

Armistice Day— Betrayal Day?

November 11, Armistice Day, has been suggested by the British newspaper the "Mail on Sunday" as the date on which Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will travel to Dublin to sign the Anglo-Irish Agreement on Northern Ireland with the Eire Prime Minister, Dr. Garret FitzGerald.

A media maxim is that one should not accept any statement until it has been denied officially so until the "Mail on Sunday" speculation has been officially denied it would be unsafe to assume that an anti-Unionist deal has been forged in secret.

EIRE'S BELFAST OFFICE?

The "Mail on Sunday" Report, however, claimed that the Agreement would give the Irish Republic a say in the administration of Northern Ireland, with a joint secretariat and office in Belfast.

However, the Orange Order said Loyalists would not accept this.

"The Institution will join with Official Unionists, DUP, Ulster Vanguard and the United Ulster Loyalist Front in opposing by every means



Rt. Hon. J. H. Molyneux, M.P.

Belfast's Orange Masters On Stand-by

possible any moves that permit the Republic's government a role in N. Ireland," the statement said.

The Orange Order said they were so concerned about the likely outcome of the summit that they had placed their 325 Worshipful Masters in the city on stand-by with a view to calling them to an emergency conference within hours of the result of the London/Dublin meeting being announced.

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The Order added that security was the number one priority in Northern Ireland and that Mrs. Thatcher and her Cabinet should be spending more time "trying to improve this, rather than being involved in deals with the Republic."

On BBC radio, Mr. Maurice Manning, the Fine Gael backbencher, referred to the talks. He said that for the first time in 60 years the British government was taking the whole problem seriously within an Anglo/Irish context.

He explained that they were not looking for a solution to the problem but to the start of a process which does not threaten the unionists or does not threaten their rights to remain British but which would for the first time recognise the rights of nationalists and their identity.

FAILURE WARNING

Mr. Manning warned that failure of the talks would be a recruiting sergeant of the IRA. Failure would be disastrous for the island as a whole, and he predicted there could be escalation of the violence on both sides.

On the same programme

SDLP leader John Hume said that given the nature of the problem and the nature of the discussions, as well as the governments involved, he didn't expect a final settlement. But he would like to see a framework in which total equality of treatment of all people is created. Also such a framework would allow the process of reconciliation to begin.

However, unionists also warned about the dangers of any agreement with the Republic. Official Unionist leader Mr. James Molyneux said that Mr. Paisley and himself would be thrust aside by the British government. If this happened and their advice was disregarded, then the British government's action would bring into play the paramilitary forces.



Rev. Ian Paisley, M.P.

DUP leader, Rev. Ian Paisley, predicted a loyalist uprising. He said that he would not say what they had in their armoury, but it was a well stocked armoury. He added that there were two roads for N. Ireland to go down — the road



Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

of democracy and the road of anarchy.

Also in Belfast, Mr. Paisley said that they were out once more upon a campaign against betrayal. He added that the message to the Dublin government was that they intend to do exactly as Lord Carson and the people in their

day did and to defeat the present conspiracy.

CHALLENGE TO KING

The Orange Institution in Belfast has challenged Secretary of State Tom King to deny or confirm the accuracy of the "Mail" report.

DISCRIMINATION QUERY FOR KING

The Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland has forwarded the following letter to Secretary of State Tom King:

"The Grand Master, Officer Bearers and Members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland are concerned at information they have received to the effect that some Government concerns in the Londonderry area are discriminating against Protestants in employment.

"We understand that the foregoing employ a small number of Protestants unrepresentative of the religious ratio in the Province. We refer to the following:

"The Department of Health and Social Services at the Crown Buildings in Londonderry and Lisahally, the Department of the Environment Roads Service, and the Gransha, Waterside and Altnagelvin Hospitals as well as the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Regional Office and some District Offices.

"We seek an assurance that these places and others in the area will be investigated and that justice will not only be done but seen to be done to the Protestant community.

"We look forward to a reply regarding this most serious matter at an early date."

ORANGE CONCERN OVER WESTERN BOARD REFUSAL

The Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland Education Committee at its meeting in Londonderry last month gave its unqualified support to those concerned Protestant parents and educationalists in the Western Board who refuse to have the educational ethos of their children polluted by the perverse morality of Sinn Fein and its fellow-travellers.

They hope that representations being made to Mr. Nicholas Scott, the Minister responsible, will result in changes and call on the committees of the transferring churches to reassess a situation which could hardly have been foreseen when the Protestant churches trusted the State with the education of Protestant children.

Issued in the names of Bro. Rev. Fred Baillie, Convenor, and Bro. Dr. Clifford Smyth, Hon. Secretary.

50 Years Service to Lodge

Bro. Henry Chambers (seated) Ballydougan, Portadown, who has been a member of Ballynagarrick L.O.L. No. 65 for 51 years, received his 50-year jewel and certificate at a recent meeting.

The presentation was made by Bro. William G. Gibson, standing, left, District Master of Banbridge. Also present were Bros. Harry Stevenson, district treasurer; Richard Fleming, district secretary; William Hamilton, W.M. of L.O.L. No. 65; Joe McKee, district lecturer, and Alex McShane, deputy district master. Photo: "Portadown Times."



Role of Orangeism in Ulster Politics



Brother Harold McCusker, the Member of Parliament for Upper Bann, was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of Whiterock Temperance L.O.L. 974 in Whiterock Orange Hall, Springfield Road on Wednesday 16th October.

On the invitation of the lodge he addressed the brethren on the subject: "The role of the Orange Order within the political structure in Northern Ireland."

In welcoming Bro. McCusker to the Lodge, Wor. Bro. John Saulters, P.M. gave a brief history of the Lodge and the twenty-five years of the Orange Hall which he described as "the outpost of Orangeism in West Belfast."

Bro. McCusker traced the role of the Order from the time of Gladstone's Home Rule Bill in 1886 and pointed out that history was repeating itself in the present Anglo-Irish talks.

There was, he said, resemblance in what was happening now to what happened 100 years ago in the run up to the 1886 Home Rule Bill, when the Westminster Government of the day were plotting the terms of the Bill.

He stressed the importance of the role of the Orange Order in the political life of the Province, and said the members of the Lodges

throughout Northern Ireland must continue to play their part. He also pointed out the valuable support received from the brethren in the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland.

The large number of questions which followed the address showed the interest the members of the Lodge had in their guest, who responded to the many searching questions to their satisfaction.

The County Grand Master of Belfast, Rt. Wor. Bro. John McCrea who was also present, said Whiterock Lodge were very fortunate to have secured the services of Bro. McCusker as their guest speaker. He congratulated him on his address to the brethren and for the manner in which he had responded to the many interesting questions.

Brother McCrea also paid a tribute to Rt. Wor. Brother Robert Saulters, a Past Master of the lodge, who he said had made a great impression in his first year as County Grand Secretary of the Belfast Grand Lodge.

A very enjoyable and interesting meeting was brought to a conclusion by the Lodge Secretary, Wor. Bro. Wesley McCreedy, P.M., who conveyed the thanks of his Lodge to Bro. McCusker, M.P.

Fawney Fort LOL Marks

Centenary

Fawney Fort L.O.L. No. 2048 held their centenary dinner in the Canon Kelly Memorial Hall, Glendermott on 12th September.

This was a well attended function, which included many well known brethren of our Institution namely, Rt. Wor. Bro. George Dunn, D.G.M.I., Rt. Wor. Bro. R. J. Fleming, City Grand Master of Londonderry, and Wor. Bro. J. Ashenhurst, P.M., Co. Tyrone. There was also a welcome visit of former members of the Lodge, now resident in different parts of Northern Ireland.

The dinner was served by lady members and friends of Leckpatrick Presbyterian Church, Artigarvan. This was an excellent meal and was highly praised by all who partook of it; may they long continue the good work, the profits of which go to help to run their local church funds.

