

THE ORANGE STANDARD

"Lift up a standard for the people."

(Isaiah 62:10)

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CITY GRAND LODGE CONGRATULATIONS TO POLL VICTOR

The County Grand Lodge of Belfast at their May meeting congratulated the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D., on heading the poll in South Belfast in the Convention Election.

WIDOWS FUND

The total amount collected at the Orange Widows Fund services amounted to £792.89. Despite the rather disappointing turn-out at some venues this figure showed a substantial and gratifying increase on last year's collection.

Permission has been granted to Lodges sitting in North Belfast Orange Hall to hold meetings temporarily in other than Orange premises.

Pending investigation of complaints of unruly conduct on parade the County Grand Lodge has suspended until further notice the engagement by any Lodge of The Defenders Flute Band, York Street and Sons of Kai Flute Band, Rathcoole.

The following motion, proposed by the County Grand Treasurer, and recorded by the Deputy County Grand Treasurer, was passed unanimously:

"1. Field Levy — The amount per Lodge be

increased by £1 per annum to £2.00 per annum.

2. Members Dues to County Grand Lodge — The dues per member per annum be increased by 25p. (Present amount is 50p per annum).

3. District Capitation Tax — The tax be increased by £1 for each 10 Lodges, or part thereof, per annum. (Present amount is £2 per annum). These increases to be operative immediately."

District and Private Lodges are reminded that it is neither necessary nor desirable that Sword Bearers should accompany the colours in Church when they are being presented to the officiating Clergy.

During the past month the County Grand Lodge lost through death several outstanding Members to whom tribute was paid by the County Grand Master: W. Bro. James Todd, Inside Tyler, P.D.M. of No. 1 District, currently District Registrar No. 1 District, R.A.P.C. and Chairman of the Orange Widows' Fund; W. Bro. Hugh Pedan, Past Master of No. 9 District; W. Bro. William Neill, No. 10 District; W. Bro. Alexander Miller, County Colour Party (assassinated); Bro. Paul Gray, murdered while on police duty in Londonderry, was a member of a city Lodge.

G.M. POINTS TO ORANGE LINKS WITH EUROPE

With the recent Referendum, committing the people of the United Kingdom to a period in Europe it was even more necessary for an organisation like the Orange Institution, with its historical European and yet more fundamentally vital Protestant origins, to re-examine its standards and values. So stated the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D. at the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in Castlefield, Co. Tyrone on June 14.

The Grand Master went on to say that as Orangemen they believed that those values are as necessary today as when the Institution was first formed.

"We believe that with the on-going march of atheistic materialism the principles of the Reformation are as vital today as ever. In any community where these have been cast aside totalitarianism reigns. Therefore, we call all our brethren to steadfastly practice their faith.

TERRORIST ACTS CONDEMNED

"In the light of local happenings it is necessary once again for the Institution to clearly dissociate itself from those activities which have brought disrepute upon our Protestant faith and upon the fair name of Ulster. We have been consistent in our condemnation of acts of terrorism from a Republican source.

"We would equally be consistent in condemning, without reservation, those acts done in the name of Protestantism which obviously betray the very Protestant ethic which ostensibly they claim to maintain.

"When we see Protestants assassinated, or injured, allegedly by



M.W. Bro. W. Martin Smyth,
Grand Master

Protestants it is even more important that we examine, not only the people who perpetrate such acts, but the motivation behind them. In wholeheartedly condemning the on-going campaigns of assassination and brutality in the Province, we urge our people to think again before they get involved in acts which deny the very constitution which they claim to uphold.

"But having said that, we believe that the State must now face up to its responsibility in providing adequate forces of lawful authority to maintain the peace and security of all the citizens in every part of the Province.

OSTRACISM

"We would ask the Secretary of State to tell us

CALL TO RE-EXAMINE OUR VALUES AND STANDARDS

quite simply how ordinary decent people can ostracise the men of violence? How can they, as it were, repudiate them and "send them to Coventry" as he has in some way suggested that they do when directly and indirectly the Secretary of State and his officials have been involved in giving credence to perpetrators of such violence.

"The time has surely come for the politicians of this land to support wholeheartedly the security forces of this land in bringing to justice those who would deny their basic rights of life and freedom from fear to every citizen in the land".

R.W. Bro. Jack Ashenhurst Grand Master, Co. Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge presided and following grace said by W. Bro. Rev. John Sproule M.A., the following toasts were submitted: Her Majesty The Queen; The Loyal Orange Institution proposed by Rt. W. Bro. Samuel J. Cowan, J.P., Grand Master, County Down Grand Orange Lodge. Reply by M.W. Bro. the Rev. W.

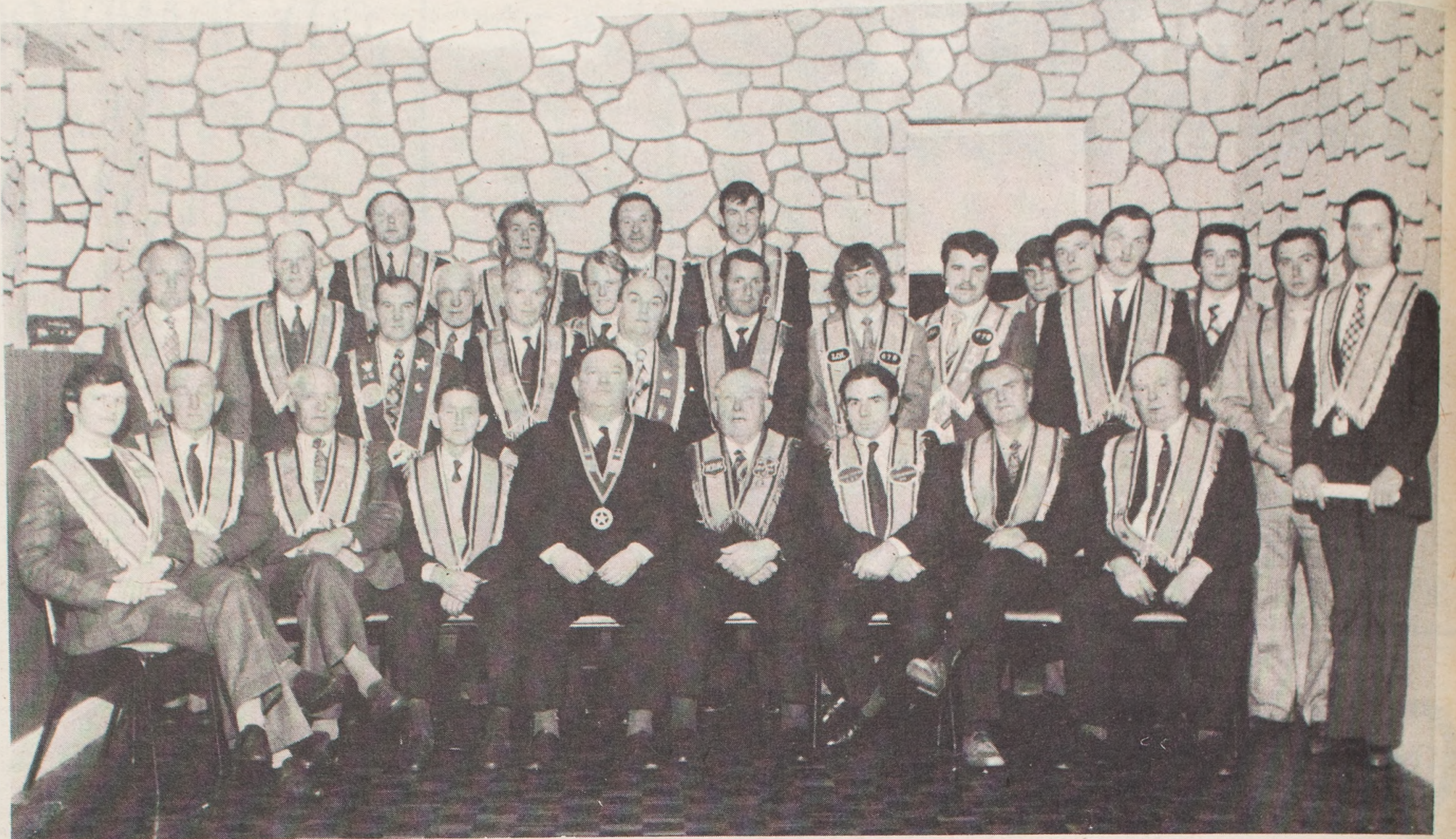
Martin Smyth, B.A., B.D.,
Imperial Grand Master.

County Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge, proposed by Rt. W. Bro. the Rev. Robert Dickinson, M.A., B.D., Grand Master of Londonderry City. Reply by Rt. W. Bro. Ashenhurst.

Dedication of New Banner For LOL1116



County Grand Master of Belfast, Bro. Thomas Passmore, dedicating a new banner for "Crimson Banner L.O.L. 1116" at Clifton Street Orange Hall. Photo: A. J. McCullough.



