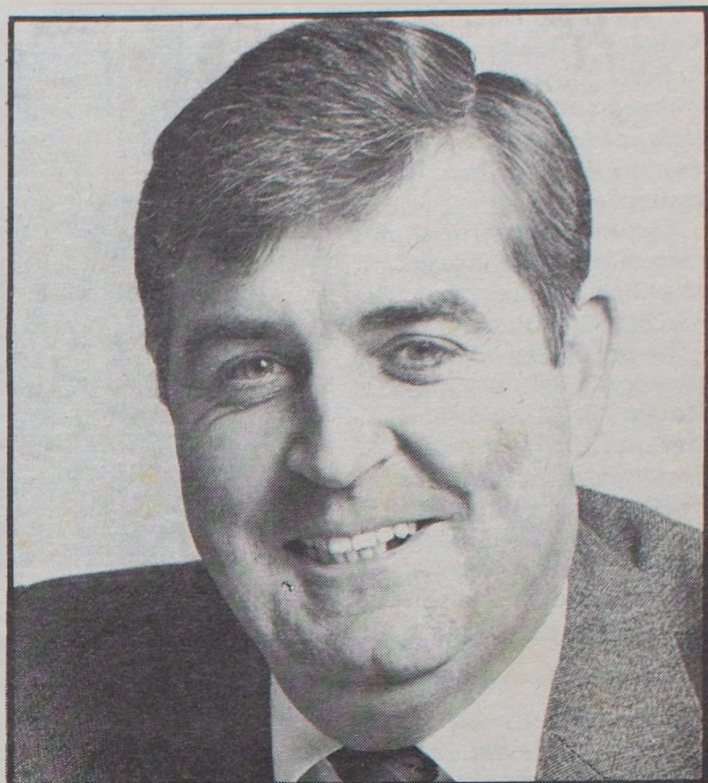


O'FEE SHOULD RETIRE, SAYS CO. DOWN M.P.



John Taylor M.P. M.E.P.

A suggestion that the Roman Catholic Primate, Cardinal Thomas O'Fee should take early retirement "as a contribution to improved community relations in Northern Ireland has been made by Mr. John D. Taylor, M.P., Strangford in an address during Church Unity Week.

Bro. Taylor said that during that week in Ulster, as in many other parts of the world Christians would be participating in "Church Unity" meetings.

DIVIDED CHURCHES

He continued: "Throughout recent years church leaders have used their pulpits to comment upon the failings of politicians, and it is therefore reasonable that I, as a politician and practising Christian should select this week to refer to leaders of our churches in Ulster.

"My experience is that the churches are more divided now than ever before — this divide has been mainly caused by the IRA terrorist campaign. But it has also been assisted by the obvious failure of church leaders to co-operate on issues of common interest, failure to remove divisive obstacles in inter-church relations, and failure in one case, to accept their responsibility to recognise the civil power in Northern Ireland.

"Failure of Church Leaders to Co-operate"



Cardinal Thomas O'Fee

"It is a tragedy that for example, Protestant leaders cannot publicly support a clergyman who wishes 'A Happy Christmas' to the Roman Catholic priest in his town, or that the Roman Catholic Church cannot remove the obstacles that arise in mixed marriages. In my view it is a sin that in, of all communities, Ulster the RC Church takes a harder line against Protestant partners in marriage than they do elsewhere in Europe.

"But the worst contribution to Church co-operation is the continued presence of Cardinal T. O'Fee. He is seen by many Protestants as a religious ogre — a man who identifies more with Irish Republicanism than with the interests of the people of Northern Ireland. I realise that he has a problem, coming from Crossmaglen, but Ulster deserves better at this difficult time than a political Ethnarch.

"Cardinal O'Fee is admired by Republican Roman Catholics, but he is an embarrassment to many moderate Roman Catholics — his worst contribution to the future of Ulster is the distaste which he has aroused within the Protestant community. He perhaps does not recognise this failure in his mission and that is the major problem."

CARDINAL POINT

Mr. Taylor said he sees little chance of any real progress in ter-church relations in Ulster while Cardinal O'Fee remains head of the Roman Catholic Church. In his Christmas Eve Message to the people of Ulster the Cardinal unbelievably said "Margaret Thatcher must go." In the interests of better understanding and co-operation between Ulster Christians the Cardinal, on reflection, might conclude that his early retirement would be a most useful contribution, Mr. Taylor added.

Bolton Orange Revival

On the 16th February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighty five Victoria's Pride Loyal Orange Lodge 788 was re-opened.

In a town that once boasted of twelve Lodges it will be the first Lodge in Bolton for forty seven years.

With a motto of "In the defence and confirmation of the Gospel" — Philippians 1:7 — it is hoped that the Lodge will grow and be a credit to the Orange Institution.

Bro. John Scores a Century



Heartiest congratulations to M.W. Bro. John Bryans who celebrated his 100th birthday on February 20.

The veteran Methodist lay preacher from Middletown in Co. Armagh can recall his first Twelfth parade at Ballybay in Co. Monaghan in 1903.

He moved to Belfast around the turn of the century and served as the city's Grand Master for 11 years before becoming Grand Master of Ireland in 1968, holding the position for four years.

Bro. Bryans, who is currently honorary vice-president of the Imperial Grand Council of World Orangeism, was the guest of honour at a dinner in the House of Orange Belfast, on Saturday evening February 23.

A full report of this unique occasion will appear in our next issue.



Brackagh RBP Honours Long Service

Sir Knight John Toal, District Master of Portadown Royal Black District Chapter No. 5, has been the recipient of a medal which he has presented to quite a few Sir Knights in recent years — a 50 year membership medal. The medal was presented to

Sir Knight Toal at a meeting of his private Preceptory, Brackagh RBP No. 265, and the ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Samuel Gardiner, Deputy Sovereign Grand Master.

Others who received medals at the same meeting were Sir

Knights Robert Buckley, (50 years), Sir Knight Ernest Magowan (40 years) and Sir Knight Robert Toal — the District Master's brother — (40 years).

A 50 year medal which was due to have been presented to Sir Knight John Joseph

Turkington will occupy a place of honour in a framed picture in the hall. He died a short time before the medal presentation could be made.

Those taking part in the proceedings included Sir Knight James Hewitt, W.M. and Sir Knight Alan Neill.

13 Have Noble Record Service

Thirteen members of the Portadown Royal Black Preceptory totalling 680 years membership in the Institution have been presented with long service medals at a ceremony held at Ballygargan Orange Hall.

Members of Carrickblacker Guiding Star RBP No. 503, they were presented with their badges by District Master, Sir Knight John Toal, and his deputy, Sir Knight James Symington.

Four of the members, Sir Knights Thomas Holmes, Robert Davison, William Holmes and James Mahor, each have over 60 years membership of the Black Institution.

The only one of the 13 not present when the photograph was being taken was Sir Knight W. Holmes.

Those in the picture are, back row, left to right, Sir Knights R. Jones, J. Toal, T. Holmes, J. H. Mayes, A. McDowell, G. McCann, J. Symington. Front, J. Major, L. Wilson, R. Jennett, J. Jennett, R. Davison, E. McNeill and J. Davison.



Ligoniel Installation

Ligoniel True Blues L.O.L. 1932 held a very successful Installation meeting at Ligoniel Orange Hall, Crumlin Road, Belfast.

Officers installed or remaining in office under their former obligations, were — W.M., James Moody; D.M., John Singh; Secretary, Greg Hopkins; Treasurer, Alec Moody (Sen.) P.M.; Chaplain, William Cunningham, P.M.