The chairman was Wor. Bro. James Norris, Wor. Master,

who proposed the first toast to her Majesty the Queen. The second toast was proposed by Wor. Bro. Alex Glass, Lay Chaplain of the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge, this being coupled with the name of Rt. Wor. Bro. G. Dunn, D.G.M.I. who gave a very interesting account of the work of the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

This was followed by Mrs. V. Cairns, wife of the W.M.L.O.L. 1422, Muckamore, who sang three songs which were loudly applauded.

Next was the toast to the City of Londonderry Grand Orange Lodge, proposed by Wor. Bro. T. Ferguson, coupled with the name of Rt. Wor. Bro. R. J. Fleming C.G. Master, who gave a run down on the work carried out by the City Grand Lodge and said he was

heartened by the steady influx of young members to the Institution.

Mr. Billy Taggart gave a selection of popular tunes on the accordion and this was also well received by the audience.

The toast of the City of Londonderry No. 5 District, was in the hands of Wor. Bro. Jack Smallwoods, P.M., and Deputy Master of No. 5 District, Wor. Bro. G. Duddy, District Master, responding, said that as far as he could see Orangeism was making steady progress in the District, and he gave a detailed account of the work done by the nine lodges under his jurisdiction.

Mrs. Alex Glass, wife of the City Grand Lay Chaplain, delighted everyone with a recitation and received a great round of applause.

The toast to the visitors was

proposed by Bro. Euan Forbes, former secretary, who now resides in Carrickfergus, coupled with the name of Wor. Bro. Mairice Cairns, W.M., Diamond L.O.L. No. 1422 and a former member of the Lodge. He said the Orange Order was still creating great interest in Co. Antrim, particularly among the younger generation.

Mrs. Audrey Tinney, daughter of Wor. Bro. A. Glass, sang three songs to the delight of the audience.

Other speakers were Wor. Bro. Alan Lindsay, D.C.G.M.; Bro. R. Mawhinney, L.O.L. 503 Donemana, Wor. Bro. J. Ashenhurst, P.M. Co. Tyrone, Canon Anderson, Rector of Kilaloo Parish Church, Rev. Noel Moore, Glendermott Parish Church, and the Rev. MacWhirter of Glendermott Presbyterian Church.

A most enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

G.M. Dedicates Orange Flag and Standards

Following the regular monthly meeting of Ormeau Apprentice Boys Temperance L.O.L. No. 978, the W.M. and brethren of L.O.L. 978, cordially invited the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., and the officers of No. 10 District L.O.L. Belfast, into the Lodge Room for the unfurling and flag dedication

ceremony of the new Lodge Standards.

The Brethren of L.O.L. 978 fully appreciated the attendance of the Grand Master (as this, the 2nd Monday of the

month) was in fact, his own Lodge night.

The unfurling of the Union Jack and Orange Standard was performed by No. 10 D.D.M. W. Bro. T. Grant and the

dedication was by the Grand Master. It would be reasonably safe to say that never before have two Standards had such a beautiful start to their, hopefully, long and illustrious lifetime.

L.O.L. 978 thanks No. 10 District L.O.L. District Chaplain, W. Bro. Rev. Wm. Hoey and District Foreman of Com-

mittee, Bro. K. Cousins. The W.D.M. Bro. R. Allen has sent his apologies, Dist. Sec. Bro. Wm. Caldwell and Dist. Treasurer Bro. T. Armstrong are members of L.O.L. 978.

After the final ceremonies, the W.M. of L.O.L. 978, Bro. M. Hutchinson, invited all present to join him and his officers for supper in the adjoining room.

Enjoyable refreshments were served to all, and grateful thanks are extended to W. Bro. Wm. Hanna, D.M., and Bro. W. Wilson, D.M., who missed the ceremony and photo session while preparing the supper for everyone else.

This glorious occasion in the history of L.O.L. No. 978 continued with a talk from the Grand Master on a typical Parliamentary day.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ghanese Joy And Jubilation

Rt. W. Bro. Walter Williams has received this letter from Ghana:

Dear Grand Secretary. I wish to thank the Imperial Grand Master, the Council and you greatly on behalf of the Ghana Jurisdiction for the able way you handled our affair and in particular the question of the WARRANT. I hope you will convey our warmest gratitude to them all.

Joy, jubilation and a resounding welcome were accorded us on our arrival with the Warrant.

Furthermore, extend our profound gratitude to the entire Irish Jurisdiction for their immense hospitality and charity extended to us, particularly those kind brothers who gave us the collarettes and many other things. Also convey our compliments and gratitude to the sister who sewed the regalia for us.

May the Almighty God guide them in their vocation and grant them peace, good health and prosperity.

We arrived safely on 2nd August. On Saturday 3rd we travelled 160 miles for the inauguration of the two new Lodges at Kpandu. There were vigorous preparations and national radio announcements pending our arrival.

The inauguration took place that Saturday 3rd and was

followed by a grand Church parade on Sunday 4th August. Four hundred and five brothers and sisters participated.

There was mass jubilation and yells of resounding victory all over during our procession on the principal streets.

At a point a Roman Catholic priest was forced to stop his church service and allowed the congregation to come and watch the procession.

All the newly initiated members belong to a new Anglican Church which broke away from the parent Roman Catholic church.

We have achieved our purpose and it is a big step forward.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,
ERIC K. DZIKUNU,
Grand Master.

£912 Donated in Londonderry

Dear Sir — May I take this opportunity to advise your readers that the collection in Londonderry on 10 August, 1985, on behalf of the McCrea Memorial Trust amounted to £912.50 for which we are most grateful.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS R. HAIRE.

Chairman.



Markethill and Portadown RBDC Parade to Service

Officers of Markethill and Portadown Black District Chapters headed the parade of members of the Memorial R.B.D. Chapter to their annual service in Richhill Parish Church. Photo: Robert McElroy.



Strong Cavan Presence in Morecambe

A bus carrying 54 passengers — Orange brethren and members of Corrygarry Accordion Band — left Co. Cavan on September 26 for Morecambe to take part in the Orange parade on the following Saturday.

On the Friday evening the visitors attended a Lodge meeting, presided over by the District Master, Bro. Tom Mahon who is a native of Ballyjamesduff, and who has resided in Morecambe for the past 25 years. He is assisted by his son, and both have a very successful Lodge in operation.

On the Saturday the parade took place at 1 p.m., and members and bands were present from Corrygarry, Cavan, Lurgan, Lisburn, Glasgow, Liverpool and Plymouth.

The Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland, M.W. Bro. Magnus Bain; the Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of England, M.W. Bro. John Crone; Co. Grand Master of Cavan, W. Bro. W. G. Foy and the Deputy Grand Master of Leitrim, Bro. Charles Johnston were present and the Grand Mistress of England, Mrs. Williams. Also present were Bro. Anderson, Cavan, who organised the Cavan party and W. Bro. Bustard, Co. Donegal, all of whom headed the parade.

Four policemen mounted on horseback, led the parade,

with two outriders on motorcycles covering the five mile route.

A platform party comprised the Grand Master of Scotland, the Grand Secretary of England and M.W. Bro. W. C. Moody, M.B.E., J.P. and the Grand Mistresses of England and Scotland.

The parade returned through the main streets of the town, receiving a warm reception from the local residents and visitors.

A reception and dinner took place in a hotel, followed by a disco which was much enjoyed by all the visitors.

The Cavan contingent were

invited to a Church of England church for a harvest service on Sunday, and at which Bro. Moody read the lesson. Bro. Mahon and his son are members of this church.

Police in Morecambe complimented the Orangemen and bands on the parade, and the police in turn were thanked for their help and support.

