable ignorance allied with an amazing regard for Provisional murderers.

To help him and others, we reproduce the words of the Orange Ballad, set in Glasgow, which tells the story of a Tyrone (Or Co. Down?) Orangeman returning home. The nothing in the words or music to give offence, unless wishes to take it.

On the other hand we print the National Anthem of the Republic of Ireland. There are different versions, especially the Munster dialect understanding of Be Baoghail — which are even more extreme.

Let the unbiased reader decide which causes the offence? One an exile's ballad; the other the anthem of a modern State. It would be difficult to imagine it the ant of a friendly neighbour, partner within the European Community and exporter of some one million citizens to a haven amidst the Saxon foe.



A SOLDIER'S SONG

We'll sing a song, a soldier's song, with rousing cheer
chorus,
As round our blazing fires were throng, the starry heaven
o'er us;
Impatient for the coming fight
And as we wait the morning light,
Here in the silence of the night,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

CHORUS: Soldiers are we whose lives are pledged to Ireland
Some have come from a land beyond the wave,
Sworn to be free, no more our ancient sire-land
Shall shelter the despot or the slave.
To-night we'll man the Bearn Baoghail (gap of Danger)
In Erin's cause come woe or weal,
'Mid cannons' roar and rifles peal,
We'll chant a soldier's song.
In valley green on towering crag, our fathers fought for
us,
And conquered, 'neath the same old flag that's proudly
floating o'er us;
We're children of a fighting race,
That never yet has known disgrace,
And as we march the foe to face,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Sons of the Gael, men of the Pale, the long watched
breaking,
The serried ranks of Innisfail shall set the tyrant quaking
Our camp fires now are burning low,
See in the East the silvery glow,
Out yonder waits the Saxon foe,
Then chant a soldier's song.



THE SASH MY FATHER WORE

It is old but it is beautiful, and its colours they are fine
It was worn at Derry, Aughrim, Enniskillen and the Boyne
My father wore it when a youth in bye-gone days of yore
So on the 12th I always wear the Sash my father wore

Here I am an Orangeman just come across the sea;
For singin' and for dancin' I hope that I please thee;
I can sing and dance like any man as they did in days of yore
And on the 12th I always wear the Sash my father wore

It is now I'm goin' to leave you all, good luck to you I pray
And when I'm on the ocean, for me I hope you'll pray
I am going to my native land, to a place they call Drogheda
And on the 12th I love to wear the Sash my father wore

Whenever I come back again my brethren here to see
I hope in fine old Orange style, they will always welcome me
My favourite tune Boyne Water will please me more
more;
And make my Orange heart feel glad in the Sash my father wore.



"Oh, I know it pulls in the crowds, but I still prefer the old baptisms."