Committee — Joe Mills, Wm. Moody, David Moody, Robert Crawford, Peter McCord, Inner Tyler, Robert Gray. Lecturer, George Moody, Supt. of Junior Lodge, H. Swindell, sen., P.M.

The installation was ably carried out by the W.D.M. of No. 1 District, W. Bro. Alec Moody, sen., P.M. who, incidentally, holds office in the Lodge, assisted by the D.D.M., Bro. John Henning, M.B.E.

After the meeting the members, guests and visiting brethren were entertained to supper served by the ladies committee.

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Role of Women in Orangeism

"The Association of Loyal Orange Women of Ireland" was founded in 1877 "when a number of ladies with strong unionist views formed themselves into a body of like-minded people determined to work together for the common good of maintaining the British connection."

Because there was difficulty in providing a programme of interest for its members the organisation was allowed to lapse. In 1911, with the consent of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Mrs. R. H. Johnston, Bawnboy House, Co. Cavan, undertook to re-issue warrants, for the need of a Protestant/Unionist movement for women was becoming widely recognised.

This fresh beginning with good leadership and greater determination to succeed in retaining the loyalty of its members marks the true origin of "The Association of Loyal Orange Women of Ireland" as constituted and active today.

Perhaps the most compelling reason for the interest in Orangeism generally, and of the re-formation of the Women's Association particularly, was the promulgation of the Roman Catholic Ne Temere Decree in 1911. The decree in unambiguous terms declared that marriage bet-

ween Roman Catholic and Protestant was only valid in the eyes of the Roman Church if it was performed by a Roman Catholic priest.

The decree was of public interest, for it denied the authority of the State to legalise a marriage wherever the ceremony was performed and by whom when a Roman Catholic was involved. And it ignored the fact that church marriage as such was a relatively recent development.

There was a Protestant reaction when a young Protestant girl in Belfast, the wife of a Roman Catholic, refused to be re-married in a Roman Church despite the pressures of Roman Catholic priests. There was consternation when her two young children were kidnapped and a battle for custody followed.

Protest meetings against the decree were held in several places and there was a mammoth rally in the Assembly Hall, Belfast, at which a Church of Ireland Bishop, Rt. Rev. J. C. Crozier was a speaker. There was no helpful response from the Roman Church. It is still lacking in mixed marriages today.

Mrs. Johnston was one of those who felt that to revive the Orange Women's Association

would help in the campaign to discourage mixed, Roman Catholic and Protestant, marriages.

She organised a first meeting at 12 Rutland Square, Dublin, the office of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in February, 1912, when three warrants were issued, Number One to Mrs. W. Bridgett, the mother of Mrs. Margaret Drennan, J.P., Past Grand Mistress, and Mrs. Elizabeth McCrum, J.P., the present Grand Mistress, for Sandy Row, Belfast; Number Two went to East Belfast and Number Three to Kingstown, Co. Dublin.

The Association from those initial days has been markedly involved in charitable work for the good of its members and their families and of the community at large. It has raised a great deal of money for charitable works and philanthropic causes. The money has been used to support Orange charities, endow beds in hospitals and meet appeals for help here and elsewhere. Cathedrals and churches have benefitted from its munificence.

The support the ladies give to male lodges is continuous and inestimable. "Whatever they touch they improve" would be an apt description of "The Association of Loyal Orange Women of Ireland."

Women's Orange Lodges are not an Irish phenomenon. The movement has spread to Britain, Canada, the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand and Africa. Wherever they are to be found they make a considerable contribution to Orangeism and charitable causes.

Sometimes the charities are in the care of Orangewomen. In Canada, for example, the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association (LOBA) has homes for children and the aged and inform. There is the Trillium Home at Orillia, Ontario, and the Indian Head Home in Saskatchewan. The members give their support in administration in men's benefactions of similar kind. The Canadian experience is to be found in all the other jurisdictions, with national variations.

The important thing in such charitable work is that it is not confined "to members and their families." Many of those who benefit from Orange beneficence have no connection with or knowledge of Orangeism.

On this subject there has been Orange cause for complaint at the reluctance of a few charities to acknowledge in their reports receipt of money from Orangemen and women, though it has been received annually for many years.

(S.E. Long.)



Bro. Harold McCusker, M.P. (seated left) was the guest speaker at a meeting of Ballyvea L.O.L. 343A when the Lodge's new officers were installed. Also seated left to right, Bro. James Marín, W.M.; Bro. William Russell, County Grand Master, and Bro. Rev. Canon T. H. Frizelle, District Chaplain. Officers of the Lodge and visiting brethren were also present. (Picture: Courtesy of "The Outlook").

The IRA And The Unionist Weaknesses

Following the collapse of its 1956-62 campaign the IRA concluded that other than military tactics must be used to obtain a United Ireland.

It produced a four-volume Educational Manual after five years of study and research. The successes of the RUC and the Ulster Special Constabulary, and the unwillingness of Roman Catholics to be involved in its struggle were important factors in the thinking about the defeat.

The manual was concerned with communications, education, instruction and the involvement of those sympathetic to its aim of a United Ireland.

It began by tracing the history of the Republican Movement from Cromwell to the 1960s and ended by emphasising its present intention to produce a Socialist Republic of Ireland.

Volume three is the most important. It deals with instruction, programme and method, and appeared in draft form in October 1967 to be amended "in the light of experience" before publication by the Republican Education Bureau.

The introduction speaks of "... the signal failure of purely military terms to date." And the volume, while exploring the means of attracting support and wielding influence, exposes the weaknesses of Unionism and the Protestant Institutions in Northern Ireland.

The methods adopted by republicans since 1967, even to the Nationalist veto, approximate very closely to what was suggested in the Educational Manual. Whilst the intervention of the Provisional IRA as not envisaged in 1967 the Republican Movement has used it to advantage. Contrast has been drawn between the militarists and those who believe that a military solution in itself is not possible.

The more moderate approach of IRA proper should not blind people to the fact that the goal is the same and violence and terrorism are not the prerogatives of PIRA and INLA.

Commenting on the factors favourable to Republicanism the Educational Manual says: "The ecumenical movement and the emergence of a more educated and less fanatical generation of younger Protestants have helped on the crisis of Unionism."