Members of the Lodge with Bro. Alfred E. Lee, J.P., County Grand Master, and other guests including Bros. Robert Overend and Rev. Wm. McCrea.

Photo and report courtesy of the "Mid-Ulster Mail"

County Grand Master at Dunamoney Lodge Centenary Dinner

THE County Grand Master of County Londonderry, Bro. Alfred E. Lee, J.P., presided at a dinner held in Hanover House, Coagh to mark Centenary of Dunamoney "Bells Royal True Blues" L.O.L. 678.

After Bro. Roland Finlay, Worshipful Master of the Lodge, had welcomed upwards of one hundred members and their guests, Bro. Lee traced the history of the Dunamoney Lodge. He said it was started in 29th June, 1866, but the Warrant was not issued until 8th June, 1875. The first officers were: W.M., Bro. John Bell; D.M., Bro. Henry Bell; secretary, Bro. William Bell; committee, Bros. Joseph Love, John Bell (Junr.), William Clarke, Robert Ditty and Robert McLernon.

The Lodge met in Mr. Tom Cole's house at Caraloon and later Mr. James Dowdall gave the members ground to build a new Hall. Past Masters of the Lodge had included Bros. John Bell, Bob Lees, William Brown, Bob Whyte, Angus Love, William Cole, William Downey, Joseph Lees, Thomas McKeown, Sam Young, William Lees (the present D.D.M. of Magherafelt District L.O.L.); Andrew Brown and William Logan.

NEVER TO WORRY!

An old man walked into the police station and asked the sergeant, "Can you tell me who my landlord is?" "Why, he's the man you pay your rent to", answered the man at the desk.

The old man shook his head and said, "But I don't pay any rent. I found this house six or seven years ago and moved into it and have been living there ever since".

"Then why worry?" said the sergeant, "you have no complaint".

"I sure do", answered the man. "If he don't fix the roof soon, I'm going to move out".

Reprinted from "The Sentinel", organ of the Loyal Orange Institution of Victoria, Australia.)

The "old man" is not to be confused with any resident in Ballymurphy or Anderstown. Such a connection would be purely coincidental!

from them we should have learned many important lessons — that truth is all, freedom is worth fighting for loyalty and fellowship are essentials in life and in unity there is serength.

YARDSTICK

"It has by the yardstick of the Holy Scripture that our fathers built their churches, did their work and moulded their characters," said Bro. Lee. It was the fear that the great truths of the faith would be hid in a cloud of superstition, dread and spiritual imprisonment that made them fight for what to them was most precious in life and more precious than life — freedom to worship God the Father through Jesus Christ the Son in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"To-day we are called to be loyal to the great truths of our faith with a loyalty which expresses itself by the worship of God and the service of men in the fellowship of the Church," he added.

Bro. Rev. William McCrea joining in the congratulations to Dunamoney Lodge said he believed the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland had taken a step backwards by voting "Yes" in the Common Market Referendum. As well as an economic implication there was a spiritual one and he asked the loyalist people of Ulster to get their priorities right. Man could not be reconciled to his fellow man until he became reconciled to God, he said.

Bro. Robert Overend, County Grand Treasurer and Vanguard Convention Member for Mid-Ulster, said he was an optimist. Although he would have preferred a "No" vote in the Referendum, yet he believed they had got to make the best opportunity they could within the United Kingdom which had voted "Yes". He, too, congratulated Dunamoney Lodge.

Other speakers included Mr. W. J. Hutchinson, W.D.M., Magherafelt District L.O.L. No. 3 and Mr. W. Savage, Magherafelt L.O.L. 310.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Bobbie Averill, Joseph Badger, Bobbie Lytle and by special request Rev. William McCrea sang the 23rd Psalm to the tune of Amazing Grace.

The County Grand Master presented a renewal of Warrant to the W.M. of the Lodge and four Certificates to new members.

An enjoyable evening ended with the singing of the National Anthem.



The County Grand Master, Bro. Alfred E. Lee, J.P., presenting a new Charter to the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Finlay. In the centre is Bro. Rev. William McCrea.

HOUSE OF ORANGE: TYRONE SUPPORT IS ACKNOWLEDGED

The half-yearly meeting of the Co. Tyrone Grand Orange Lodge, was held in Aughnacloy Orange Hall, with the County Grand Master, Bro. Jack Ashenhurst, presiding.

The Deputy County Grand Master, Bro. Joseph Brodison, occupied the vice-chair.

Before proceeding with the main business, the County Grand Master referred to the death since the last meeting of Bro. R. F. Cummings, District Master of Strabane District L.O.L., and Bro. John Vaughan, District Lecturer of Newtown Stewart District L.O.L.

Both these men had given a lifetime of useful service to the Orange Institution and Mr. Ashenhurst said that they would be sadly missed.

Arrangements were made for the July 12 demonstrations in Co. Tyrone in the centres of Cookstown, Clogher, Sixmilecross, and the Co. Grand Master wished all the members

attending a pleasant day.

Bro. Ashenhurst expressed sincere gratitude to the Co. Tyrone Orangemen, who by their financial support had contributed very usefully to the erection, opening and dedication of the new "Orange" headquarters at 65 Dublin Road, Belfast, known as "The House of Orange".

He said it was also very encouraging to see so many Co. Tyrone members on parade at the opening ceremony over two weeks ago, when thousands of loyalists from all over Ulster and overseas were present.

At the luncheon which followed the Grand Lodge meeting the hosts were the officers and members of Annaghoe District L.O.L. ("Tyrone Constitution")

OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN VISIT

Former Ulster Orangeman, and a native of Lisnaskea, R.W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Coffey, M.B.E., M.A. was among those attending when an official visit to the Drouin Warragul L.O.L. No. 207-109 in Australia was made by the Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Institution of Victoria, Rt. Wor. Bro. Ian J. Black.

R.W. Bro. Coffey, who was formerly a curate in Ballygawley and, after service in the Royal Navy, rector of Milltown, near Portadown, is a Past Grand Master L.O.I.V.

During the proceedings a jewel was presented to Wor. Bro. Randall Waddell, who, at 95 years, is the oldest member of the Lodge. He still attends his Lodge meetings.

RESOLUTIONS PUT EMPHASIS ON

CHRISTIAN FAITH

itself cannot be an effective means of providing government unless the government, charged with responsibility for law and order deals effectively with those who have sought to destroy the State of Northern Ireland by terrorism.

There must be also a citizen's determination to defeat the terrorist and the assassin to bring law and order to every part of the Province; and support for the Royal Ulster Constabulary from the people and their elected representatives.

NOW'S THE TIME!

The time has now come that successive electoral votes be given due weight and the majority of the people of Ulster be given the type of government that they not only desire, but deserve.

Convinced as ever that Ulster is properly part of the United Kingdom, and must so remain, we believe that the Province cannot be

peaceably settled until there is a Northern Ireland legislature and administration which truly reflect the wishes of the great majority of our people.

The needs of Ulster must be paramount. No one whose political philosophy would undermine the existence of the Province as an integral part of the United Kingdom in the short or the long term can be allowed a place in the Government of Ulster.

We call upon Her Majesty's Government to implement immediately the will of the electorate and to redress the blatant discrimination against the people of Northern Ireland by the failure to give them full parliamentary representation in Westminster.

As Orangemen we are determined that Ulster shall be peaceful and prosperous, with "equal rights for all and special privileges for none".

We pledge ourselves to work wholeheartedly for the attainment of these aims.

GOOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

the Queen. We note with pleasure their magnificent reception on their recent visit to Japan.

2. FAITH

Believing that the Orangeman's first loyalty is to Jesus Christ, his Saviour and Lord, we call on our brethren to accept the responsibilities of their commitment to Him, to copy His kind of life, and to express their faith in the way of His selfless service to men in the days of His flesh.

Because loyalty to Jesus Christ should cost us in time, talent and money we implore our brethren to be even more deeply involved in the work and witness of Christ by His Church and to oppose in word and action the secular and materialistic spirit of our times.

FAITH AND PRACTICE

Recognising the all sufficiency of Jesus Christ to meet the needs of men, and the sanity of Christian patterns of conduct, we ask

our people to embrace positive Christian faith and practice, and to denounce anti-Christian attitudes and actions which have brought death and destruction, sickness and injury, in their train.

True Protestants should show an example of reverence in worship, of zeal in service, of breadth in charity. We can be a strong force in bringing into clearer prominence those great

underlying truths which bind together the followers of Christ.

3. STATE OF NORTHERN IRELAND

The Orange Institution expresses its good wishes to the Members of the Constitutional Convention now drawing up a report for the future government of Northern Ireland.

The Institution believes that constitutional joinery of

An Orangeman's first loyalty is to Jesus Christ. This declaration is contained in one of the resolutions drawn up by the Grand Lodge of Ireland for submission to the 12th July demonstrations.