In a letter to the "Orange Standard" Bro. Mahon thanks Bro. Moody and all who attended from Southern Ireland and Northern Ireland, also Corrygarry Accordion Band and the bands from Lurgan and Lisburn. Bro. Mahon trusts that the visitors from Ireland will return in 1986 and join with their brethren in England in their stand for the Protestant Faith.

Eire Floods UK With Its Young Unemployed

The Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland has sent a letter to Peter Barry, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, condemning the heartless anomaly in the welfare system in the Republic of Ireland.

This the Grand Lodge say, is responsible in the main for the flood of young people from the Republic of Ireland into Britain between the ages of 16 and 18 so that they can obtain unemployment benefit and the more generous allowance from the welfare state.

Grand Lodge expressed its feeling that legislation should be brought into being in the Republic to reduce the age for the receipt of unemployment to 16 to resolve the tragedy and heartbreak of these young people having to leave their homeland.

The letter to Mr. Barry, signed by the Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. David Boyd, stated:

"The Grand Master, officebearers and members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland are most concerned at the matter of the increasing tide of unemployment and unskilled young people from your country now flooding into Britain. We believe that the figure is now 20,000 per year who are coming to this country to obtain unemployment benefit between the ages of 16 and 18 and the £6.00 per day lodging allowance.

"It is unreasonable that the United Kingdom should be expected to carry this burden on its welfare system.

"We feel that it is necessary for your government to realise that the lack of facilities for benefit for your young people between the ages of 16 and 18 is responsible for the heartbreak and despair that causes these people to leave their homeland.

"We therefore trust that you will bring about legislation to repair this situation which cannot be resolved by the facade of government counselling service facilities being set up."

In a further letter, this time addressed to Mr. Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, the Grand Lodge stated:

"The Grand Master, officebearers and members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Scotland are most concerned at the increasing flow of young people from the Republic of Ireland between the ages of 16 and 18 which has now reached 20,000 per year who are coming to the United Kingdom to exploit the unemployment benefit and lodging allowance system.

"We believe that action must be taken immediately to stop the Republic of Ireland exploiting unemployment and adding a crippling burden to our welfare state. We should therefore be pleased to know what action the Home Office intends to take to bring this situation to an end."

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THE ULSTER SOCIETY

Historic Brownlow House Orange Hall in Lurgan was the setting for the launching of a new organisation which is to be known as The Ulster Society.

It took place on Saturday, September 28, in itself a historic date in the annals of Ulster, the 73rd anniversary of the Signing of Ulster's Solemn League and Covenant.

In a letter to the invited guests Mr. David Trimble, LL.B., B.L., stated:

"A disturbing feature of the past decade has been the insidious erosion of the culture and ethnic national identity of the British people of Ulster. Whereas in the past under Unionist Governments an attempt was made to emphasize and promote the Ulster identity; there is now a systematic policy to dilute that identity and give prominence to Gaelic ideology. The result of this has been to confuse and demoralize our people and achieve a major step towards de-Ulsterization which is the goal of the Provisional I.R.A. and its fellow travellers.

"While acknowledging the contribution of individuals and organisations working to defend Ulster's cultural traditions, it was unanimously agreed at a symposium held in Belfast in April 1985 that scope existed for a new comprehensive organisation which would seek public finance for this work. A steering committee was appointed to explore the possibilities and it reported its findings to a second meeting in June. It was at this meeting that it was decided to set up the 'Ulster Society for the Promotion of Ulster-British Heritage and Culture'.

"The Society has set out its principles and objectives in Section 2 of its Constitution which reads as follows:

"The Society holds it to be self evident that there has developed among the people of Ulster a distinct national identity as a British com-

munity and the Society is committed to the defence and development of the Ulster-British people's ethnic identity and cultural traditions".

"The Society wishes to promote our distinctive culture and heritage in all its rich and varied forms, embracing language, drama, poetry, music, folk customs, symbolism and his-



Mr. David Trimble.

tory. To this end a number of projects are envisaged and a research staff have been appointed to carry out the work.

"Members and money are urgently needed to carry through this work: we look to you for help".

Mr. Trimble who is the Society's chairman, then sets out the projects which the Society will be fostering on a very positive basis.

ULSTER FOLK MUSIC

This project would involve collecting the words and music of traditional Ulster songs and ballads which are in danger of being lost to posterity. This task is being undertaken with a view to publication, not merely to preserve but to popularise our musical heritage.

ORANGE BANNERS

Few aspects of our heritage deserve closer study than Orange banners: their history, their symbolism, the great events and the people they portray. A volume containing full colour

photographs of some of the finest and the most interesting with a series of related essays is anticipated. The scope of this project may be extended to cover other Orange regalia.

TERCENTENARY OF THE WILLIAMITE WARS

"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants".

So wrote Lord Macaulay with reference to the annual commemoration of the Siege of Derry. To commemorate the 300th anniversary of Enniskillen, Derry, Aghrim and the Boyne, it is hoped to arrange a series of exhibitions, pageants and publications.

ULSTER'S SOLEMN LEAGUE AND COVENANT

1987 marks the 75th anniversary of the signing of the Ulster Covenant. This anniversary provides the opportunity to examine Ulster's vigorous opposition to the imposition of Home Rule in general and the Third Home Rule in particular. A commemorative lecture already has been arranged and a touring exhibition and other events are planned.

THE U.V.F. AND THE 36th (ULSTER) DIVISION

"I love Highlanders and I love Lowlanders, but when I come to that branch of our race that has been grafted on to the Ulster stem, I take off my hat in veneration and awe".

Lord Rosebery's reaction to the gallantry of the 36th (Ulster) Division at the Somme.

As the Battle of the Somme is the historical sequel to the formation of the Ulster Volunteer Force, this project is partially inspired by the preceding one. The main thrust of this project would be to trace and interview veterans of the Great War. The aim would be to tape these interviews in order to preserve for future generations the veterans' reminiscences of their pre-war experiences with the U.V.F., their war service and their perception of their world.

THE AMERICAN CONNECTION

In the eighteenth century Ulster Protestants streamed across the Atlantic to build a new future for themselves in the New World. These were the men who were to be the backbone of the American Revolution and with whom George Washington asserted that he would take his last stand for liberty. Proportionate to their numbers, these Ulster Protestants made the largest contribution of any ethnic nation or race to the growth and development of the fledgling Republic which is today the most powerful nation on earth. In con-



Banners will be one of the subjects which will be dealt with in a publication fostered by The Ulster Society. This excellent banner is proudly carried by L.O.L. No. 578 in Belfast during the mini-Twelfth on July 1. Photo: Allan J. McCullough.

junction with American historical societies and individual historians, a project designed to extend our knowledge of the bonds which unite the people of Ulster and America is already under way.

CRITICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY

The present disturbances have occasioned a torrent of books and publications about Ulster. They vary enormously in quality. Some are excellent, scholarly works. Others should be pulped. The aim of this project is to provide a critical guide to this huge literature for teachers, students and the general reader alike. Books produced before 1968 would not be omitted and it is hoped that the bibliography would encourage the re-publishing and reading of the many excellent historical works on Ulster produced in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

EDUCATION

Roger Scruton has defined education thus:

"The process whereby the rational being is instructed and through which he acquires the beliefs, emotions and values pertaining to a culture".

R.A. Hodgkin has described

education as the "passing on of a cultural heritage".

The Ulster Society emphatically believes that a nation saves itself when it returns to the culture of its own identity. Cultural development is of such crucial importance within the educational system that the Society is appointing a full-time Education Organizer to direct our work in this field.

The launching was attended by an audience representing the Orange Institution, the Ulster Unionist Party and others of Unionist outlook.

Appointed speaker for the evening was the Rev. Dr. Michael Dewar, M.A., Rector of Helens Bay parish and a Representative Canon in the National Cathedral of St. Patrick, Dublin.