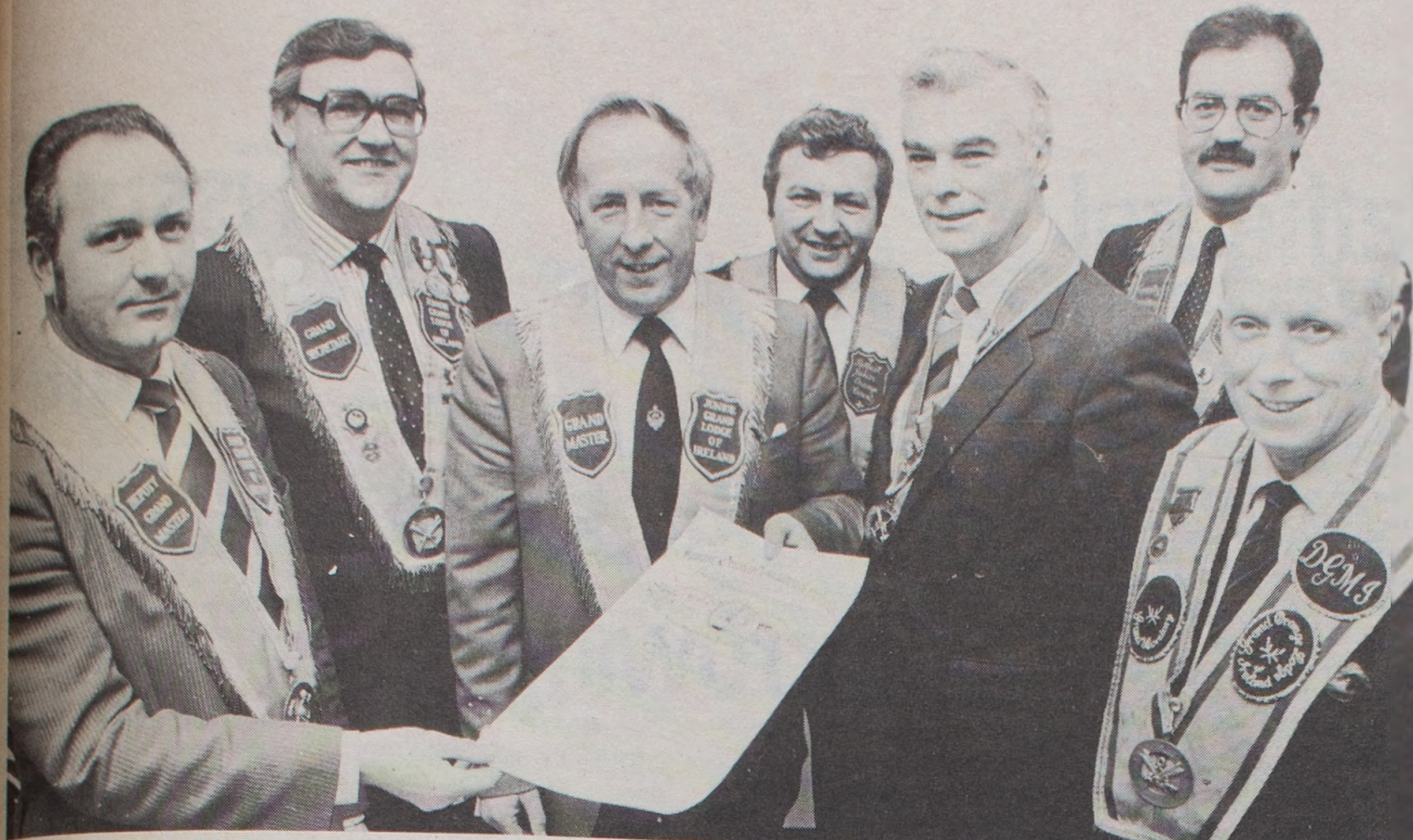
"Above all action must be avoided which would serve to solidify the disintegrating Unionist ranks."

"Direct influence on Westminster over the heads of the puppets on the spot is the most effective channel of influence."

This emphasis on Protestant and Unionist weakness and indifference remains a warning to us to stand firm for the religious and political principles to which we are committed.

Tribute to Life and Work of 'Sandy' Anderson

Present at the service in St. Marks Church Armagh held in memory of the late Co. Grand Master of Co. Armagh G.L.O.L. were: front row, Mrs. Paisley, church warden; Most Rev. John W. Armstrong, Archbishop of Armagh; M.W. Bro. Rev. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., Grand Master of Ireland; R.W. Bro. Walter Williams, J.P., Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Joe Chambers, Co. Grand Secretary, Armagh. Back row: W. Bro. Norman Allen, D.C.G.M. Armagh; W. Bro. Norman R. S. Hood, Co. Grand Master, Armagh; Rev. Dr. J. W. Lockington, A.B.D., Co. Grand Chaplain, Armagh; Rev. Dr. J. C. Combe, M.A., B.D., M.Litt, rector of Armagh parish; W. Bro. Very Rev. Norman Lockhart, M.A., Deputy Co. Grand Chaplain; Rev. Ian Ellis, B.A., curate assistant Armagh and Mr. Ronnie Watt, Churchwarden.



Rt. W. Bro. John McCrea (third from left) displaying his Past Master's Certificate, having served 11 years as Belfast Junior County Master. He was presented with an electric typewriter as a token

of esteem. Also in the picture (left to right) Bros. Kenneth Wilson, Junior Deputy Grand Master; Thomas R. Haire, Junior Grand Secretary; Thomas Ross, Belfast Junior County Master; Rev.

W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.P., Grand Master; Ronnie Teague, Belfast Junior County Secretary and Walter Williams, Imperial Grand Secretary. Rt. W. Bro. John McCrea

has been installed as County Grand Master of Belfast in succession to Rt. W. Bro. Thomas Passmore, and is now the third County Master to have started his Orange career in Junior Orangeism.

Knights Gain Foothold on 'Fair' Agency

The appointment of a past Supreme Knight of the Knights of St. Columbanus to the board of the Fair Employment Agency has drawn a protest from the North Belfast Independent Unionist Association.

The Association has published a pamphlet entitled "The Knights of St. Columbanus — Catholic Action Commandos" and has written to the Secretary of State calling for an immediate investigation into the appointment.

The past Supreme Knight of the Order is Mr. James Eccles who was recently appointed to the Board of the Agency.

In his letter to the Secretary of State the chairman of the Association, Mr. Nelson McCausland, said that "the aims of the F.E.A. are in conflict with those of the Knights."

"The Knights of Columbanus is an elite society of influential Roman Catholic men," which has stated that "in employment and in the allocation of business and work the Knights will use all their influence to discriminate in favour of Roman Catholics."

HURD ASKED FOR INQUIRY

The following is the text of a letter sent by Mr. McCausland to the Secretary of State, Mr. Hurd:

"I am writing with regard to the recent appointment of Mr. James Eccles to the board

of the Fair Employment Agency. This appointment is a cause of major concern.

"Mr. Eccles is a past Supreme Knight of the Knights of St. Columbanus. This is an elite secret society of influential Roman Catholic men which seeks to advance the interests and the well-being of all Catholics in Ireland who own, direct, are employed at, or interested in industrial and commercial undertakings. In plain language this means that in employment and in the allocation of business and work they will use all their influence to discriminate in favour of Roman Catholics.

"We understand that the Fair Employment Agency was established to promote equality of opportunity in employment in Northern Ireland.

"It would appear therefore that membership of the Fair Employment Agency conflicts with membership of the Knights of St. Columbanus and that the aims of the F.E.A. are in conflict with those of the Knights."

"Since appointments to the F.E.A. are made by the Secretary of State we would call on you to immediately initiate a full enquiry into this disturbing matter."

HEIRARCHY'S ROLE

The North Belfast Independent Unionist Association outlined the origins of the Knights in "Burning Issues" No. 2, "The Knights of St. Columbanus

— Catholic Action Commandos", saying that the Order was founded by Rev. James K. O'Neill, P.P., of the Sacred Heart Parish, Oldpark Road, Belfast as an independent Catholic Action organisation.

He spent several years in preparation, keeping the Roman Catholic hierarchy informed of his plans and announcing it in the "Irish Catholic" on April 10, 1915. In 1922 it was merged with the Columban Knights a Roman Catholic secret society founded in the U.S.A. in 1822 by a priest, Michael McGivney.

SOLID FOR ROME

The Roman Catholic hierarchy gave formal approval in 1934, and one of the founding fathers stated that among its purposes was to oppose "Orange Ascendancy" and British Socialism. Sean Bedford, Supreme Knight told Dublin Rotary Club in December 1975, that the Knights "stand solidly behind our Irish Hierarchy and Rome."

In June 1952, Archbishop John Charles McQuaid of Dublin in an address to the Knights called for increased

devotion to the Virgin Mary, and within two years the Knights of St. Columbanus were officially consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

By 1951 sixteen bishops were members, and the organisation played an important role in promoting the cause of the canonisation of Oliver Plunkett.