The following is the draft:

1. LOYALTY

That we, the Orangemen assembled at on this 12th day of July 1975 in celebration of the 285th Anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, assure Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of our unswerving loyalty and devotion to Her Person and Crown.

We humbly pray that Her Majesty with His Royal Highness the Prince Phillip and members of the Royal Family may long be spared to guide the destinies of the United Kingdom and British Commonwealth.

We desire to record with profound satisfaction the unbounded enthusiasm with which our Queen, Her Consort, and members of the Royal Family have been received in their travels throughout the Commonwealth, thereby proclaiming once more the loyalty and solidarity of the subjects of

MIDLOTHIAN MARKS 100 YEARS OF ORANGE LIFE

A most successful, and enjoyable, social evening to mark the centenary of the lodge was held on 25 April in the Rosebery Suite of the Hearts Supporters Social Club, Tynecastle, Edinburgh. One hundred and twenty brethren, sisters and friends enjoyed an excellent meal, some good speeches and singing and dancing.

GUESTS OF HONOUR

The guests of honour were V. Bro. J. G. MacLean, Deputy Grand Master, Secretary of the County Grand Lodge of the East and V.M. of No. 5 District Edinburgh, and Mrs. MacLean; Sister Helyne Lockburn, Deputy Mistress L.O.L. 119, "Star of the East"; Bro. Jim Cook, equal longest serving member and Mrs. Cook; and Bro. x-Baillie John Cormack.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Thomas Orr, was unable to be present, being in Belfast to attend the opening ceremonies of the new Orange on April 26. Other top table people were V.M. W. Bro. J. Denholm and Mrs. Denholm; Bro. W. M. Bro. Arnie, District Secretary of W.M. of L.O.L. 112 and Mrs. Margaret Larnie, Secretary of L.O.L. 199 and Bro. D. Abercrombie, District Secretary. Bro. Douglas Abercrombie, has provided us with the historical information about L.O.L. 160.

The lodge was founded in 175 in the then small fishing village of Dalkeith, Midlothian, 10 miles south of Edinburgh. The inaugural meeting was held in the

Masonic Hall, High Street. The first W.M. was Bro. Thomas Reid whose family was to influence Orangeism in Edinburgh for the next fifty years.

Orange activities of the time were much as they are still. There were celebrations to mark the Victory at the Boyne 1690, the Closing of the Gates of Derry 1688, the Relief of Derry in 1688 and the Gunpowder Plot each Fifth of November. Balls and soirees were a regular feature of the lodge's social activities, and guests from Edinburgh and Portobello were often present at them.

The growth of Edinburgh and the concentration of employment there caused several members of flit to the big city and so the lodge warrant was transferred there in October, 1885, and there it remains.

From 1885-1890 Orangeism in Edinburgh was at a low ebb and L.O.L. 160 became dormant. Even the District Warrant was returned to Grand Lodge at Glasgow. But in 1894 the lodge and the district were resurrected.

UNIQUE RELIC

When it was decided to mark the visit of the old Queen Victoria to Edinburgh in 1896 with a statue of her at the foot of Leith Walk L.O.L. 160 was among those who made up the difference in public money which was needed to augment the contribution of the city fathers for the purchase.

There is a unique relic, a plaque, of a mammoth

Orange Boyne anniversary parade in Edinburgh in 1902 when 60,000 Orangemen, with representatives from Australia and Canada, paraded to King's Park. The Plaque was presented to Bro. William Rodgers, a principal organiser of the event and secretary of 160.

The lodge had marches down the years with a banner. In the lodge Minutes of May, 1929, reference is made to a Banner Fund. But it was at the next meeting that the two Brothers Reid present suggested that the lodge should abandon its struggle to survive. Their pessimism must have affected the members, oppositely, for the lodge went on regardless.

Ladies and junior lodges flourished in Edinburgh at this time and picnics and rallies, were held by them. There was one popular one to Cowdenbeath. Church parades were held in Methil and Roxburn. These events were shared by members of 160 for the relationships between seniors and juniors and with the ladies were excellent.

In the 1930's there was increased Orange activity in Scotland. New lodges were founded at Methil and Portobello. The Protestant Action Society with Bro. John Cormack of Portobello 188 as its leader was most active. Bro. Cormack with others became a city councillor on the Protestant Action ticket. At 80 he remains a keen member of L.O.L. 188 and regularly attends its meetings.

The lodge banner was purchased from Bridgetts of

Belfast in 1936 at £36. It pictures William crossing the Boyne and John Knox with Edinburgh Castle at his back.

FOUNDER MEMBER

A prominent Orangeman Donald McLarty was initiated in 160. He became a founder member of L.O.L. 94 in 1939 and its first W.M. Later he became W.D.M. Contemporary with Bro. McLarty was Br. Jim Cook and Bro. George Stewart now honorary member of 160.

Well served by its loyal members over the century 160 gave officers to District Lodge, the John Knox Orange and Purple District No. 5 Edinburgh. Incidentally the lodge warrant of 1875 predates the District

Warrant by one year though, of course, the district lodge was in existence much earlier. Many well known Edinburgh Orangemen remain members of the lodge: Bro. David Smith, P.M.; Bro. Andrew Downie, P.M.; Bro. Alf Marnie, P.M.; Bro. Owen Simpson and Bro. Douglas Robertson, secretary and treasurer respectively 1969-1974.

Bro. Abercrombie strikes a proper note of optimism to end on when he says: "Through a history which spans two centuries, covers two world wars in which many members of 160 lost their lives, the General Strike, the Great Depression and other momentous events in the life of the nation, the lodge has faced many obstacles and stumb-

Orange Homes Opened In Australia

Bro. Jeffrey Davis, Grand Secretary's assistant, Grand Lodge Office, Melbourne Australia in a letter to the M.W. Bro. Walter Williams, Imperial Grand Secretary stated:

"The opening of our "Orange Court" Homes for the Elderly at Werribee, on April 20, went off very well and residents are gradually moving in to their new home.

The local Werribee Lodge met in the hall last night and were pleased with their new "home" also. The "village" is situated in the midst of a new housing-estate and so it is centrally situated to a new multi-million dollar shopping complex which is partially completed.

Members are pleased with the finished product and the honorary curator at the Homes is a Brother Ernie Smith, who migrated to Australia with his wife

during the early 1960's. They are Belfast people.

The Hall will comfortably accommodate (seated) about 50 members. The lodge would need to rent a larger hall for special occasions such as Installations etc. If we get 50 members attending Lodge each month then we are quite pleased indeed. When lawns and trees are established the Homes will look much nicer.

The Deputy Grand Master, V.M. Bro. Tas Verfigan, sails for the U.K. today and so hopes to call into your office during early July. I know that you will give him a warm welcome as this will be his first trip to the U.K. and his first contact with World Orange leaders. He has been a wonderful supporter of the cause in Victoria since he moved from Tasmania some twenty years ago. Tas was a Grand Lodge Officer of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania before it became defunct during the 1960's. His "trade" has been journalism and he has been editor of a number of provincial papers. In his retirement he now edits "The Sentinel".

ling blocks with courage and determination

"The spirit of 'No Surrender' gifted to us by the gallant 13 Apprentice Boys in 1688 has been wonderfully evident over the years. Maintaining this spirit against our present day enemies, the I.R.A. and their like, we look forward to our next 100".

The lodge meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Orange Hall, 1 Blenheim Place, Edinburgh. The secretary's address is 34 Royal Terrace, Edinburgh, EH7 5AH.

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Unionists Help Elect SDLP Man Chairman of County Council

Be sure that in Ireland, according to one of its most outstanding wits who lived in the early 1900's, the impossible always happens.

A few weeks ago, Fermanagh District Council which serves the entire County of the lakes, elected Roman Catholic S.D.L.P. member, Mr. Tom Daly, as chairman. He is the brother of the Most Rev. Edward Daly, R.C. Bishop of Derry.

RECALLING 1920's

Now I am sure that the mere election of Mr. Daly will not result in the Erne swallowing up one of the loveliest counties in Ireland! But the remarkable thing is that it was two Unionists who helped put Mr. Daly into office!

And that in County Fermanagh, the one county which has been held up to world ridicule by the former opposition, the old Nationalists, and their successors, the S.D.L.P. who, once they emerged, speedily submerged and finally sank the once powerful Nationalists.

Fermanagh is worth more than this passing reference.

In the early part of this century, somewhere around 1920, the Nationalists won the majority on the former Fermanagh County Council and around that time they also held the majority on the then Enniskillen Urban Council.

When the Unionists were in the minority then they pleaded for recognition in such things as housing and local authority appointments, and the ringing answer came back: "To the victors the spoils".

Indeed! and to the victors went the spoils. That was in the days when the Unionists did not have any mass media to utilise to make known to a wider audience their claims for just treatment. And beyond such reportage as was found in the local papers of the day, and in the Belfast and Dublin newspapers it received no further publicity.