His subject was Ulster's Solemn League and Covenant, and he gave a broad sweep of the historic events which took place at that crucial time in the history of the Province and the part played by the two leading figures in Ulster's determin-

ation not to submit to Home Rule — Sir Edward Carson, later Lord Carson of Duncairn, and Sir James Craig, later Lord Craigavon, Northern Ireland's first Prime Minister.

Dr. Dewar was thanked first formally from the floor of the meeting and later during the supper period for his exhaustive treatment of the subject on which he is an acknowledged authority.

The Society in addition to electing Mr. Trimble chairman also elected Professor Anthony Alcock, deputy chairman; Mr. Gordon Lucy, general secretary; and Mr. Lindsay Smith, hon. treasurer.

The Society has acquired office accommodation in Brownlow House, and all correspondence should be addressed to the General Secretary, The Ulster Society, Brownlow House, Windsor Avenue, Lurgan, Co. Armagh.

Mr. Gordon Lucy has been appointed education officer and Mr. Stephen Smith who is to research Ulster ballads and similar material.

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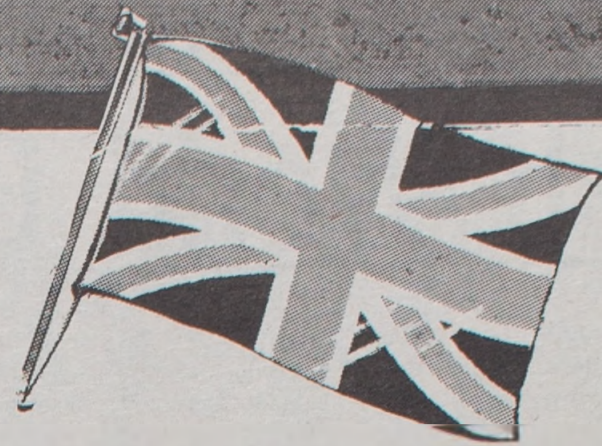
BY STANDARD BEARER.

As we write (October 14) all the portents are that the Anglo-Irish talks are about to flounder on the rocks of Northern Ireland's resoluteness not to allow itself to be incorporated in an Irish Republic or to permit sovereignty to be shared by its enemies. Throughout the English-speaking world the republican cause has been trumpeted day after day and month after month to achieve a build-up of public opinion that it was hoped that Ulster's loyalist resistance to this latest form of Home Rule — Rome Rule — would be diminished and that the Protestant outlook which we hold dear beyond price would be finally overcome and vanquished. Official Unionist leader, W. Bro. Rt. Hon. Jim Molyneux in his weekly Press conference in Belfast on October 13 had serious misgivings on the possibility of any agreement being achieved by politicians in Westminster and Dublin and on the following day

in Eire there was a strike of 170,000 trade unionists who were demanding that the Government should not proceed with its "pay freeze" policy.

If there was anything material designed to dissuade Ulster Loyalists from entering into any arrangement for rapprochement with Eire it was this very fact that the Fine Gael Government is in dire trouble with a very large sector of the country's workforce. How "Garrett the Good" or Charley Haughey, the "great survivor" could hope to run an all-Ireland Parliament is best left to one's imagination.

Perhaps the eyes of the British Government are at last being opened, and allowing reason to take over — reason which realises that Britain knows her real friends who do not buy their way into a country's affections with the bomb and the bullet or with silver teapots.



Gambling Aid For Ailing Eire

Eire's financial position must indeed be in dire straits when the State is about to promote a national lottery to raise new cash to fund certain essential services. No less a sum than £40 million is the target, and expectations are that when the prize money and organisational and running costs have been deducted there will remain £20 million for disbursement. Gambling, whether it be on the racecourse, gaming machines, in pubs, clubs and fairgrounds or the sweepstake, forms a major element in Irish life at all levels. The Protestant Churches have always cast a cold eye on anything savouring of gambling, believing it to be a dangerous and expensive pastime. The Church of Rome, on the other hand, has taken a directly opposite view, building or sustaining its churches, convents, monasteries and missionary work on the proceeds of chance.

Gambling and intoxication so often exist side by side and the legalising of them does not in any way lessen the implications for the weak-willed and the unwary.

In Northern Ireland people applying for or renewing bookmakers licences have to testify that they do not own licensed premises. The law would appear to go only part of the way in safeguarding those who would put their welfare at risk.

American Sop To Ulster Industry

Amazingly we have read that in the event of an Anglo-Irish agreement being reached the United States of America would be willing and ready to pump millions of dollars into the Irish economy, North and South of the Border. What a disgraceful, disgusting sop this is! Do the Americans — Government or people — seriously believe that we in Northern Ireland are the kind of people who would sell their liberty and their British heritage for a mess of republican potage?

Ulster people's character and reputation were not built up over succeeding generations on this sort of chicanery. We are a proud people, proud of our natural capabilities, proud of our respect for law and order, proud of our contribution to world influence, not just our contribution to the emergence of the United States of

America as a world power. How paltry has been the contribution of the Roman Catholic Irish to America's development as a leader among the nations of the world.

Of course 20 years ago we in Ulster heard and saw the Irish Republic's worldwide claim to sharing in the fame of the Kennedy family. John F. Kennedy, as U.S. President, arrived on the shores of Ireland to a hero's welcome and what a welcome it was when he went down to Co. Wexford to see the ancestral home of his forebears. Curiously the fame of the Kennedys has taken a more distasteful turn as facts emerge about the secretive side of their sordid life and lifestyle. Mother Ireland, now less joyous over the eminence of the Kennedy's has grown strangely silent.

Rome's Lesson For Larne

The turmoil which exists in the body politic of the Roman Catholic Church has been vividly exposed by the decision of Bishop Cathal Daly of Down and Connor in ordering the removal of the Rev. Patrick Buckley, an outspoken priest in Larne. Not only this prelatial stance distressed the members of the congregation served by Fr. Buckley, it has also roused the ire of the Protestants of the area, and it has been claimed that 30 Orangemen of the Co. Antrim town have written to Bishop Daly to voice their concern at his treatment of the 27 years old clergyman.

What has been the "offence" which has impelled the bishop to rid himself of the "turbulent priest"? Outspoken he has been; one could think that is not a fault that calls for silencing. What Fr. Buckley has done is to touch one of the raw nerves of one of Rome's brand of Catholicism — absoluteness.

Brought down to the level of what has been happening in Larne (and in other places, if less openly displayed) Fr. Buckley wants, among other things, a greater and more effective role for the laity, laid down in Vatican II, which recommended the establishment of active parish and diocesan councils giving what the "Belfast Telegraph" churches correspondent called "an influential voice in running affairs."

Sadly whilst Fr. Buckley has with great and commendable courage taken on his bishop there remains much more to come out in the shape of church reform to satisfy those who are demonstrating their dissatisfaction with Rome's refusal to change, and introduce those reforms which 16th century Protestantism fought about. Time is certainly not on the side of Rome's servarication in this issue.

Not Her Top Priority

Dr. Roydes Boyson, NI Minister of State, at a fringe meeting in Blackpool — Conservative Party Conference — attacked Unionists who struck against the BBC decision not to screen the Martin McGuinness and Gregory Campbell interviews.

He said "They showed their confused views by indicating that they considered it was better to accommodate the views of Unionists than those of a legitimately elected government." Laws had been under attack "both by the intentional wreckers and the casual intelligentsia." He went on, "Over recent years evil has been trivialised, unnatural behaviour defended as normal, normal behaviour attacked as outdated and tolerance of vandalism, violence and obscenity advocated. Certain church leaders would also learn that their duty is to defend the faith and not to sow doubts in the minds of people. That only creates moral confusion and despair."