SECRETS PLEDGE

The total membership in Northern Ireland is over 600, based in Belfast (5 councils) Downpatrick, Newry, Warrenpoint, Ballycastle, Ballymena, Lisburn, Armagh, Portadown, Lurgan, Dungannon, Omagh, Londonderry and Coleraine.

The Knight's initiation pledge obliges him to offer obedience to God, to the Roman Catholic Church, to his country (which country?) and to the Order, promising to preserve its secrets.

The pamphlet claims that in recent years guests at the Orders annual banquets have included Lord Gowrie, and Mr. Chris Patten, "himself a Roman Catholic. That should set the alarm bells ringing!"



Apprentice Boys of Derry Thames and Avon Branch Murray Club 1982 England

Social Evening on 16th March 1985 — Southampton, in Oddfellows Hall, Paynes Road, Southampton at 7.30 p.m. Buffet, Bar, Draw, Music — £3.00 per adult. Children Free. Secretary: A. Richardson, 5 Leyborne Avenue, Northfields, London W13 9RB.

STANDARD BEARER



Murder at The Cathedral

The volume of condemnation which followed the dreadful murder of senior prison officer Pat Kerr as he left St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Armagh on Sunday February 17, his 37th birthday, is a measure of the

utter disgust which the foul deed aroused. We had thought perhaps that the assassination of UDR man James Graham as he waited outside a Derrylin School in Fermanagh to take children to a swimming pool in Enniskillen had plumbed the depths, for he was the third brother in the Graham family to have laid down his life in the service of his Queen and country. But the murder of Mr. Kerr shows that even the sanctuary of a church — in this

case the Mother Church of the whole Roman Catholic community in Ireland — offered no protection when the vile animals sought what they presumably were seeking — revenge for alleged ill-treatment of IRA prisoners at the Maze. Murder Incorporated knows no bounds, IRA style and it ill-behoves those who condemn the methods of interrogation by the RUC to "justify" the fate of men like Pat Kerr who had just come out of a church after acknowledging that there is a God in Heaven Who is the final arbiter, not the IRA or any body in association with them. Those who support the clamour for prison 'reform' must bear a responsibility for the attacks on prison

personnel, bearing in mind that those who knew and served with Mr. Kerr deny that he was involved in any form of repressive activity in performing his duty in the Maze. It must surely bring home to any who would give support or credence to the IRA or its associates, expressed or implied, that there can be no hiding place for people who reap such a bitter harvest, involving even those who come out of a church after engaging in public worship. Here was a man who had risen from the ranks of the Prison Service and was cut down in the sight of his children. The perpetrators of this foul deed cannot rest with an easy conscience, today or in the days to come.

Fissures in the Roman Fold

He That Goes A-Borrowing . . .

A commentator on Radio Eireann said a couple of weeks ago that the interest paid by the Irish Republic in a year to meet the cost of "national" borrowing is equal to the revenue derived from Pay As You Earn. If this be correct, and we have not seen it contradicted, then a problem of gigantic proportions is facing the people of the Southern State. Any country faced with such massive financial outgoings must surely be in a parlous plight, and the portents for the future must be bleak in the extreme. But it does not seem to be appreciated that this one factor is such as to deter the politicians in the Republic casting envious and covetous eyes on the six counties of Northern Ireland. Day after day claims are made for the "return of the Fourth Green Field". And one is constrained

to ask how if that were to come about a Dublin Government could possibly cope with our unemployment and security issues, to mention only two of the major items in the annual budget. Another commentator was heard on the same radio channel to cast doubts on the worthwhileness of the Republic's membership of the EEC. The alluring picture of prosperity beyond the wildest dreams of even the most cautious some years ago which was said to be ahead for Eire, is fading. If that be so where does she look for an alternative? Can it be that the fair fields of Albion provide the answer? It is, sadly, the answer for thousands of young Eire citizens who year after year take the high road to London, a road that can easily be a cul-de-sac to drugs, crime and desolation.

In the face of large scale desertion of disillusioned people from the Roman fold surely the time has come for the churches of the Reformed Faith to present the Gospel to the lapsed not only in the Roman context but the lapsed and indifferent who today from such a sizable proportion of our population. It may be that some of the energy and thought which have been channeled into the realm of ecumenical endeavour ought to be directed in a rather different direction, i.e., to the salvation of the souls of those who have fallen by the wayside of Christian thought and outlook. Has not the time come for a broad Protestant movement in this island to evangelise this island from Fair Head in Antrim to Mizzen Head in Cork? Four hundred years ago the Churches failed to use the Irish language to meet the needs of the day. It could well be that a similar mistake is in the making in the latter decades of this century. The fields are already ripe into harvest, greater than at any time in the last hundred years.

Legislation Under Duress

One cannot but feel admiration for those members of the Fine Gael and Labour Parties in the Republic who have been at the receiving end of a campaign of personal abuse, vilification and threat because they have dared to express their readiness to vote for the Bill which would permit the freedom of choice for people to purchase and use contraceptive devices as part of family planning. It was a courageous step by the Coalition Government in

Dublin to bring forward legislation to deal with a matter of considerable moment in the life of the Southern State, remembering the strength of feeling against such a move, not

The Bill was passed by 83 votes to 80

least by the Roman Catholic Church. Its hierarchy left none in any doubt, long before the Bill got to the debating Chamber, that they would oppose it by every means

within their power, and they did not disappoint. Indeed, there were striking resemblances to the time not so many decades ago when Dr. Noel Browne introduced his ill-fated proposal known as the Mother and Child Bill. On that occasion, as now, the R.C. leaders made known their views and the threat of what became known as "a belt of a crosier" was enough to kill the Bill and result in the eventual disappearance of Dr. Browne from the political scene.

Irish — A Tool of Anti-Britishness

In recent days there has been an upsurge of interest in the furtherance of the Irish language, so much so that the BBC are now providing programmes for instruct those who wish to attain proficiency in the speaking and writing of what the Republic asserts is the First Language of the State. The anxiety to preserve Irish would seem to be more of a priority in Northern Ireland, and already a number of centres have been set up in West Belfast to provide facilities for teaching the subject Irish, is of course, an ancient language, brought to this island centuries ago. It has one thing in common with English — it was "imported" here, though much earlier. To study some aspects of ancient Ireland it is valuable, if not indeed essential, to possess a

knowledge of Irish, but it is another matter when the so-called devotees of Irish use it as a means to further anti-English and anti-British propaganda. This appears to be the main motivation behind the latest moves in Northern Ireland especially, to spread the use of the language. To all intents the

practical value of Irish in contemporary society, even in the traditional areas where Irish is the first spoken language, is virtually nil. Perhaps another aspect of Irish was best summed up by that famous figure in Dublin University life of another day, Professor Sir John Pentland Meahaffey who stated: "Irish is a most difficult and useless language; not only useless, but a mischievous obstacle to civilisation."

Worry

WAIT before you worry — wait before you frown, Don't let any problems of the future get you down. **Wait** before you give up hope because a plan went wrong. **Wait** — and something better will be sure to come along! **Wait** before you speak the hasty words you meant to say; Spoken words can't be recalled, nor lightly rubbed away. **Wait**, because the best in life is worth the waiting for. So **wait** a little, think a little — **wait** a little more!

There never was a child so lovely but his mother was glad to get him asleep.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Pressure by the Prelates

Today the contraceptive issue is being waged in an entirely different atmosphere.