So it came about that for some years throughout Fermanagh the Unionists

and Protestants generally were in an inferior position, very much the second class citizens of the day.

But they were not always in that dilemma. The day came when the Unionists returned to power, and that by Constitutional methods. Surveying their loss of housing and positions they immediately set about, even with the limited finances at their disposal at that time, to redress the imbalance. Fair is fair, and they were within their rights to do so. It is done by every political party in the great American democracy.

BESMITCHED

So it was that in the early 1950's and 1960's the Nationalists, enjoying now, the advantages of media support — because here was a stirring on the placid waters of the Erne country — besmirched the good name of Co. Fermanagh around the world, portraying it as a location for all that bigotry connotes.

It was a tremendously successful enterprise, for I have beside my hand a report of an American Congressional Committee which was set up about 20 years ago to investigate the prevailing political climate in Northern Ireland.

One of those who gave evidence, a resident of New York, was a former neighbour of my family, and a

more distorted account of life in Ulster, a more biased story of Unionist rule it would have been difficult to concoct.

But if you look at the outcome of the recent election of Mr. Tom Daly to the chair in Enniskillen there must emerge one clear fact — some Unionists did in fact combine with the S.D.L.P. to overthrow Unionist authority in the

Council Chamber, and that is that.

Of all the places where this should happen in Ulster Fermanagh was the most unlikely, even to the minds of the most rabid opponents of Unionism. And Mr. Daly is reported as saying: "It would be nice that in a time of strife Fermanagh could give a lead to the whole community in Northern Ireland".

SPECIALISTS IN DRY BONES!

This is the year of the Canonisation of Blessed Oliver Plunkett, the Roman Catholic Bishop who was beheaded for his intrigue against England. His head has been in the cathedral in Drogheda for many years, a shrine visited by the R.C. faithful and even some curious Protestants.

Now I observe that his bones are to be removed to Drogheda from an English R.C. convent where they have rested for a long period.

Yet another move is on foot — I should say it has been on foot for decades — to have the plea for the beatification of Matt Talbot advanced in this the 50th anniversary of his death on June 7.

For a church which is in the throes of division and theological conflict it is

really amazing that as the 20th century enters its last quarter the Roman Catholic Church in Ireland should be engaging actively in such un-Scriptural trivialities.

DUBLIN NOVENA

The following notice has appeared in a Dublin daily newspaper dated June 6:

"Three Bishops are to conduct a novena in Dublin for the beatification of Matt Talbot, the 50th anniversary of whose death occurs tomorrow. The novena will be in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott St., where his remains are buried.

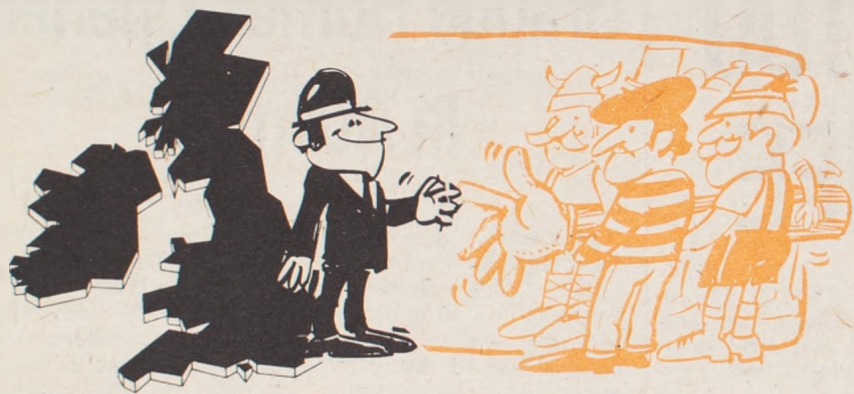
"It will be conducted for the first three days by Most Rev. Joseph A. Carroll, Auxiliary to the Archbishop

of Dublin, for the second three days by Most Rev. Joseph B. Whelan, C.S.Sp., former Bishop of Owerri and for the last three days by Most Rev. James Kavanagh, Auxiliary to the Archbishop of Dublin.

"The novena will begin at 7.30 p.m. tomorrow week and will end at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, when the Apostolic Nuncio, Most Rev. Gaetano Alibrandi, the President, Mr. O. Dalaigh, and Mr. de Valera, the former President, will attend.

"A special medallion has been designed to mark the occasion bearing a portrait of Matt Talbot and the prayer of alcoholics".

I leave it there — truly amazed — but not altogether surprised. *Requiescat in pace.*



BRITAIN STEPS INTO THE MARKET —

So we have voted to remain in the European Economic Community — the Common Market.

Surprisingly Northern Ireland, which had been confidently expected by the Pro-Market section across the water to vote "No", decided otherwise!

HOW ULSTER VOTED

Here in Ulster the final figures were 259,251 in favour of staying in; (52.1 per cent); 237,911 (47.9 per cent) against. There were 1,589 spoiled votes.

It is worth recalling that when the Republic of Ireland held their referendum in May, 1972, the result was much more clearly defined: 1,041,880 to enter, and 211,888 against. The poll was 71% compared to 48 in Northern Ireland.

Meanwhile it would be idle to suggest that we have heard the last word on membership. Be assured that the arguments will continue for generations, arguments based not only on economics but on religion, on sovereignty and on power blocs.

It was remarkable to note Mr. Edward Heath, who has had such firm views on how Northern Ireland should be governed, writing in the "Daily Express" to the effect that "if only we had that increased sovereignty and influence in 1914 and 1939." And he added "Not one anti-European so far has been able to demolish this argument".

Mr. Heath appears to have left out of his reckoning the fact that in 1914 England was the head and centre of a mighty Empire such as Russia had not dreamt of at that time. She possessed a powerful Fleet, the keystone at that time of any nation's might. Today the Empire and most of its successor, the British Commonwealth have disappeared into varying forms of independence... the Fleet a shadow of its former strength and significance.

MILITARY ASPECTS

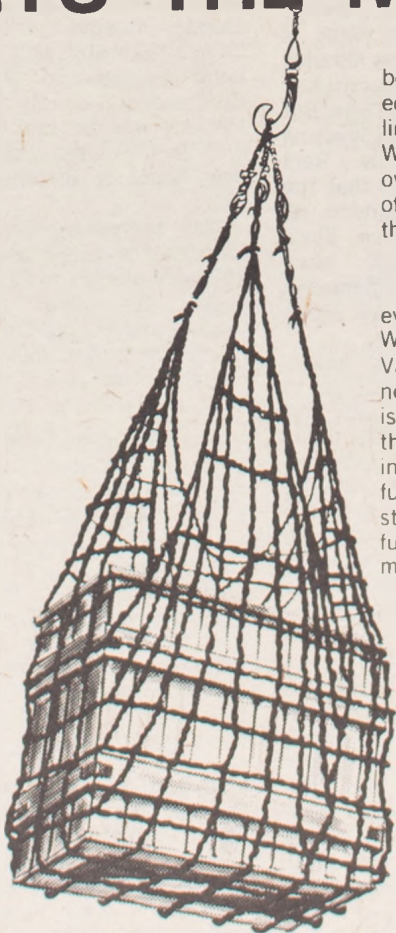
Now we are a part of Europe economically, and since all the arguments have not been exhausted on either side is it not possible that

because of our commitment economically we are not linked up militarily with Western Europe, and the overall position in the event of a third World War is, therefore, unaltered?

There is fairly conclusive evidence that both World War I and World War II had Vatican undertones, and it is not unlikely that the Vatican is closely associated with the move to draw Britain into a unity which at some future date will prove a stumbling block to the further advances of Rome's most feared enemy — Russia.

Already Italy, the home of universal Romanism, is virtually over-run by Communism, and it is only a matter of time, a few years at most, until the Red Flag of the USSR will be flying throughout that country.

Be sure that the Vatican kept a very close eye on the outcome of the British Referendum. She has a vital stake in the unity which it signified. But it will not stop the Communist erosion all over Europe. And there the real danger lies.



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COMMENT

After The Referendum

The Referendum of 5 June on the Common Market was intended to be a once off. In the event it could mean the continuance of this new dimension in British politics. Edward Heath's "the Ulster Border Poll was a different kind of thing", in the Oxford Union debate on the E.E.C. must have made many wonder. It was identical in that it also sought the mind of the people on a fundamental constitutional issue.

INEVITABLE RESULT

Many politicians and people are now say that there are other big issues facing the United Kingdom which should be "referendomed". Be that as it may the result of the poll must have surprised very few. The strength, and pressure, on the "Yes" side was such that the final result was inevitable.

The surprise to many was that Northern Ireland had a "Yes" majority, too, in contradiction of the often stated prophecies of politicians and political observers. The poll of 52% was our lowest ever. But then our people really are election weary and the E.E.C. in-or-out controversy never gripped them. Many who voted were uncertain of what to X right to pencil and paper moment.