Speeches at fringe meetings by the Northern Ireland Secretary, Tom King — most complimentary to Ulster — and by Roydes Boyson were about all that was said about Northern Ireland. Mrs. Thatcher in her closing speech made no reference to the Province in spite of all the talk about UK and RI summits. It is not high on her list of priorities!

Unionists Kept In Ignorance

The question in debate for the next few weeks will be that of weeks past, what is to be the result of the negotiations between the Governments of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland? Rumours have been rampant and for the reason that the Unionists appear to be the only politicians to be deliberately kept in ignorance of what is being considered by the governments' civil servants and the Foreign Ministers of the UK and RI, Geoffrey Howe and Peter Barry and the Secretary for Northern Ireland, Tom King.

Unionist parties' unease was expressed in letters to Mrs. Thatcher from Jim Molyneux, UUP, and Ian Paisley, DUP. The first stated clearly and precisely their attitude to any Southern involvement in Northern Ireland affairs. The second

was an expression of dissatisfaction with the Thatcher reply which promised that the constitutional position of Ulster is not in jeopardy, but added that an agreement with the Republic for mutual advantage was desirable.

The distress of Ulster Unionists at what has the appearance of a refusal to listen to their views should be apparent anywhere. Strong words and threats are expressions of that distress and distrust, and while they come mainly from politicians they are representative of the privately expressed views of their people. No Unionist wants Southern involvement in N.I. affairs.

Any agreement which produces that effect will be resisted with whatever measures are needed. This does not mean armed resistance. What we want is not war but peace. There can be no peace in Ulster until Ulster people find ways to produce a form of devolved government which is acceptable to the majority and minority here. The one certainty in Ireland is that there will not be a United Ireland. Because republican involvement now would mean a step in that direction it will be refused and by legal methods however innocuous it may appear. Mrs. Thatcher announced her intention to meet the two Unionist leaders on 11 October. The date of meeting was not made known. They insisted that they meet her before any statement is made on the UK and RI discussions and agreements.

Browned Off With Heirarchy

The front page of last month's "Orange Standard" carried Dr. Noel Browne's analysis of Irish republicanism. Dr. Browne as a Minister of Health in the Southern Government of other days met with such resistance from the Roman Catholic hierarchy to his mother and child proposed legislation that he had to resign.

His opinion of the Roman Church and its power over the Southern state has not changed. He continues to complain about Rome Rule in the Republic and made the essential point that the real power there is with the Pope and Vatican City. He poured scorn on a people who talk about Irish independence when their attitudes to life come to them from a foreign source and their Irish church is unable to appoint its own bishops. What kind of Irish independence is it, Browne asks, that talks of democratic self-government and is shackled by a Roman Catholicism that dictates its attitudes in religion, morality, politics and law.

The growing resistance of some Irishmen to Roman Church authority promises to be an important factor in the Republic of the future. Reaction to a religious dictatorship has changed the political colour of several European countries like Italy and France which have a very strong communist presence. It could happen in like form in "Catholic Ireland." That is why some observers of the Irish scene fear the success of secularised nationalism which would turn the Republic into a Cuba at Britain's back door. The published intention of the Provos is to produce such a state. To prevent them from gaining their goal has to be the total commitment of the Southern state.

What way the Republic travels can have no attraction for Unionists and Protestants. Population statistics in the RI show a Protestant decrease to less than four per cent of the population while the number of Roman Catholics in Northern Ireland show an increase which proves that Protestants are much less at home in the South than Roman Catholics are in the North.

There is evidence to suggest — poll figures argue the case — that many Roman Catholics are much happier to be citizens of the United Kingdom, British Northern Ireland, than an Irish Republic.

Up In Smoke

A car bomb explodes in a crowded shopping area of Londonderry city, 30 people, innocent victims, are injured, and more than one million pounds of damage is added to the colossal bill which has been accumulated over the past decade and a half of terrorism on Northern Ireland.

It was, of course, the IRA response, as always, to the State's detention of a number of men and a female, and the announcement that a woman has turned informer to some effect.

All this is non-original in the long and bitter catalogue of IRA terrorism, but tragic as all this is, even more heinous is the fact that a short time after the blast in the Maiden City the media were informing us that the IRA had stated they were accepting responsibility for the outrage.

Insult was thus added to injury — to personnel and to property.

Can you contemplate any of the German news agencies operating on British soil during the last war telling us — Lord Haw Haw-style jubilation — that they had carried out air raids on London, Portsmouth, Coventry or Belfast? Of course not! Churchill would have soon put an end to it as he did with William Joyce once Allied hands had been laid on him.

The time has come when the origin of IRA news flashes has been established and appropriate action taken to ensure that they do not use these incidents to boost their morale and proclaim their criminal activities.

Perhaps Mr. King should order an investigation into this, now that he wont be concerned to immediately meet Official Unionist Councillors Association to discuss Sinn Fein membership of local authorities and refusing to refrain to support violence to achieve political aims.

Clerics Major Service to Irish World Orangeism

Two clergymen who have been prominent in Orange affairs for many years, both as rank and file members and as chaplains in the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and the World Orange Council have been in the news during the past month.

The congregation of Carryduff Presbyterian Church have paid tribute to their former minister, the Rev. William S. K. Crossley, who celebrated 50 years in the ministry last month.

Mr. Crossley was ordained in the church on October 2, 1935, and 50 years later to the day the church hall was filled to capacity as members of the congregation and former colleagues in the ministry turned out in force.

EVENING OF MUSIC

It was an evening of music and recollections as six of the ministers present spoke of their long relationship with Mr. Crossley while the music was provided by the church choir and by many soloists.

The Dean of Down Cathedral, the Very Rev. Rosmund Good, was also in attendance and thanked all those people who helped to make the occasion a success.

Mr. Crossley went to Carryduff at a time when it was considered a country pastorate and before it expanded rapidly in both size and population. It was to be the vineyard of his labours before retiring in 1974 but in the intervening years he has continued to play an active part in church life, helping with special services when requested.

ACADEMIC CAREER

Prior to entering the ministry, he had an outstanding academic life. He entered the Presbyterian College with a first year Getty Scholarship and a Hanna Scholarship in the second year.

Whilst at Queen's University he obtained a distinction in his final year and was also an outstanding athlete, obtaining a swimming and water polo Blue.

He was licenced by the Belfast Presbytery in May, 1934, and was subsequently assistant minister to the Very Rev. Dr. J. G. Paton in Malone Church.

EVANGELICAL ZEAL

During the course of his 39 years at Carryduff his zealous

evangelical labours made him one of the most respected ministers in Ireland. In the pulpit he had few equals, preaching outstanding sermons which were full of spiritual value.

In 1937 he married and since then his wife, Lillian, has been a strong source of encouragement, playing an active role in church life.

During the war years he was appointed Chaplain to the Army, meeting the spiritual needs of the servicemen encamped within the pastorate and conducted services every Sunday.

His preaching skills took him all over Ulster and also to Scotland, England, Canada and the United States.

MODERATORSHIP

In addition to his ministerial duties he served on many boards and committees within the Presbyterian Church and his appointment as Moderator of the East Belfast Presbytery in 1966 in addition to becoming Moderator of the Belfast Synod in 1971 were rewards for his dedication.

Mr. Crossley has been a lifelong member of the Loyal Orange Institution, holding the posts of Grand Chaplain of Ireland and Grand Chaplain of the Imperial Grand Orange Order of the World. He has specialised in matters affecting education.

RECTOR OF 30 YEARS RETIRED

As we go to press the retirement is announced of the Rev. Canon S. Ernest Long.

L.Th., A.L.C.D., J.P., rector of Dromara and Garvaghy.

He has been rector of the Co. Down parishes for almost 30 years. Ordained in 1949 for the curacy of St. Clement's, Belfast, he was curate of Willowfield parish before moving to his present parish in 1956.

His appointment as a Canon of Dromore Cathedral was received with much satisfaction by his parishioners and friends, both clerical and lay throughout a wide constituency.