It is nowadays not a subject governed by taboo, but is openly discussed and debated in the Press and on television. Indeed if a visitor from Outer Space were to land on this island he could be forgiven for thinking that we are a people obsessed by sex. But the heirarchal sword of Damocles is no longer poised over the heads of the people as it was, and one notes that the objections of the R.C. Archbishops and Bishops are

somewhat muted as compared with the stance of their predecessors at the time of the Mother and Child controversy. The newly consecrated Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, Dr. McNamara, left no doubt in anyone's mind that his conservative approach in these matters would be preserved in his exalted office. Remarkably he met with some opposition from a number of outspoken clergy who equally were just as frank in stating that they do not follow the McNamara line. Roman Catholicism in Ireland, particularly in the Republic, would appear to be

experiencing a watershed which could have dramatic results for its future in this land where it has held sway for centuries. Indeed one commentator from within its ranks went so far the other day to argue that the R.C. Church is "on the way out" in Ireland. He may be over-stating the position, but there can be no doubt that massive changes, far outreaching the introduction of the vernacular into public worship, which in itself produced not only a major change but a division of outlook which has not even now been resolved.

No Safe Hiding Place

A great deal will be written and said about that sinister development concerning the sequestration in the Courts of a sum of £1,750,816.27 lodged in a Dublin Bank on behalf of the IRA before we are furnished with the total implications of the terrorist involvement in Ireland and beyond. What is not disclosed at the moment is the other financial lodgements made by terrorists in the past dozen years or more. Obviously the scale of the IRA people and those working under other titles to create murder and pillage both in Northern Ireland and in

For IRA Finances

the Republic has demanded considerable fiscal dealings, both in terms of arms and equipment. Banks have been used by terrorists for the custody of their ill-gotten gains and the screen of anonymity by those who have handled these

monies on behalf of the terrorists and the banks who, by right, are expected to preserve privacy. It was, therefore, an excellent piece of urgent legislation on the part of the Government in Dublin to move in this exceptional way in order to lay their hands on these illegally obtained funds. Perhaps now that the ice has been broken we may expect the authorities to continue their investigations into the funding of terrorists and take steps in the courts to confiscate other monies whose principal purpose is to spread murder and destruction.

THE KILLING FIELDS

Sometime soon, the people of Northern Ireland will be able to see on their local cinema screens the film, "The Killing Fields" which tells the story of the horror and atrocities in war torn Cambodia.

But the title could so easily be adapted to describe the border counties of Ulster where a campaign of genocide against the Loyalist and Protestant population has been vigorously carried out for the past 15 years by the Provisional IRA and other republican murder gangs.

The recent murder of Bro.

James Graham, B.E.M., a schools bus driver, coupled with the previous murders of his brothers, Ronald killed while delivering groceries on 5th June 1981 and Cecil, killed after visiting his wife and newborn son on 13th November the same year, surely illustrates the point.

All were Protestants, and part-time members of the UDR and their killers needless to say, escaped over the fields to the border, to find sanctuary in the Irish Republic to all those who give support and succour to these present day Hitlers and

Idi Amins.

These so-called Constitutional Nationalists are not entirely blameless. We have only one thing to say, while Ulster has men of courage like James, Cecil and Ronald Graham the flame of freedom will never be extinguished.

You might murder the man, but you can never kill the Cause. We will not forsake the blue skies of freedom for the grey mist of an Irish Republic. No Surrender.

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Presbyterian Moderator

The Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Robert Dickinson, M.A., has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He has the congratulations and prayerful good wishes of his Orange brethren as he enters on his duties at the meetings of the Assembly in June. We hope that he will have a happy and fruitful year in one of the most demanding offices in Irish Christendom.

While the Moderator is not a leader of his church — in the usual connotation of headship — he is its representative for many inter-Church, State and social occasions. His influence is considerable, and while a year is a very short time in which to make lasting impressions Moderators have been remembered for things they did and things that happened through them in their Moderatorial year.

Robert Dickinson has been a most valued member and officer in our Institution. He is past County Grand Master of the City of Londonderry Grand Lodge, a deputy Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and a voice to be heard and heeded in that and other Orange assemblies.

Well known for his opposition to his church's involvement

with and membership of the World Council of Churches he was largely instrumental in having it withdraw from that organisation.

Equally well known as an evangelical preacher he has served pastorates in Argyle Place Church (now West Kirk by amalgamation with the Albert Street Congregation) on the Shankill Road, Belfast, Carlisle Road Church, Londonderry and presently in Tobermore Church, Co. Londonderry.

Our experience of Bro. Dickinson is of a man of strongly held beliefs and convictions, well able to articulate his opinions courageously and precisely. He did that simply, concisely and adequately on Radio Ulster's "Sunday Sequence" of 10 February, a few days after his election as Moderator.

We know that he will stand firm for those things which matter to all who are convinced of the value of Reformed Christianity, with its emphases on the Lordship of Christ, the place and purpose of the Holy Bible, the worship of the church and its witness to the world.

John Hume's Dilemma

The main talking point in the country recently has been the PIRA Army Council's invitation to John Hume to meet for conversations with them. The SDLP leader's ready acceptance of the invitation produced adverse reactions from politicians and people in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Mr. Hurd, the Northern Ireland Secretary, deplored the intention and spoke of police action to be taken to prevent such a happening in Northern Ireland. Dr. Fitzgerald, the Eire Prime Minister, was equally adamant that the proposed meeting was not to be countenanced, and threatened action against those who participated in it.

In the House of Commons Hume ran the gauntlet as he tried to justify his response to PIRA. His main contention was that any attempt to stop the killing is justifiable.

When he responded to the Unionist condemnations of him he charged them with hypocrisy, claiming that they had no compunction about sitting down with the gunmen of the UDA and UVF. He was answered in the Commons by Rev. Ian Paisley who denied any such meetings. He said that Unionists have refused to talk to murderers.

The most serious outcome of the PIRA/Hume proposed meeting is the effect it has had on the contemplated inter-party talks. Alliance is unhappy, and the Unionists are on record as saying that they will not sit down with anyone who sups with the Provos.

The SDLP backing which John Hume received has made some people question that party's intention to talk sensibly and sincerely with Ulster politicians at all. They see what has happened as an SDLP refusal to accept the proposition that Ulstermen, of whatever political affiliation or religious

persuasion, can work together for an internal settlement of the problem of government here.

There has been much talk among republicans of Unionist veto when there has always been a nationalist/republican veto in the Province. The fact must be apparent to everyone now.

John Hume in contention as the political leader of the nationalist minority — some would question that description — and Bishop Cahal Daly, the frequent Roman Catholic Church spokesman, in discussion with the Assembly over an invitation also, was the situation over the second week in February.

Dr. Daly refused to speak to the Assembly on the ground that he must not involve himself in political dialogue. His reply was regretted by the inviting committee of the Assembly who wondered how it was possible for him to give evidence to the New Ireland Forum, a political body, and impossible to do the same kind of thing at the Assembly.

It was made clear in the Assembly correspondence with the bishop that he was not being asked to give a political view of the position as he sees it, but to explain his thinking on majority/minority community relationships. It seems to many that the Bishop will not go where the SDLP will not attend.

Dr. Daly has often spoken out against violence, and been most critical of the terrorists and the authorities in our violent situation, and shown himself to be willing to argue his and his church's case at every opportunity on political and economical matters.

It appears strange that he should refuse the opportunity to make his points at the elected Assembly of the Ulster people. Churchmen, too, are trapped in their situations and circumstances.