That they did not feel fearsome of the consequences either way is because the problems here fill their minds.

We have no intention of reopening the E.E.C. Referendum debate. Time will tell us whether the decision taken was a good or bad one. One thing appears to be certain, it matters less whether we are in or out than that we should do better as a people competing for business in a highly competitive world.

The disclosures of the Common Market argument made it clear that in some fields of industry, crucially important to our economy, we are far behind our competitors. It was claimed, and not denied, that in motor car manufacture, as only one example, we are years behind the Japanese and the Germans in our methods of manufacture and selling.

There has not been enough Government pressure on bad managements to compel them to gear themselves properly for their task, which is to make and sell goods to profit themselves and to benefit the economy of the country.

And while there has been much talk recently of worker participation in management there must be that quality of worker responsibility in employment which will give content to the old slogan — a good day's pay for an honest day's work.

TRADE UNION VALUE

He is a singularly unlearned person who does not value the influence of the trade unions in industry and the life of society. Working men and women are deeply indebted to union leaders who fought selflessly, and sometimes sacrificially, for civilised working conditions for them. And it has to be remembered that many of these essential improvements came in the last thirty years, well within the memory span of people who easily recall working conditions which were savage in the extreme. Now there is reason to worry that the unions in their fight for money and power will impoverish themselves and the country. There is always the struggle between what is right and what is expedient.

The economic situation in the United Kingdom is peculiarly complex. But it is patent to all of us that there are imbalances in our economy which threaten to destroy it. The trading figures in the Common Market show that our involvement has been very much to the advantage of the other member countries. The import/export statistics are a headache to those who have argued that we have a huge selling market in Europe. We have to make the potential real for there to any sense in the claim.

BUY BRITISH

We shall not do that until there is more sensible Government, management and worker determination to compete in the Common Market and the markets of the world. It should be an embarrassment, and a reason for change of attitude, when foreign goods are often preferred to ours to the extent that our people suffer in consequence in loss of employment and reduced living standards.

And our people must be persuaded to buy British and not for sentimental reasons. We all want and have a right to good value for money. We must find ourselves unable to obtain better value than what our people offer us in the merchandise they produce.

Whatever may be said about the E.E.C. in-or-out we must determine to do much better for ourselves than we have been doing lately. We may survive as we are doing but we shall not prosper until we come to grips with the realities of life in the world today.

The most powerful people in the United Kingdom of the future will be the management and workers who make or break political policies which are intended to strengthen the economy of the country. There is political powerlessness in the face of their strength. It is crucially important that they should act circumspectly and not as fools.



Bro. Jack Ashenhurst, County Grand Master (right), presenting an engraved walking stick to Bro. R. Stewart Twigg, who recently retired as Worshipful District Master of Cookstown District L.O.L. No. 3 after 36 years. Also included are from left)—Bros. Samuel A. Glasgow, W.D.M., who presented Bro. Twigg with a Past Master's Certificate; T. Espie Donaldson, D.D.M.; Raymond S. Harkness, District Secretary; David G. Martin, District Treasurer; and Rev. T. P. R. Kenny, M.A., who presented Bro. Twigg with a Bible. Photo "Mid-Ulster Mail"

Bible Gifts Mark 50 Years of RBP IN Upperlands

The Golden Jubilee year of Upperlands Star of the East Royal Black Preceptory No. 1137 ended with the installation of officers.

A record number of members and visitors were present, the Preceptory room being packed almost to capacity and somewhat hasty last minute arrangements had to be made to cater for the larger than expected attendance which included visitors from Killygullip 299, Bellaghy 573, Killea 586, Tamlight 668, Boveedy 726, Agivey 843 and Cullnady 1002.

The last function of a memorable year was performed by the Worshipful master, Sir Knight Wm. Arbuthnot, when he presented suitably inscribed Bibles to the following to mark at least 25 years membership of the Preceptory:— Sir Knights J. F. Burnside, P.M., R. Michael, P.M., T. J. Arbuthnot, P.M., W. Kincaid, P.M., H. Quinn, S. Mawhinney.

Bibles are also being presented to Sir Knights R. W. McCaw, S. Arbuthnot and R. J. Arbuthnot who were unable to attend, due to illness or distance.

The senior recipient, Sir Knt. J. F. Burnside, in

thanking the member for their kindness said that although it was more blessed to give than to receive yet being only human they were all pleased to receive their gifts, although the pleasure was somewhat tinged with regret at the swift passing of some 30 or so years and the health happiness and ambitions of youth. However, he said their Order taught them that such was the law and so they accepted it and grew old gracefully in service.

It was fitting that on such an occasion tokens should be given to commemorate it and for a Black Knight there was certainly no more fitting token than a copy of the Holy Bible.

He recalled the many ways in which the Bible features in their Order and in the degrees.

The Bibles, he went on, are an attractive edition and the recorded sayings of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords are printed in red so that they stand out above all the rest. As the years continued to roll by the recipients would find their gifts an ever increasing source of faith and of hope, a

happy reminder of the occasion and of the brotherly love in which they were given.

The incoming officers were installed by Sir Knt. J. Patterson B.E.M., J.P., County Grand Master, assisted by Sir Knights J. Knox, Deputy County Grand Master; J. Alexander District Master; J. Scott District Lecturer; A. Montgomery, District Pursuivant and J. Adams, W.M., Killea Preceptory.

The officers for the 51st year are: W.M., R. Badger; D.M., F. Curry; Chaplain, A. Arbuthnot, P.M.; Registrar, W. T. McKinley, P.M.; Treasurer, R. Rainey, P.M.; Lecturers, V. Arbuthnot, P.M., J. F. Burnside, P.M.; Censors, T. J. Arbuthnot, P.M., R. Barbour, P.M.; Stand Bearers, D. Nelson P.M., D. McIlroy; Pursuivant, W. Cochrane P.M.; Committee, W. Arbuthnot P.M., W. Kincaid P.M., A. McGinnis, A. McClean, J. Moore, E. Lamont, V. Lamont.

Afterwards all were entertained to tea and a social hour followed, during which the loyal toasts were honoured and the visitors conveyed fraternal greetings and best wishes for the next 50 years.

LONDON ORANGE ACTIVITY

To hand is the June edition of the "Metropolitan Orange News", a 12 page news sheet of the Metropolitan Province in London.

The paper is now officially adopted by the Metropolitan Provincial Grand Lodge for members and friends of the Loyal Orange Institution in its area.

It is worth noting that a committee is to be established to organise Metropolitan Orange publications as an activity of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and a committee to organise the financial side of the project.

Bro. R. H. Edwards, L.O.L. 1688, contributes two amusing cartoons, one of them relating to the Sham Fight at Scarva, and the other depicting the Pope with a whip in hand belabouring member countries of the E.E.C., and saying "At last! the SECOND Holy Roman Empire". The door out of the Common Market is marked "No Exit".

Bro. W. A. McKinley, H.D.G.M., Lodge 779, writes in favour of Britain's entry to Europe, and produces some well presented views to support his theme.



Orange Festival of Praise

Under the auspices of Christian Crusaders L.O.L. No. 1339 a very successful Festival of Praise was again presented on Saturday May 17 in John Whites Memorial Congregational Church, again kindly loaned again for this service.

Mr. Martin of Disraeli Street Mission Hall was outstanding as the chairman for in between each item he gave a short address which was much appreciated by all.

Sally Chisholm led the service in community singing and no words of the writer could describe this Sister as she led the singing, for the glory of the Lord was

shining forth from her both in the singing and in her witness for her Lord and Master. Surely this was a real child of God baptised by the Holy Spirit because no-one could have spoken as she did unless the Holy Spirit was speaking through her.

Her witness for the Master whom she serves could not be described. As one listened to her in song and word you could have felt yourself lifted up right into the glories of glories. In this permissive society in which we are living, with sex talked so much about, drug addicts all around, vandalism so rife in our city, here is a young

woman standing out as a shining light for her Lord and Master. Why, you may ask Well the answer is simply that she loves the Lord and wants others to share her joy.

Miss Winnie Lavery, Mrs. McIlwaine, Mr. Harry Elwood, Mr. Harry Cleland and Mr. Victor Gordon were outstanding as they sent forth their message in song and testimony.

The following Groups gave a magnificent performance with their music and singing The Echoes of Grace, Revelation, Gospel Four, and the Sapphire Group.

Here were a group of young men and women who

could have been out singing in the cabarets and public houses in our city, but because they knew the Lord Jesus Christ as their own and personal Saviour they were out fulfilling their Lord's command—"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel", and we believe that at times singing of praises will touch the hearts of many people more so than the spoken word.

We the members of this lodge are formed from all the different Reformed Protestant Denominations but no matter which Church they come from each member can give a personal testimony to the saving and

keeping power of Jesus Christ in their lives from the oldest member to the youngest. In fact our youngest member Bro. Stephen McAlister came direct from our Junior Lodge where he was an outstanding member holding many offices, including that of W.M. Here is an example what Jesus Christ can do in the life of a young person as he was only 16 years of age when he joined our Senior Lodge.