Educated at Durham University and the London College of Divinity, Canon Long has been a lifelong member of the Orange Institution and has travelled widely in its interests, particularly in Canada and America.

His chaplaincies in the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and the World Orange Council have had much acceptance. He is an authority on Orange affairs, and his contributions to the "Orange Standard" since it first appeared in 1973 have been of a consistently high quality.

PROLIFIC WRITER

He is a prolific writer, and his gifts in this field have been availed of freely by both the Church of Ireland, the Orange Institution and the secular press.

With Mrs. Long, who has been his faithful help meet in all his many and varied interests, he takes into retirement the best wishes of their hosts of friends. Their new home will be on the outskirts of Belfast.

Parade is Cancelled

Sofe District Chapter Annual Church Parade and Service 17/11/85.

I regret to inform you that the above parade has been cancelled. This is due to non availability of a church, also lack of support.

It is hoped that a grand parade and official service can be held in November 1986.

I thank all Sir Knights, Brothers and Bands who have supported us over the past four years. Best wishes from London.

A. Richardson
(District Master).

"My definition of a free society is a society where it is safe to be unpopular". — Adlai Stevenson.

Jomo Kenyatta, speaking of the Church independent of political parties, said: "If we go wrong and you keep quiet one day you may have the answer for our mistakes, for the modern Church is the conscience of society and to day's society needs a conscience".

"As between friends even an affront is not worth a duel between nations every injury not worth a war, so between governed and governing every encroachment on rights is not worth a rebellion". Benjamin Franklin.

LOST

A Collarette Breast Jewel R.B.P. 705, Scotland, was lost in Larne on Saturday 31st August. Would the finder or anyone with information please communicate with the Grand Orange Lodge Ireland Office, 65 Dublin Road, Belfast BT2 7HE. Tel. No. 22280.

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Rev. W. S. K. Crossley — 50 Not Out

AN APPRECIATION

We congratulate Rt. Wor. Bro. the Rev. William S. K. Crossley, B.A., on attaining the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

Presently Senior Minister of Carryduff Presbyterian Church, which he served as minister for 39 years, 1935-1974, he saw a small country charge grow into a flourishing suburban congregation as Carryduff grew speedily and substantially.

Carryduff Church honoured him and Mrs. Crossley at a reception for them when they were the recipients of gifts, and generous tributes were paid to them, and to him, for a most successful pastorate and hopes expressed for a continuing useful retirement. Bro. Crossley remains much in demand as a preacher.

We have greatly valued him as an Orangeman of deep conviction and commitment and with a continuous involvement as Grand Chaplain, and among other things, Convenor of the Education Committee of Grand Lodge. He filled that most demanding office with distinction for many years until his resignation last year.

Bill Crossley was for twenty years Imperial Chaplain of the Grand Orange Council of the

World, and is now an Honorary Vice-President.

He has remarkable talents as preacher and public speaker. The constant call on his services in these capacities throughout his long career is evidence of that fact and its appreciation by many people. But he is also a most kindly, practical, helpful brother Orangeman and clerical colleague. Sympathy and understanding of human needs has made him the pastor, confidante and friend of all ages and classes of people.

His sterling work with the County Down Defence Fund has ensured a happy and prosperous future for many of its beneficiaries.

Bill has been most fortunate in his marriage. Miss Lydia Jane Caruth, B.A., was married to him on 24 June 1937, and the partnership has been a very successful one. He has always expressed his indebtedness to his wife, a most talented and much respected gentlewoman.

We wish them continued happiness and good health in their retirement. Two such "young in heart" people will always be worthy contributors to the wellbeing of church and community.

(S.E.L.)

Four members of a County Armagh Lodge, who have a combined Orange service of 166 years between them, were presented with gifts at a meeting of Cloncore L.O.L. No. 84.

The four men are Bros. T. D. Neill, secretary, and J. J. Martin, treasurer, who have each been Orangemen for 52 years; the Worshipful Master, Bro. Marshall Neill, who has 35 years service, and Bro.

CHAIRS FOR FOUR ORANGE VETERANS

Four long serving members of Cloncore L.O.L. No. 84, in Loughgall District, County Armagh, pictured after receiving gifts of new chairs, presented by members of their Lodge, in appreciation of their dedicated service. From left, front row, Bros. J. Cassells, J. G. Martin, M. Neill and T. D. Neill. Back row, from left, Mrs. Cassells, R.W. Bro. Norman Allen, District Master of Loughgall, who made the presentations, Bros. J. McAdam, David Bentley, Mrs. M. Neill and Mrs. T. D. Neill. Photo: "Portadown Times."



Jimmy Cassells, Deputy Master, who has been a Lodge member for 27 years.

Each of the four were presented with a comfortable chair, which was presented on behalf of the Lodge by Bro. Norman Allen, District Master of Loughgall District.

Taking part in the proceedings were Bro. J. McAdam, the Lodge Worshipful Master, and Bro. David Bentley, Deputy Master.

Llandudno, Wales, Welcomes The Grand Lodge of England

In the lovely autumn sunshine of Thursday, 19 September, the popular resort of Llandudno welcomed the Grand Master, Officers and representatives of the Grand Lodge of England for its annual meetings convened on 20 and 21 September in the town hall, kindly granted for use by Aberconway District Council.

The luxurious 309 room St. George's Hotel was the focal point for members and their guests. Also in attendance were the Grand Mistress of England, Mrs. Elsie Williams, and Officers of the Grand Lodge of the Association of Loyal Angewomen of England.

The distinguished guests included M. Wor. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., Imperial Secretary and Grand Secretary of Ireland and Deputy Grand Master, and M. Wor. Bro. Magnus Bain, Grand Master of Scotland and Senior Vice-President of the Imperial Council.

The business of the first day dealt with the Grand Treasurer's accounts, the reports of the Grand Secretary, the Junior Orange, the Orange Orphan Society and other related matters.

The Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Richard Roberts, in fine form after his recent serious illness gave his keynote address on the theme, "The Future of the Orange Institution in present-day society and the need for greater commitment to the Order's membership." He received prolonged applause for the excellence and clarity of his address.

Bros. Bain and Williams addressed the Grand Lodge to date it on the work and progress of the Institution in Ireland and Scotland and with reference to the Northern Ireland situation today.

There was a magnificent banquet in the Banqueting Hall at the hotel at which the chief guests were the Mayor and Mayoress of Aberconway, Councillor R. A. Evans, J.P., and Mrs. Evans. They received a truly Orange welcome.

The toast of the Grand Lodge of England was proposed by Bro. Williams. He spoke of the greater heritage of the Grand Lodge. On the occasion was a beautifully engraved silver mace presented to the Grand Lodge in 1807 by the Duke of Cumberland, a Grand Master of England, and brother of King George IV.

Bro. Roberts, replying to the toast, said that the tri-centenary of the landing of William of Orange, at Torbay, on November 1688 was already being a great deal of interest more than a ripple of enthusiasm throughout the

charity does not depend only that we should help those who are stricken. It is our duty to build a better world here and now; and to immerse ourselves eagerly into the attempt to help human beings to grow". — Teilhard de Chardin.

English jurisdiction. Incidentally the Imperial Council will meet at Torbay in September, 1988.

The Mayor, a sheep farmer in the Aberconway Valley, wittingly replied to the toast of the town which had been ably proposed by another Welshman, W. Bro. John Evans, Grand Secretary.

The toast of Our Guests, proposed by Deputy Grand Master, W. Bro. John Monan, was replied to by Bro. Bain who added some Scottish spice and wit to his remarks. The banquet was followed by a dance which went on into the "wee small hours."

The election of officers was conducted by Bros. Bain and Williams and they also performed the ceremony of Installation.