The Healing Ministry

The Convenor of the Education Committee of Grand Lodge, the Right Wor. Bro. the Rev. Fred Bailey, M.A., has been appointed an Examining Canon in the Diocese of Clogher. We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Canon Bailey, who is doing a very good job with a particularly energetic and expert committee, in monitoring the educational situation in the Province.

An ex-RAF man he was successively Rector of Eglantine, Hillsborough, St. Columba's, Highfield, West Belfast and St. Martin's, East Belfast. He is presently Rector of Kesh, Co. Fermanagh. Bro. Bailey has had a special ministry in divine healing and been involved in many remarkable healings, mental and physical.

The Death Penalty

Those who think that a call for the return of the death penalty for pre-mediated murder always emanates from Unionist diehards should have been enlightened when they heard that the Young Conservatives in conference at Bournemouth, 9-10 February, entered such a plea by an overwhelming majority.

The vote is evidence that young and old and in-between are generally of the opinion that the death penalty is suitable punishment for anyone who takes life by intention, and a deterrent on others who lightly value the lives of others. Those who believe that the State must not do that either have managed to carry the day, though the increase of murders, whether by terrorists or others is such that the subject remains constantly in debate.

In our Ulster situation the argument for the death penalty is strengthened by the fact that some terrorist murderers having served their sentences are now loose to kill again. While they live others are in danger of losing their lives.

There is a question to be asked, "Is the State to blame when people are murdered by those who have been released from prison after serving a sentence for murder?" A hanged murderer cannot murder again.

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Two members of Cloghelt L.O.L. No. 415 were presented with 50 year certificates and inscribed Bibles at a ceremony in Cloghelt Orange Hall. Bro. Robert Morgan (seat second from right) has been a member of the Lodge for 63 years, while Bro. Edwin Barlow (seated second from left) has clocked up 54 years of membership. The certificates and Bibles were presented by

Bro. Raymond McCullough, W.D.M. (seated left), and also present for the ceremony was Bro. Samuel Walker, D.D.M. (seated right). Standing left to right are officers of L.O.L. 415 — Bros. Colin Shilliday, W.M.; William Johnston, Treasurer; Robert Hanna, Chaplain; John Hanna, Secretary; and Maurice Nelson, D.M. Photo: "The Outlook."

Better Deal on The Way For Loyalist Areas

As evidence of the increase in new housing activity in Portadown areas of Belfast begins to manifest itself — Shankill, Sandy Row and East Belfast districts are having houses rising on what were hitherto large empty spaces — we in the "Standard" feel that we have been vindicated in our stance over the past decade in campaigning vigorously — but fairly — for a new deal for the loyalist people.

It has been one of the social issues we have spotlighted on behalf of the Protestant and Orange community, and as there is now firm evidence of a large housing programme in loyalist areas we feel that credit should be accorded to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for facing up to the fact that there is a demand on the part of people for housing input in the Shankill and other areas.

We have not always seen eye to eye with the Executive on how a rehabilitation policy in respect of working class Protestant areas should be implemented, but we feel that the Executive is deserving of praise for its recent programme in loyalist districts.

The morale of residents in what have been run-down districts, will have been lifted by the sight of bright new dwellings, many of them of attractive red brick design, being built in the Woodstock, Donegall Pass, the "Row" and other areas.

Our case that there is a genuine demand for houses in these districts has been vindicated, and if the Executive continues with its present policy then the run down of Protestant districts should be reversed, and these



areas experience a resurgence of confidence.

The Executive is meeting the case for more houses, so the Education and Library Board must recognise the same fact, and ensure that it does not close schools too hastily, otherwise

the situation may be reached whereby some areas experience a shortage of school classrooms, a fact pinpointed recently in a report which mentioned the fact that the education authorities had been far too sweeping already in their assessment of what the reduction in the school population might be in the future.

Now that the Executive is showing realism and determination in its bid to re-vamp the loyalist districts in Belfast, it must demonstrate the same willingness to show fair play to Protestants in rural areas.

Many loyalists in Counties

Fermanagh, Tyrone and Londonderry, in particular, feel aggrieved, and claim that a disproportionate number of houses are provided in Roman Catholic areas of towns, including Omagh, Cookstown, Dungannon and Enniskillen.

The planning authorities have also been criticised in some places for their alleged failure to allow permission for new bungalows and houses in areas which can be classed as loyalist, whilst no such restriction appears to apply to nationalist-controlled district council areas such as Newry and Mourne.

Orange and Unionist public representatives must continue to pinpoint discrimination, and ensure that the same pressure applied so successfully in Belfast, can be put in rural and urban areas to get equal justice.

Obituaries

Mr. Sam Armstrong

It was with a deep sense of loss that the officers and members of Boyd Memorial L.O.L. 312, Burnside, Antrim, learned of the passing of their longest serving hon. member Wor. Bro. Sam Armstrong.

Bro. Armstrong was a member of 312 for over sixty years, was a trustee of Burnside Orange Hall for fortytwo years and was treasurer for seventeen years. He was born and raised only yards from the Orange Hall.

Although suffering a serious illness seven years ago and losing a leg through amputation, he still made it his business to attend his Lodge whenever he could.

During the recent renovation and extension scheme for Burnside Hall, he took an active part, for he supported every fund raising venture, either by his attendance or otherwise.

The admiration and esteem in which he was held by his fellow brethren was great indeed, for Bro. Armstrong was a great inspiration to all who knew him in Orange circles. He was a quiet spoken thoughtful man.

His steady hand and wise counsel will be much missed by his brethren at Burnside.

In his earlier years, Bro.



Armstrong served his King and Country in the Royal Ulster Rifles for seven years. His tours of duty included India. (Khartoum and Rawalpindi). It was during one of the tours that he suffered from malaria and the illness affected him for some years.

Our Institution in general, and 213 in particular, have lost a stalwart for the Orange Cause.

To his wife Anna, and the family circle, deepest sympathy is extended. We in L.O.L. 312 mourn the passing of another of Ulster's sons, whose legacy to us was his zeal for our Cause which will continue to inspire others for years to come.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Wor. Bro. John McGrath,
W.M. L.O.L. 312

Death of Co. Cavan Grand Chaplain

It is with deep regret that we report the death of the Very Reverend Robert Christopher Howard Turkington, Dean of Kilmore, who passed away in hospital at Cavan, aged 71.

The Dean was well-known throughout the Diocese of Kilmore and was a frequent visitor to those of its parishes in Co. Fermanagh.

A native of Co. Armagh, he obtained an M.A. degree at Trinity College and after being ordained in 1937 took up his first appointment as curate in Belturbet.

He served in Castletara and Bailieborough, before being appointed rector of St. Phelim's parish in Kilmore, and Ballintemple. In 1957 he was appointed Dean of Kilmore.

The Dean had a deep love for his vocation and was involved in many aspects of the work in his Diocese. He was secretary of the Church of Ireland Diocesan Synod and served on the diocesan council and various other boards.

Having a particular interest in young people he encouraged the founding of the Boys' Brigade in Kilmore and Girls' Brigade.

He played a leading role in the formation of Kilmore

Accordion band and was vice-chairman of the Board of Governors of Cavan Royal School.

A conservative by nature, the Dean, who was quiet and reserved also displayed a keen sense of humour when the occasion warranted and was well-known as an after-dinner speaker. He had a keen interest in sport.

In his youth he played for Cavan Rugby Club and enjoyed table tennis and badminton.

For about 30 years he served as Chaplain of Kilmore L.O.L. and R.B.P. and was also Co. Grand Chaplain of the Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge.

There was a large attendance at the funeral service in Kilmore Cathedral conducted by members of the Cathedral Chapter and clergy of the Diocese.