We believe these words of our Lord when He said "If I, even I, be lifted up I will draw all men unto Me", and this is the main reason, for these Festivals of Praise—so that in our own

simple way we can present the Gospel of our Lord to others.

The chairman of the Golden Jubilee Committee thanked each one who had given of their best to make the service so outstanding and he (Bro. Lindsay) stated that in April, 1976, we will be holding (D.V.) our Golden Jubilee when there will be a Festival of Praise to return thanks to the Lord for fifty years membership in the Orange Order. A new banner and regalia will be unfurled and dedicated at this service.

The meeting was brought to a very successful end in prayer by Mr. Harry Elwood.

RECONSTRUCTION OF GRAND LODGE IN DUBLIN

In this final article on the Orange Institution in Ireland, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rev. S. E. Long, L.Th., J.P. Grand Chaplain, reviews some of the stirring days of the past.

The cast against Orangeism was that its organised power in Britain, Ireland and the Colonies was a threat to settled or developing societies. The Fairman letters became such a subject of controversy, for what they appeared to suggest, that O'Connell wrote to Wellington and complained of this "treasonable conspiracy... to alter the succession and to supersede the Princess Victoria". This reference was to an alleged plot to put Cumberland on the Throne. No evidence has ever been produced that such a thing was ever projected.

In 1836 Orangeism was debated in Westminster and the Whig Government, dependent on the support of O'Connell and the Radicals decided to move against the Institution. The Judgement was delivered by the King on 25th February, 1836, when he said he would "be pleased to take such measures as may seem to be advisable for the effectual discouragement of Orange lodges and generally of all political societies, excluding persons of a different religious faith, using secret signs and symbols, and acting by means of associated branches".

It was his "firm intention to discourage all such societies in his dominions" and he relied on the "fidelity of my loyal subjects" to support him. On the 26 February the Home Secretary received an assurance from Cumberland that he would "take immediate steps to dissolve the Loyal Orange Institution in Great Britain". The promise was kept and officially the Institution was dissolved.

Dissolved, but continuing! The northerners in Ireland would know nothing of dissolution. Grand Lodge might agree to it but Grand Lodge had no power to dissolve the Institution. Many lodges carried on as they had done after 1825. The Grand Lodge of Armagh resolved, 13 June 1836, "that the business of the

Institution in this country be entrusted as in the early days to Grand Lodge of the same until the Grand Lodge of Ireland resumes its function".

It had elected Lt-Col William Blacker as Grand Master. On 7 March, 1836, it assumed "the functions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland". But on 15 November, 1837, the Grand Lodge of Ireland was reconstructed in Dublin with Lord Roden as Grand Master. He appears to have abstained from voting on the dissolution motion. Others who had voted for dissolution were unwilling to change their minds so soon after taking that decision so that the new Grand Lodge was a poor reflection of what it might have been in the strength of its personnel. The country was in dire distress with every kind of economic and social problem to worry it.

DAN REFUSES AN INVITATION

And O'Connell continued to blame the Union for all the evils which beset Ireland. He campaigned up and down the country for the repeal of the Union, refusing one engagement in Belfast, an invitation to debate with the redoubtable Rev. Dr. Henry Cooke. O'Connell's movement petered out in 1843 when his monster Repeal Rally at Clontarf was banned by the Government and O'Connell acted tamely in his acceptance of the ban. But the fight against the Union was continued by others who sought ways to get rid of it by force.

Because the Grand Lodge of Ireland lacked strength for the struggle for the Union a Grand Lodge of Ulster was formed on 12 February, 1884, with the aim of giving "mutual support and defence in these perilous times". In 1845 Orangemen were openly demonstrating, for the Party Processions Act had expired.

On 3 August, 1846, the Grand Lodge of Ireland was again reconstructed, this time in the Town Hall, Enniskillen, and the Earl of Enniskillen became Grand Master. 1845 and 1846 were Ireland's years of the Great Hunger with its death, poverty and huge emigration. What would have happened had there been no failure of the potato crop with a large, and rapidly growing population, without any sign of growth of comparable size economically, is anybody's guess. At the beginning of the century the population of Ireland was 5 millions. By 1841 it had risen to 8 millions and more.

In 1848 the "Young Irelanders" appeared, with the revolutionary happenings on the continent, the events of 1798 and O'Connell's campaign playing heavily on their minds. They decided rebellion. The key figures were Thomas Davis, John Blake Dillon, Charles Gavan Duffy and William Smith O'Brien. When it came it was a fiasco. Many of the rebels were young Protestants. They were to owe their lives to

the Orangemen who interceded with the authorities on their behalf?

The Ribbonmen were most active that Spring. Among many other things they killed a few people and attacked the police at Crossgar, Co. Down. It was the year, too, of the Orange march over Dolly's Brae in the face of the attacks of local Ribbonmen. The aftermath of that affair was the dismissal of Lord Roden, and the Grand Master of Co. Down, William Beers and his brother, Francis, from the Commission of the Peace. William Beers was said to have coined the expression "Dolly's Brae no more" when he suggested that its name should be changed to "King William's Hill" after the successful march and the planting of two Orange Lodge flags at the top of the hill.

OPEN ANTAGONISM

These were days all over the country of Orange unrest in the face of rebel attacks and the passivity of the Grand Lodge which

offended the rank and file of the Institution. There was open antagonism to Government, Law and Lodge.

In the 1850's and 1860's Orange personalities began to emerge who valued public relations, communication and propaganda. Their influence on the Order and the country was considerable in the great fight for the Union which began to warm up from the middle years of the 19th Century.

Their efforts were successful, too, in enlarging the strength, and widening the interests of the Order. The first Grand Orange Conference was held in the Belfast Orange Hall, 18 July 1866. In response to a suggestion from Canada where Orangeism was now very strong, and where they say Br. Sir John Macdonald got the notion of the Confederation of Canada from the organisation of the Grand Orange

Lodge of British America, the Orangemen of the world came together then to provide a means of consultation in the new Imperial "Grand Orange Council" (the Rev. John Brown, "Orangeism: A New Historical Appreciation" p142)

Many prominent passed away, among them Roden, Beers, Drew and Stewart Blacker. There was yet another revision of the Laws and Ordinances of the Institution. A long cherished wish to sponsor an orphan society was fully realised in 1888 when the Lord Enniskillen Memorial Orphan Society was founded by the Rev. E. F. Campbell, Rector of Killyman, Co. Armagh.

Orangemen began to be deeply involved in the campaign against Ritualism in the Church of Ireland.

SING-A-LONG

We sing "Onward, Christian soldiers" and have to be press-ganged into service.
 We sing "Tell me the old, old story" but are seldom there to hear it.
 We sing "Take my silver and my gold" and put our small change in the collection.
 We sing "O for a thousand tongues" but fail to use the one we have.
 We sing "I need Thee every hour" and moan about the one we spend in God's house.
 We sing "What a friend we have in Jesus" but only turn to Him when we're in a bit of a jam.
 We sing "I'm not ashamed to own my Lord" but wouldn't dream of telling anyone.
 We sing "Rise up, O men of God" and lie in bed on Sunday morning.
 OR DO WE?



VICTORY... for Miss Jean Coulter was the reason for this happy gathering at Craven Street Unionist Hall on Tuesday night (13.5.75) Miss Coulter held a "Victory Tea" for her faithful workers and Bro. Thomas Passmore, County Grand Master of Belfast, presented her with a large box of chocolates. Photo: A. J. McCullough.

ORANGE LODGE WANTS TO OPEN IN GAELIC!

An Orange Lodge in Belfast is looking for a Gaelic speaker to teach its members the Irish language — but he must be an Orangeman. The Lodge, Oidreacht na Eireann, or Ireland's Heritage, is the only one in the country which has its name in Irish on its banner, writes Ray Managh in the "Sunday Independent".

"Our 49 members are proud of being Irish and we are looking for someone to teach us the Irish language" Lodge Secretary Mr Worthington McGrath said.

"But obviously a Roman Catholic won't do. He must be an Orangeman and we hope that some of our brethren in the South can teach us Gaelic".

STARTED AT

Oidreacht na hEireann L.O.L. 1303 was formed just before the troubles. It used to be known as St. Mary's Churchmen's Fellowship Lodge.

"When considering re-forming the lodge we talked about our Irish heritage, part of which is the Irish language", Bro. McGrath said.

"We decided to call ourselves Ireland's Heritage, and use the Gaelic on our banner. We are not looked on too favourably by some Orangemen and there has been some criticism of our decision.

"We were at first known as the Irish Lodge and some went so far as to call us the Fenian Lodge! Even yet we still get stared at on The Twelfth".