The proceedings of 85 Grand Lodge concluded with the singing of the ode of the lodge, "God be with you, till we meet again," and the National Anthem.

This was an occasion long to be remembered and especially so when so many enquired after officers and brethren of the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland.

There were thoughts and prayers for peace in Northern Ireland and sympathy for those families members of which had been bereaved as the result of terrorist action and for the maimed and injured, mentally and physically. (W.W.)



At a recent meeting of Magheragall District L.O.L. No. 9, held in the Low Quarters Orange Hall, Magheragall, new collarettes and cuffs were presented and dedicated in the name of the District Lodge.

Bro. James Jackson, P.D.M. requested the District Officers to accept them on behalf of the Magheragall District. He was assisted by Bro. E. McCurry, P.D.M. and Bro. K. S. Watson, P.D.M., A.C.G.S., Antrim.

The W.D.M., Bro. H. McMullan, accepted on behalf of the District, and Bro. Canon J. R. Musgrave, District Chaplain dedicated the new regalia which included Badges for Lecturers, Lay Chaplain, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and Chairman of Committee.

Bro. E. S. Briggs, District Secretary thanked Bro. Jackson, Bro. McCurry, Bro. K. S. Watson and Bro. Martin Hayes who obtained the regalia.

Front Row, left to right: Bros. D. Stranex (Dist. Chaplain), H. McMullan (W.D.M.), J. Wright (D.D.M.), Canon J. R. Musgrave (Dist. Chaplain).

Back Row, left to right: Bros. N. Scott (Lecturer), R. Hayes (Assist. Trea.), E. Hayes (Dist. Treas.), R. S. Briggs (Dist. Sec.), R. Brown (Assist. Sec.), E. McCurry, Dist. Lay Chaplain.

Dedications at Magheragall



Back Row, left to right: Bros. R. Hayes, Assist. Trea., E. Hayes, Dist. Treas., R. S. Briggs, Dist. Sec., R. Brown, Assist. Sec., E. McCurry, Dist. Lay Chaplain, N. Scott, Dist. Lecturer.

Front Row, left to right: Bros. R. D. Stranex, Dist. Chaplain; Henry McMullan, W. Dist. Master; Jack Wright, D. District Master; Canon J. R. Musgrave, Dist. Chaplain.

Fewer Protestants in Eire But Decline is Levelling Out

The Republic's census figures relating to religious denominations has been published at last, and it comes as no great surprise to Ulster loyalists that they indicate that the Protestant percentage of the population has dropped yet again, despite the fact that the overall population of Eire rose by around half-a-million in the 10 years between 1971 and 1981.

There are now about 115,000 members of the three main Protestant denominations in the South, and a break-down shows that the Church of Ireland has roughly 95,000 members, there are 14,500 Presbyterians, and 5,500 Methodists — the latter was the only denomination to show a slight increase. Overall, there was a decrease of 4,000 in the number of Protestants in the Republic since 1971.

While the census shows, as every census since 1921 has done, that Protestants have declined from a pre-

partition figure of roughly 350,000, there is some hope to be derived from the figures.

The Protestant figure has remained about the 100,000 mark, and while there might be a 4,000 reduction over the 10 years, that is a negligible decrease compared to previous decades.

A sheer head count does not always tell the whole story, and it is a relevant fact that the Southern Protestants still have an influence and effect far beyond their numerical strength.

Again, the Protestant position has held in many years, especially those where Protestants have always been relatively strong in the Republic — Dublin, for example,

where there are flourishing churches in many suburbs, the border counties of Donegal, Monaghan and Cavan, and in West Cork, always a Methodist stronghold.

Despite gloom and forboding, and dire forecasts, which go back to the early 1950s, that the Protestants would have vanished in the South by now, they are still there, witnessing for the Protestant and Reformed Faith, and often putting to shame many of their more apathetic co-religionists in Northern Ireland.

Orangeism is playing a big role in consolidating the Protestant position in the South.

One has only to look at the resurgence of interest and numbers in Counties Monaghan and Cavan

over the last 10 years, the restoration of the county "Twelfth" demonstration at Rosstown in Co. Donegal, and the impressive City of Dublin service recently, to find evidence of this.

Smaller Protestant demonstrations like the Baptists and the Elim folk are making an increasing impact on the Southern people, where many are crying out for evangelism, and where there is now a willingness and a desire to read the Bible and many Protestant tracts and Protestant literature.

Protestants and loyalists in Northern Ireland should beware of falling into the trap of believing that statistics alone tell the whole story, or of imagining that Protestantism is a

spent force in the South.

That is very far from being the case, and if the same fervour and enthusiasm so apparent among Protestants in the South were to be emulated among an increasingly secular and materialistic Northern population then who doubts that Ulster would to-day be a much happier place, both spiritually and materially.

Protestantism would occupy the proud place it once did, and where a God-fearing and churchgoing population was the norm, instead of what is too often the case, a population which is Protestant in name only, preferring in too many cases the social and drinking club and Sunday sport to a Reformed place of worship.

PROFILE

**Wor. Bro.
R. J.
Fleming**



The recently installed Londonderry City County Grand Master, Bro. Robert John Fleming, lives in St. Johnston, Co. Donegal. His family traces its ancestry to 1650. A townland near Convoy, Flemingstown, was its original location. Flemings are to be found in Letterkenny, Strabane, Australia and Canada.

Robert's grandfather who had been a millwright with Messrs. McConnell, Raphoe, started in business at St. Johnston in 1860. His wife was the daughter of Mr. Hatrick, sometime station master at St. Johnston. They had six sons. Two joined their father in business and one of them, James, was the father of Robert John.

James was DGM of the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge in its centennial year 1934.

When Robert John, an only son, was 18 he was initiated into the Order in his father's Lodge, No. 992, St. Johnston, October 1938. The lodge is named at the re-forming of Orange lodges in 1849, but there was references to show that it dates much earlier than that.

No. 992 has the distinction of providing two city GM's, W. Bro. George Dunn and Bro. Fleming.

When James Fleming died in 1941 Robert took over the business and is presently assisted in it by his four sons, all Orangemen. The firm has become foremost in Ireland in agricultural engineering. Manufactured products are sold in Western and Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales.

Robert Fleming has served the Londonderry City Grand Lodge for 40 years. He remains District Secretary of No. 3, Raphoe, and is a member of the Donegal Grand Lodge Administrative Committee.

As Grand Master he is chairman of the new Orange Widows' Fund of the county. He is a member of the Field Committee, which with his guidance supervises farm lettings in fields on each side of the River Foyle. As a churchman he is treasurer of St. Johnston Presbyterian Church and has been an elder of the Kirk since 1966.

Robert and Mrs. Fleming, a much respected and hospitable lady, have a daughter as well as their sons.

A man of the calibre of R. J. Fleming is an inspiration to Orangemen everywhere.

Incidentally the St. Johnston Orange Hall is much used by Lodge and Preceptory, two bands, badminton and bowling clubs and as these have a cross section of the community in their membership the hall is regarded to be a community centre and free of tax — a boom to a small Protestant community in the Republic.

Many Orange Lodges Elect Officers

London Lodge's Officers

The following officers of London L.O.L. No. 1688 — Friends of Ulster — have been installed for the coming year:

W.M., W. Logan; Dis. Master, A. G. M. Ellery; Chaplain, H. L. Davis; Treasurer, H. Morrison; Secretary, A. Richardson, District Master I.P.M.; Tyler, J. McCulloch.

Almoner, T. Wilson, Foreman of Committee, Secretary.

The ceremony was conducted by Dis. Sec. W. Bro. P. Nolan, P.M., assisted by the Wor. Master of L.O.L. 1689 Bro. S. Ferguson.

The Wor. Master thanked the brethren for the able manner they conducted the ceremony, also Bros. W. Bogle and I. Nelson who acted as stewards.