The former Bishop of Kilmore, Ardagh and Elphin, the Rt. Rev. E. F. B. Moore paid tribute to Dean Turkington in his sermon.

The Bishop of Kilmore, the Rt. Rev. W. G. Wilson, Archdeacon G. N. Cave, Kildrumferton; Canon G. C. A. Miller, Cavan, and Canon R. Richey, Blacklion, also took part.

The Dean is survived by his wife Kathleen and two daughters and two sisters.

Mr. James W. Bleakley

Members of both the Orange and Black Institutions in County Leitrim have suffered a severe blow in the sudden death of Sir Knight and Bro. James W. Bleakley, Portlongfield, who passed away on Thursday 10th January, 1985.

Bro. Bleakley had given a lifetime of loyal service to the Orange and Black Institutions, having been at the time of his death Deputy Master of L.O.L. 14 C and also a member of Mount Horeb R.B.P. 101.

The funeral which was largely attended by all classes and creeds including many Sir Knights and Brethren from Cavan, Leitrim and further afield took place to Killegar Parish Church.

The service was conducted by the rector of the parish, the Rev. Hugh Jameson who also officiated at the graveside.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his sorrowing wife, daughters, brother and sisters.

Mr. J. J. Richardson

Bro. John Joe Richardson a member of the Orange Institution in Co. Leitrim passed away on Monday 10th December, 1984, after a long period of a very trying illness.

He was D.G.T. of the Co. Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge.

Deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

Death of Co. Cavan Orangeman

We regret to record the death of Bro. Tom Moore, Deputy Master of L.O.L. No. 613 and Registrar of R.B.P. No. 362 in Co. Cavan.

His demise and that of Very Rev. R. C. H. Turkington will be greatly felt in Orange circles in the border county of Cavan.

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Reunion Dinner

During the troubled times that existed in the early 1920's many Protestant people in Co. Cavan fled their homes for reasons of personal safety.

They settled in various places in Scotland and Northern Ireland which were considered a safe haven.

A number who were Orangemen met in 32 Thomdyke Street, in East Belfast and decided to form an Orange Lodge. Out of this meeting the Co. Cavan Defenders LOL No. 1327 was formed in 1924.

The first W.M. was Bro. George McIlwaine and the first Secretary Bro. William McIlwaine who it is thought came from the Billis, near Virginia, Co. Cavan.

The Lodge had its warrant issued on October 15, 1924 and it held its first meeting in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall on November 1st of that year.

Research has established that the only surviving foundation member is Bro. Thomas Hill who hails from the Cootehill district in Co. Cavan.

As work restrictions came into force all the members had to apply for work permits and when most of them were successful in this they were employed by Dobsons Dairies. In consequence the Lodge became known as "The Milkmen's Lodge."

The original banner, which was unfurled on June 16 1956

in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall by Bro. William Henderson from Killeshandra, Co. Cavan, had a painting of Kilmore Cathedral in Co. Cavan.

To this day the Cathedral hosts the Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge parade service held each year in the month of May. The banner was dedicated by Bro. Very Rev. R.C.H. Turkington, Dean of Kilmore, who was Co. Grand Lecturer of the Co. Cavan Grand Orange Lodge until his death in December 1984.

At that time the Lodge boasted a membership of 154.

In 1940 a close liaison was formed with Mountjoy LOL No. 11, Greenock, Scotland and in 1947 the Co. Cavan Defenders paraded in Scotland for the first time, being hosted by their Greenock brethren. This close relationship still continues.

In recent years LOL 1327 collarettes have been a regular feature in Co. Cavan at parades, and in particular at the half-yearly meetings of the Co. Grand Orange Lodge.

The proudest event in the Lodges's history, however, must surely be their 60th anniversary dinner and

celebration held in the Hume Memorial Room in Ballymacarrett Orange Hall on December 12 1984, when the guest of honour was the Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and Imperial Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., M.A.

Also present were several brethren from the Republic who were in Belfast for the Grand Lodge meeting held earlier in the day. Included were W. Bro. W.G. Foy, C.G.M., Co. Cavan, W. Bro. George Browne, C.G.M., Co. Leitrim, W. Bro. Noel Maxwell, C.G.M., Co. Monaghan and Bro. John McAdam, D.C.G.S., Co. Cavan.

The Grand Master congratulated LOL 1327 on their outstanding service to Orangeism in Belfast, and in particular No. 6 District.

The W.D.M., of No. 6 District was master of ceremonies, and toasts were proposed and suitably responded to. All the visiting brethren from the Republic addressed the meeting and the other speakers included Bro. John McCrea, C.G.M.-elect of Belfast, Bro. John Patterson longest serving P.M. of LOL 1327, Bro. Guthrie LOL 1327 who is an Orangeman for 60 years and the W.M. of LOL 1327, Bro. Joe Johnstone who thanked all concerned for making the function a success. He referred particularly to Bro. Alex McKee and Bro. Jim Fisher who had put a great deal of hard work and dedication into the organisation of the event.

At the close of the proceedings some of the older members of LOL 1327 took the opportunity to converse with the two visitors from Co. Cavan, reliving with them some of the happy childhood memories of their home county which they still retain.

Co. Leitrim GOL Elections

There was a large attendance, including many visitors from Co. Cavan, at the half yearly meeting of the County Leitrim Grand Orange Lodge held in Killegar.

W. Bro. G. W. Browne, C.G.M. presided, with Bro. I. C. Johnston in the deputy chair. Apologies were received from some who were unable to attend.

The Orange Institution is still holding its own in that part of the country, if anything showing a slight increase in numbers.

During the course of the meeting a subscription on behalf of Killegar 404 was given to W. Bro. W. G. Foy for the re-building of Billyhill Orange Hall.

During the year the Co. Grand Lodge raised a substan-

tial amount of money for the L.E.M.O.S.

Delegate elected to represent the County at the Triennial World Orange Council in Belfast in July 1985 was W. Bro. G. W. Browne, Bro I. C. Johnston being appointed reserve delegate.

Elections for 1985 were: C.G.M., G. W. Browne; D.C.G.M., I. C. Johnston; C.G.C., Robert Gilpin; C.G.S., William Mitchell; C.G.T., T. R. Abbott; Tyler, George Magee.

The election was conducted by the County Grand Master of Cavan, W. Bro. W. G. Foy, assisted by Bro. W. Roberts.

At the conclusion of the meeting supper was served by the ladies who were thanked on behalf of the visitors by W. Bro. Foy.

Gwynn's Lodge Installation Presentations

Gwynn's Temperance L.O.L. 419 held their annual installation of officers meeting in the Protestant Hall, Antrim when a large gathering of members and visitors was cordially welcomed by the W.M., Bro. K. White.

After routine business had been conducted the W.D.M. of Antrim District No. 13, Bro. Fred Thompson, conducted the installation of officers for 1985, resulting: W.M., J. Robinson; D.M., W. Williamson, Jr.; Sec., E. Nicholl, P.M.; Chap., I. Johnston; 1st Lect., H. White, P.M.; 1st Comm., K. White, P.M.; 2nd Comm., S. Clarke, P.M.; 3rd Comm., M. McCullough, P.M.; 4th Comm., H. Crothers; Tyler, H. Young.

Apologies were received from Bros. W. Williamson, Jr., 2nd Lecturer, and S. Lynn, committee member who were unable to attend.

Bro. Jim Robinson W.M. thanked Bro. Thompson and his team of installing officers for the efficient manner in which the installation ceremony had been carried out, also the members of L.O.L. 419 for placing their trust in him as W.M.