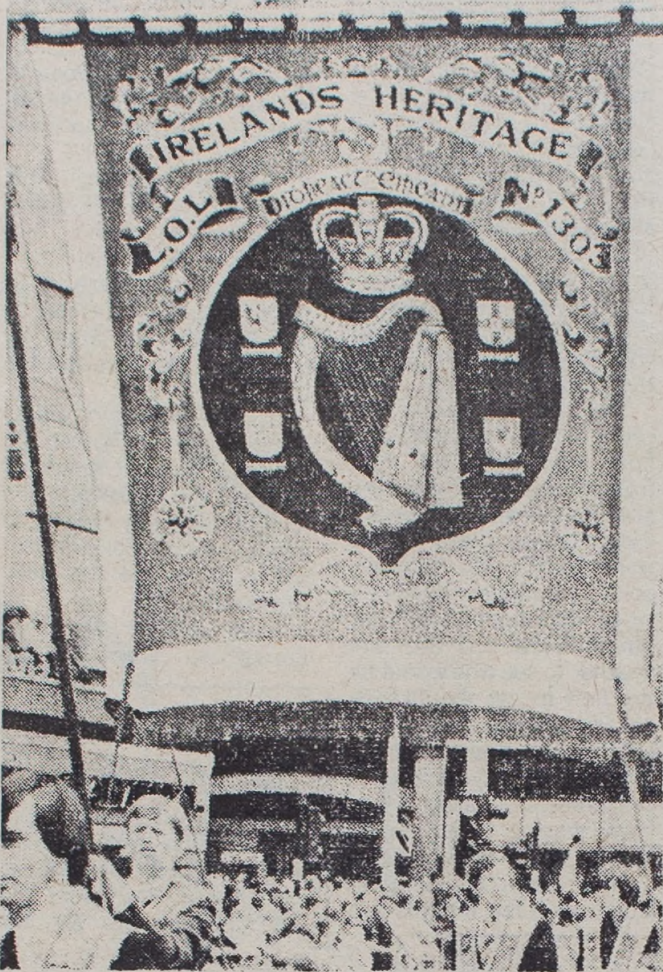
Shortly after the formation of the new lodge the officers were contacted by the Department of External Affairs in the Republic, which used a picture of the lodge's banner on its bulletin, which is distributed throughout the world.

"They tried to use us on an ecumenical level at that time, but we were having

attach to our flag", Bro. McGrath said.

On the banner there is also a picture of the harp surmounted by the crown.

None of the members has an understanding of Irish, but they are keen to learn and plan to hold Irish



★ The Ireland's Heritage Lodge 1303 banner with the Irish inscription.

none of it. We rejected it out of hand. I still have the correspondence between the Department and our lodge", Bro. McGrath said.

"Each Twelfth, our lodge is preceded by a colour party which carries the flags of the four provinces of Ireland. This colour party is preceded by a member who carries the Union Jack to show the supremacy we

classes — if they can find a suitable teacher.

However, that is as far as the members are prepared to go in crossing the divide between Protestants and Irish-speaking Catholics.

Anyone who thinks otherwise will be in for "as great a letdown" as met the tentative inquiries of the Department of External Affairs in Dublin.

50 YEAR MEDALS FOR EIGHT ANTRIM MEMBERS

Eight senior members of Thornhill L.O.L. 651 (Antrim) have been presented with jewels and certificates to mark 50 years' service to the Institution.

The ceremony took place at the May monthly meeting, where the County Grand Master of Antrim, Rt. Worshipful Bro. Rev. John Brown, presented the jewels and congratulated the members on achieving this goal.

Worshipful Bro. George Morrison, County Grand Secretary of Antrim, handed over the certificates and

Five recipients of 50-year jewels, presented to members of Thornhill L.O.L. 651, Antrim, are (from left) Wor. Bro. Rev. John Brown, County Grand Master of Antrim, who presented the jewels; Bro. Thomas Fleming, sen., Bro. Charles Clarke, Bro. John Curry, Bro. Samuel Quigley, Bro. George Fee and Bro. George Morrison, County Grand Treasurer of Antrim.

added his congratulations.

The brethren honoured were Br. Charles Clarke, sen, who joined the Order in 1918; Br. Thomas Fleming, sen, a member since July 12, 1924, and W.M. of Antrim (No. 13) District during 1973 and 1974; Br. John Curry, who also joined on the "Twelfth" of July, 1924; Br. George Fee, a member since 1923; Br. William Clarke, a member for over 50 years, and W.M. of L.O.L. 651 from 1934 to 1938; Br.

Samuel Quigley, who joined in 1913, and Brs. James Fee and Hugh Fleming, both members for well over 50 years.

It was regretted that Brs. James Fee, Hugh Fleming and William Clarke were unable to attend owing to illness.

Before presenting the jewels, Rt. Wor. Br. Brown gave a short history of the Lodge, which first sat at "The Bush" on September 25, 1849, and was named "Thornhill". The Lodge then had 25 members. In 1853 it moved into Antrim and its present membership is more than 100.

Br. Thomas Fleming, Past District Master, replied on behalf of the eight brethren.



BATTLE OF THE BOYNE — July 1, 1690

It was upon a Summer's morn, unclouded rose the sun,
And lightly o'er the waving corn their way the breezes won;
Sparkling beneath that Orient beam, mid banks of verdure gay,
Its eastward course a silver stream held smilingly away.

A kingly host upon its side a monarch camped around,
Its southern upland far and wide their white pavilions crowned;
Not long that sky unclouded showed, nor long beneath the ray
That gentle stream in silver flowed, to meet the new-born day.

Through yonder fairy-haunted glen, from out that dark ravine,
Is heard the tread of marching men, the gleam of arms is seen;
And plashing forth in bright array along yon verdant banks,
All eager for the coming fray, are ranged the martial ranks.

Peals the loud gun — its thunders boom the echoing vales along,
While curtained in its sulph'rous gloom moves on the gallant throng.
And foot and horse in mingled mass, regardless all of life,
With furious ardour onward pass to join the deadly strife.

Nor strange that with such ardent flame each glowing heart beats high,
Their battle word was William's name, and "Death or Liberty!"
Then, Oldbridge, then thy peaceful bowers with sounds unwonted rang,
And Tredagh, 'mid thy distant towers, was heard the mighty clang.

The silver stream is crimsoned wide, and clogged with many a corse,
As floating down its gentle tide come mingled man and horse.
Now fiercer grows the battle's rage, the guarded stream is crossed,

And furious, hand to hand engage each both contending host.

He falls — the veteran hero (1) falls, renowned along the Rhine—
And he, whose name, while Derry's walls endure, shall brightly shine.
Oh, would to heaven that churchman bold, (2) his arms with triumph blest,
The soldier spirit had controlled that fired his pious breast.

And he, the chief of yonder brave and persecuted band,
Who foremost rushed amid the wave, and gained the hostile strand;
He bleeds, brave Caillemotte, he bleeds, — 'tis closed his bright career,
Yet still that band to glorious deeds his dying accents cheer.

And now that well contested strand successive columns gain,
While backward James's yielding band are borne across the plain.
In vain the sword green Erin draws, and life away doth fling—
Oh, worthy of a better cause and of a bolder king.

In vain thy bearing bold is shown upon that blood-stained ground;
Thy towering hopes are overthrown, thy choicest full around.
Nor, shamed, abandon thou the fray, nor blush, though conquered there,
A power against thee fights today no mortal arm may dare.

Nay, look not to that distant height in hope of coming aid—
The dastard thence has ta'en his flight, and left thee all betrayed.
Hurrah! Hurrah! the victor shout is heard on high Donore;
Down Platten's vale, in hurried rout, thy shattered masses pour.

But many a gallant spirit there retreats across the plain,
Who, change but kings, would gladly dare that battlefield again.
Enough! Enough! the victor cries; your fierce pursuit forbear.
Let grateful prayer to heaven arise, and vanquished foemen spare.

Hurrah! Hurrah! for liberty, for her the sword we drew,
And dared the battle, while on high our Orange banner flew;
Woe worth the hour — woe worth the state, when men shall cease to join
With grateful hearts to celebrate the glory of the Boyne!

Written by the late Colonel Blacker, Carrickblacker, Portadown.

- (1) Duke Schomberg
- (2) Reverend George Walker

A vote of thanks to the ladies committee for providing an excellent supper was proposed by Br. Allen Stevenson, P.M. of L.O.L. 707, seconded by Br. Fred Thompson, Antrim District Treasurer, and conveyed by Br. Frederick Marks, Deputy District Master, Antrim.

Before the singing of the National Anthem, Br. Ernest Smith, W.M. of L.O.L. 651, thanked all the brethren for attending and making the evening such a success.

(Photo and report courtesy "Antrim Guardian")

RED RULES FOR REVOLUTION

In May 1919, at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces obtained a copy of some of the "Communist Rules for Revolution". As you read the list, stop after each item and think about the present day situation where you live, and all around our Nation.