Bro. Richardson made a presentation to the Lodge, on behalf of L.O.L. 702, Sandy Row, Belfast, of a plaque suitably inscribed and framed. This was accepted with thanks and will occupy a prominent place in the lodgeroom.

The P.G.M., Bro. J. Nicholson, presented W. Bro. A. Richardson with his Past Masters collarette which was received with thanks.

The Lodge sends fraternal greetings to all their friends in Ulster.

Carbet L.O.L. 1986 Officers

Tamnificarbett Rising Sons of William L.O.L. No. 17, Portadown have elected the following officers for 1986:

W.M., A. Kirk; D.M., T. McMinn; Chaplain, T. McCoo; Secretary, M. Simpson; Treasurer, A. McLoughlin; Tyler, I. Bullick; Lecturers, T. McMinn, I. McLoughlin.

Committee: A. Russell, R. McLoughlin, R. Watson, W. Rea, I. Russell.

Orange chiefs stand down

Two of the top leaders of Portadown District LOL No. 1, Mr. John Brownlee, Worshipful District Master, and his Deputy, Mr. John Toal, did not seek re-election at the annual election of District Officers.

The new District Master is Mr. Harold Gracey and his Deputy Mr. Roy McMahon.

Appointed as lay chaplain was Mr. Alan Wright, who has taken a leading part in the formation of the Orange Action Committee which was set up earlier this year to stage a massive Orange parade protesting against the re-routing by the Chief Constable of the traditional Orange and Black parades away from the Roman Catholic area of Obins Street (the Tunnel).

Re-appointed as District Secretary was Mr. John J. R. Mathers, and two Methodist clergymen, the Rev. Henry Holloway and the Rev. Derek McMeekin, were re-elected chaplains.

The other elections resulted: Treasurer, Mr. Noel Jones; asst. sec., Mr. W. Stanley Thompson; asst. treas., Mr. Gary Kennedy; lecturers, Messrs. Robert Guy and Robert Wallace; inside tyler, Mr. Samuel Ruddell.

Members of committee: Messrs. Jacob Benson, Reggie Tedford, Thomas Carriek, Henry Eldon, Samuel Martin.

The election was presided over by the Grand Master of the Co. Armagh Grand Orange Lodge, Mr. Norman R. S. Hood.

Markethill District L.O.L. Election

The annual election of officers of Markethill District L.O.L. No. 10 was conducted by W. Bro. Norman Hood, D.G.M.I., Co. Grand Master, at the quarterly meeting of the District Lodge, on 16th October in the Orange Hall, Markethill.

All officers were re-elected: W.D.M., D. McCullough; D.D.M., S. Cromwell; Chaplain, Rev. R. L. Hutchinson; Lady Chaplain, J. Rooney; Secretary, R. Gardiner; Treasurer, K. Rainey; Lecturer, G. Cochrane.

A satisfactory report was received on the mini-Twelfth and Arch-opening held in July.

Final arrangements were made for the annual "Orange Ball" to be held on Friday, November 22, 1985. It was also reported that there was sufficient interest for the formation of a Junior Lodge, and approval to proceed is awaited from the Junior Grand Lodge.

Garvetagh True Blues L.O.L. No. 1486

Garvetagh True Blues L.O.L. No. 1486 held their annual election of officers in Garvetagh Orange Hall on 12th September.

W. Bro. Sandy Speer, W.M. of Killen L.O.L. No. 1272 presided and the election resulted:

W.M., William T. Montgomery; D.M., Joseph Wauchop; Chaplain, James A. Emery; Sec., William Adams; Treas., Aelfryn Young; Lecturer, Thomas McMullan; Tyler, James A. Simpson.

Committee: Bobby Dunbar (foreman), Samuel Adams, Edmund Montgomery, James Young, E. A. Thompson Young.

They'll Lead Ligoneil

Ligoneil True Blues L.O.L. No. 1932 have elected the following Officers for 1986:

W.M., John Singh; D.M., Joe Mills; Chaplain, William Cunningham; Secretary, Greg Hopkins; Treasurer, Alex Moody, (Sen.); Committee: William Moody, David Nicholl, Robert Crawford, John Smith, David Reid.

Tyler, Robert Gray, Lecturers, George and William Moody, Superintendent of Junior L.O.L., Harry Swindell (Sen.).

Banner for the South

Recently Bro. William Moody, who has done tremendous work for the Orange Order in various capacities for many years, especially those Lodges across the border in Counties Monaghan, Donegal, Cavan, Leitrim and Dublin, was talking to a brother from a Northern Ireland Preceptory who told him that a banner was available for use by a Southern Black Preceptory if needed, because his Preceptory had secured a new one.

Bro. Moody remembered this a few weeks ago when a request came to him from a Southern Preceptory asking if he could help with obtaining a new banner. Unfortunately, the name of the man who offered Bro. Moody the banner has slipped his memory.

If the brother who made the kind offer reads the "Orange Standard", it would be appreciated if he contacts Bro. Moody, telephone Poyntzpass 220.

Ardbarron Election

Ardbarron L.O.L. No. 758 held their annual election of officers in Ardbarron Orange Hall.

Elected were: W.M., W. J. Sproule; D.M., W. McKane; Chaplain, R. C. Verne; Secretary, D. Young; Treasurer, J. Robinson; Tyler, A. Ellis; Lecturers, W. Cather and J. A. Cather.

Committee: (Foreman) R. Nesbitt, B. Bogle, D. Galbraith, W. Moore and J. Sproule.

W. Bro. J. A. Emery Deputy District Master of Killen District L.O.L. No. 12 presided and W. Bro. R. J. Montgomery the District Secretary occupied the deputy chair.



£2000 — Not Out

With an exuberance that belies her "senior citizen" status Sister Lily Logan, face well known to many beavers away with her collections on behalf of the Jun Orange Holiday Home, Donaghadee under the care of the McCrea Memorial Trust.

At Easter she set herself a target of £1000, but as months rolled by quickly she was quick to reach her target and went on to double it by the middle of September. This reflects the generosity of many members of the public for which Sister Logan is indeed the Trust would place their grateful thanks record.

Sister Logan, over years, in keeping with a family tradition that displays the best of our Loyal Orders Associations, has laboured earnestly, at her own expense to assist our various charities with great distinction and success and the £2000 she collected in a matter of months is testimony to her efforts.

The officers of the McCrea Memorial Trust are indeed encouraged by her efforts and hope that the example she has set will inspire others.

Her collections are well known and she deserves much credit for the manner in which she sets out to complete her essential task.

"A person should be judged not by what they do to be seen, but rather what they do unseen." Sister Logan fits the bill and stands as a shining example to us all. May she long spared to continue her valuable and often thankless work on behalf of our charities and be a constant source of inspiration to many.

SONS OF WILLIAM JUNIOR L.O.L. 34 SANDY ROW General Knowledge Quiz in aid of Min-Bus Fund Appeal

FIRST PRIZE £50

1. Who was the Men's Single Champion at Wimbledon in 1977?
2. Who Won the World Cup in 1970?
3. Who Won the F.A. Cup in 1977?
4. Who was the First President of the USA?
5. When was the Battle of Hastings?
6. What is the Capital of France?
7. Which is the Largest Country in the World?
8. Which Queen reigned the longest over Britain?
9. Name Culture Club's Lead Singer?
10. Who sang "Won't Let The Sun Go Down"?
11. Name the World's Highest Mountain?
12. How Many Squares on a Chess Board?
13. What Comes Next O.T.T.F.F.S.S.??
14. Which Player holds the Record Number of Football Caps?
15. Name the World's Longest River?
16. What is the Capital of Peru?
17. Which Planet is Closest to the Sun?
18. What is H²?
19. Who Wrote the Book 1984?
20. Who is going to Win the English League This Year?

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