Bro. K. Williamson, Treasurer, D.D.M. Antrim District No. 13 presided after tea was served, and called on Bro. J. Molyneux, J.P., M.P., D.G.M.I. to present a 50-year jewel to Bro. T. Waring and an honorary membership certificate to Bro. J. Waring, brothers, and both P.M.'s of L.O.L. 419. Various tributes were paid to the two brethren, commending them for their long and devoted service to the

Institution. Bro. Jack Waring replied on behalf of himself and his brother.

Bro. Hugh White, P.M. was presented with a 25-year jewel by his wife, Sister White of the Bro. N. M. Clarke Memorial W.L.O.L. 233, after which their son, Bro. Ken White, was presented with his Past Master's certificate and collarette by Bro. Clifford Forsythe, M.P., District Lecturer of Carrmoney District. Bro. Forsythe congratulated Bro. White on the hard work he had done during his two years in office and on the way he had conducted his lodge meeting.

Bro. J. Robinson received a R.A.P.C. P.M.'s certificate from Bro. F. Thompson, W.D.M. Antrim District L.O.L. 13.

Bro. R. Warwick D.D.M. Sixmilewater District, Bro. A. Stevenson, P.M. L.O.L. 707, Ballymena District, and representatives of the other local lodges expressed their congratulations to all those who had received the various presentations and extended their thanks and best wishes for the future to L.O.L. 419.

Bro. D. Williamson L.O.L. 389 Sixmilewater District and a Past Master of L.O.L. 419 proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had supplied the tea and this was passed by acclamation.

An extremely enjoyable evening was brought to an end, after the W.M. Bro. J. Robinson had thanked everyone who had contributed to its success, by the singing of the National Anthem.

Friends of Ulster (House of Commons) LOL 1688 Annual Reformation Parade and Church Service

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Memorial Honours Former Armagh County Grand Master

Lt.-Col. G. E. Liddle, C.B.E., D.L., the Imperial Orange Grand Master of the World, unveils the memorial to the late Mr. Joseph Alexander (Sandy) Anderson in Armagh Orange Hall, following the memorial service in St. Mark's Parish Church, Armagh. The Rev. Martin Smyth (second left), Grand Master of Ireland, preached at the service. Also in the picture are — Mr. Walter Williams (left), Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ireland; Mr. Norman Hood (centre right), the County Grand Master of Armagh; Mr. Norman Allen (right), deputy Grand Master of Armagh; Dean Norman Lockart, County Grand Chaplain, and Mr. Robert J. Orr, County Grand Treasurer.



Decade of Service Recognised by Portadown DLOL

Portadown Orangemen have honoured a district officer who has given 10 years outstanding service as District Secretary, and previous to that, assistant district secretary.

Bro. Jim Kerr, who did not seek re-election at the annual meeting of Portadown District, was presented with a gold inscribed pen and pencil set by the Deputy District Master, Bro. John Toal.

Others who paid tribute to his work were Bro. Jack Brownlee, District Master and Bro. Norman Hood, County Grand Master of Armagh.

At the same installation meeting of the District, a new

collarette was presented to the District Standard Bearer, Mr. John Wright, who has held the office for 25 years.

Bro. Kerr performed sterling service for Portadown during a very busy decade, which saw the passing of several stalwarts in the District, including Bro. Herbert Whitten, W.D.M., his brother, Bro. Walker Whitten, Bro. Joshua Bell, and Bro. William Hurst.

He played a major part in the

arrangements for the county demonstration in Portadown three years ago, and also for the visit of the Belfast Royal Black District Chapter in 1980 — the first demonstration held by them in Portadown for 22 years and which proved an outstanding success.

Bro. Hood installed the newly elected Portadown officers, and the only changes were those of Bro. Jack Mathers, who replaces Bro. Kerr as District Secretary and Bro. Sam Ruddell who is Inner Tyler.

In wishing the Portadown officers every success in the year ahead, Bro. Hood said that the past year had been a highly successful one for the Orange Order in the county, and indeed throughout Ireland.

He said there had been record attendances at many Orange church services, and a big increase in collections for

the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Fund, one of the biggest increases being in County Armagh.

A satisfactory treasurer's report was presented by Bro. Cecil McVitty, and a report giving details of the extensive programme of improvements being carried out to Carleton Street Orange Hall was presented by Bro. Albert Rusk.

During the past three years, £30,000 has been spent on improvements, and Bro. Rusk said that fund-raising activities, including dances on Saturday nights, had resulted in a substantial sum being raised for improvements to the hall — the headquarters of Orangeism in the Portadown District.

Work, he said, had started on further improvements to ensure that Portadown had a hall in keeping with the great traditions of the district.

Upsurge of Orange Interest in Markethill

One of the most progressive Orange Districts in Co. Armagh must surely be Markethill District LOL No. 10. This mid-Armagh village has a District with 13 Lodges and a membership of approximately 470.

Within the past year, the District Lodge has undertaken the following — Purchased and erected a new Orange Arch for the Main Street in the village. This was opened by Bro. J. Nicholson, M.P. for Newry and Armagh, and dedicated by Bro. Rev. T.R.B. Taylor, Deputy County Grand Chaplain, at a mini 12th parade in July.

Held a very successful 'Orange Ball' in the entertainment hall, Markethill on Friday 23rd November. The opening ceremony was performed by Bro. Rev. E.D. Smyth, minister of Redrock and Druminnis Presbyterian Churches.

Purchased a new set of District Officers' collarettes, which are to be dedicated at a mini 12th and arch opening ceremony on Saturday 6th July 1985.

The main reason for the upsurge of interest in the area must be the enthusiastic and hard work of the District Officers: Bros. David McCullough Worshipful District Master, Stanley Cromwell Deputy District Master, Rev. R.L. Hutchinson District Chaplain, James

Reaney District Lay Chaplain, Roger Gardiner District Secretary, Kenneth Rainey District Treasurer, Glenn Cochrane District Lecturer.

Markethill Royal Black District Chapter No. 3 are also progressing very satisfactorily. The members are in the process of organising a "Black Ball" which is to be held on Friday 22nd March, 1985.

The Cost of Discipleship

Ruskin was at one period of his life moved to anger by what he believed to be the tendency to reverse the meaning of the words "take up the cross." He claimed that too many who belonged to this school of thought "see in the Cross, not a furca to which they are to be nailed; but a raft on which they, and all their valuable properties, are to be floated into Paradise."

The Cross in its stark nakedness is always repellent. But with all its repulsion it is the cost which the disciples of Christ must be prepared to pay.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 1985

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| 9th | Belfast Junior County Demonstration to Carrickfergus |
| 13th | Scripture Quiz 11.00 a.m., Killyman Orange Hall Co. Tyrone |
| 19th/21st | McCrea Memorial Trust Holiday Weekend. |
| MAY | |
| 10th/12th | McCrea Memorial Trust Holiday Weekend |
| 11th | Lecturers' Conference, Warren House, Donaghadee |
| 18th | Armagh Junior County Demonstration to Bangor |
| JUNE | |
| 1st | Down Junior County Demonstration to Killeel |
| 8th | Seven-a-Side Soccer Competition in Craigavon |
| 14th/16th | McCrea Memorial Trust Holiday Weekend |
| AUGUST | |
| 16th/18th | McCrea Memorial Trust Holiday Weekend. |
| SEPTEMBER | |
| 20th/22nd | McCrea Memorial Trust Holiday Weekend. |
| OCTOBER | |
| 26th | General Knowledge Quiz, Warren House, Donaghadee. |



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