"A"—Corrupt the young, get them away from religion, get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

"B"—Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:—

1. Get peoples minds off their Government by focusing their attention on sexy books and other trivialities.
2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
3. Destroy the people's faith in the natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.
4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging Government extravagance destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital Industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster lenient and soft attitudes on the part of the Government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues—Honesty, Sobriety, Continence, faith in the pledged word, Ruggedness.

"C"—Cause the Registration of all Firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

I hope you will take time to think seriously of the above and draw your own conclusions.

(Quoted from — "Missionary Crusader".

REES FAILS TO STOP ORANGE MARCH IN DUNGIVEN

W. Bro. William Douglas J.P., Convention member (U.U.U.C.) and W.D.M. of Limavady Orange District has issued the following statement concerning a recent incident in Dungiven.

"On Sunday, June 8, brethren of Dungiven L.O.L. 2036 had planned to march from their Orange Hall to the Parish Church where they had arranged with the Rector and Select Vestry to hold their annual Church service. They proposed to march these 200 yards or so without any band or ostentatious show — merely a group of 100 or so Orangemen in Orange regalia. Not much harm in that one might say. How different was the story that Dungiven Orangemen were told!

They gave the R.U.C. fair and timely warning — much more than the statutory 120 hours notice demanded by law. But in spite of every concession that they were prepared to make — and did make — they were always told their parade was just not on. Why? Vague and indefinite threats of dire consequences were advanced by local, quite senior, police officers but the source of their information could not be disclosed. "Eventually Dungiven brethren agreed that rather than march to and from Church, or even march to Church and disperse there after the Service, they would

assemble at the Church and only march to the Orange Hall after Church where they planned a cup of tea for all present. Not many people could have made a more conciliatory or more modest request. The answer was a blank refusal.

"On Saturday evening, less than 24 hours before the proposed Church Service four officers of the Lodge, plus Convention member, Wm. Douglas, who is also the Limavady District Master and was strongly supporting Dungiven Lodge were served with an Order under the Public Order Act (N. Ireland) signed by no less a person than the Right Honourable Merlyn Rees, M.P., Secretary of State for N.I., forbidding 'the holding of all public processions and open air public meeting at any time during June 8 on any public highway, road, or street within a radius of two miles of the Orange Hall in the town of Dungiven'.

"The reason given was that such an event was 'likely to cause serious public disorder, or cause undue demands to be made upon the police or military forces'. Merlyn Rees' adviser, according to him, was the Chief Constable of the R.U.C.

"I suggest that the Chief Constable re-examine the sources of his information for I am convinced that such farcial recommendations were never put forward by either the Army Intelligence sources or the R.U.C. Special Branch, for these are highly reliable and intelligent men.

"I suggest that the origin of the completely silly recommendation was the parochial house, where negotiations between the R.U.C. and the Parish Priest in 1971 led Brian Faulkner to make an ass of himself by banning the Dungiven Orange Parade which had taken place peacefully on eleven successive annual occasions. I would also remind Merlyn Rees that the information reaching him, comes through the office of Mr. Frank Lagan, Asst. Chief Constable, who was the first officer ever to interfere officially in 1970 at the request of Ivan Cooper and other Republicans, with the liberty and rights of Dungiven Orangemen. Is it any wonder that Merlyn Rees made such a fool of himself? For he did.

"On Sunday hundreds of police and Army personnel were rushed into Dungiven to ensure the enforcement of the Secretary of State's nonsensical ruling. The Orangemen of Dungiven did not break the ban. They did not hold any 'public

procession or open air meeting' within the prescribed area.

"However, following the reading of Meryln Rees' order to the Brethren in the Orange Hall the W.D.M. Bro. Wm. Douglas, wearing his Orange regalia, walked all the way from there to the Church over this "dangerous" route. He was accompanied by Bro. Wm. Ross, M.P. and followed by all the Orangemen present. After the Church Service they returned in similar form in full Orange regalia to the Orange Hall where tea was served to all present by the ladies committee.

"All the way along the route there were sightseers both Protestant and R.C. from all of whom there were greetings and pleasant exchanges as there always were before the interference of outside influences, when Ivan Cooper and the Parish Priest vied with one another to see who would be the first to get the Orange parade banned.

"The inordinate activity by the security forces to prevent the Orange lodge from having their basic rights is in marked contrast to their total inactivity in Dungiven a few months ago

when on the night of the riot at Long Kesh and Magilligan, republicans from outside took over control of Dungiven town blocked the main Londonderry to Belfast road, wrecked numerous cars, commandeered earth moving machinery, overturned a 20 ton lorry load of fertilizer and burned the lot, defying the R.U.C. and army for days.

"But in keeping with present 'Softly, Softly' policy not one policeman was allowed to leave the R.U.C. station to interfere with them, in spite of protests to the Secretary of State by Mrs. Conn, Mr. Ross and Mr. Douglas.

"One Army land Rover drove past at speed and did not return. Local residents supplied the police with the names of many of those hooligans who took part but not a single one has been prosecuted.

"Two months ago Wm. Douglas, Convention

Member, and Wm. Ross, M.P. were passing the R.C. Church and saw the R.U.C. directing traffic and benignly assisting Republicans in uniform, black berets — the lot — while the republicans saluted the Republican Tricolour mounted on a flagpole by the roadside. A few weeks after that these or other Republicans paraded, marched, drilled, stamped their feet etc. in the usual I.R.A. manner on a road adjacent to the village. No attention whatever was paid to them. What price British freedom here?

"It will be interesting to see whether the police will press charges against the Orangemen, for exposing their double standards and the absolute foolishness of Meryln Rees.

"When Rees was so right in this, can we have any confidence that he has ever been right in anything else?"

Bro. Edward Booth and Bro. Victor Phair who were recently presented with 50-year Jewels. Both have over 52 years membership of Erne Total Abstinence L.O.L. No. 1407. The presentation took place at a Social function in the Ortine Hotel, Lisnaskea. Officers present included the W.M., Bro. George Millar, D.M., W. Bro. Norman Abbott; Secy., W. Bro. Austin Patterson; Treasurer, W. Bro. John Ferguson and Chaplain, Bro. Wm. Kettle.



Turning A Blind Eye

Although outwardly religious, the people of Ulster could be inhuman when it came to human needs, said the Rev. Dr. Hedley Plunkett, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

Dr. Plunkett, who was speaking at the Conference

of social welfare meeting in Belfast, said that six years of violence had obscured dreadful social ills which were a reproach to the Ulster people.

The visit of an Anglican Bishop at the beginning of our "troubles" provided an illustration of our attitudes to those in need, he said.

While thousands of fervent Christians were prepared to march in protest on Belfast Cathedral, only about half a dozen people, the same night, were willing to attend a meeting to consider the needs of the handicapped deaf.

"Indeed attendance at a meeting like this is a barometer of the attitude of our Methodist people to the total implications of the gospel", he said.

Dr. Plunkett said the unbelieving world noticed that while large numbers of Christians rushed to various mission meetings they too often turned a blind eye to the needs of the mentally and physically handicapped, the badly housed, the lonely and confused old, battered wives, deprived children, and alcoholics and drug addicts.

PORTADOWN HALL CENTENARY

The 100th anniversary of the opening of Carleton Street Orange Hall, in Portadown, will be marked in August with an Orange Festival, which will include a drumming match, guest tea, disco for Junior Orangemen and a fashion show for women.

A special committee has been set up under the chairmanship of Mr. Herbert Whitten, District Master, in both the Orange and Black Orders in Portadown, to organise the festival, which will run from August 8 until August 16.

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G.L. OFFICERS UNFURL BANNERS

R. W. Bro. Walter Williams, Grand Secretary of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, unfurled a new banner for Monea True Blues LOL No. 640, Magheraboy District, Co. Fermanagh.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony and one of the speakers was Lt. Colonel George Liddle, County Grand Master of Fermanagh. Bro. Ven. F. J. L.

Skuce, Archdeacon of Clogher led the worship.

Afterwards the Orangemen took part in a short parade of the area headed by Monea Flute Band wearing their new navy and red uniforms for the first time.

M.W. Bro. Rev. W. Martin Smyth, Grand Master of the Orange Order in Ireland, dedicated a new banner for Megargy LOL No. 268, near Magherafelt.

Members of "Primrose Temperance L.O.L. 1203 join in the congratulations to Bro. Malcome Bothwell when he received his 50 year medal from Bro. Thomas Passmore, County Grand Master of Belfast. Photo: A. J. McCullough.

£35,000 home to be opened

The Junior Orange Order will open a new £35,000 hall at its Warren House Boys' Home, Ballywilliam, Donaghadee, on Saturday, August 9.

Two leading members of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, grand secretary Mr. Walter Williams, and the Rev. Ernest Long, grand chaplain and publicity officer, attended a mammoth Orange Rally at Corby, near Birmingham.

