

Trinity College,
Cambridge.

7th March, 1939.

Dear Mr. Barry-Walsh:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 2nd instant, about the Anti-Partition of Ireland League.

I had thought about the Hibernian Society, but it is not a Society that can be approached indiscriminately. It is made up of about equal Free State and Six Counties; and some of the latter are genuine Orangemen. There used to be a rule that politics and religion were not discussed controversially at Club Meetings.

There seems to be some interest in Partition being taken in Cambridge. This paragraph was in the Irish Press on 28th February:-

" CAMBRIDGE DEBATE ON PARTITION.

Mr. Terry Flanagan, Dublin, will give the Republican point of view at Cambridge University debate on the "Partition of Ireland" on March 14th.

Sir Basil Brooke and Lord Castlereagh will speak in defence of Partition. Mr. Dulanty, High Commissioner in London, and the Hon. P.T.T. Butler will speak in support of the abolition of Partition.

Mr. Flanagan will also speak to the Hibernian University Society the following day."

I have received notice from the Cambridge University Hibernian Club that P.T.T. Butler is addressing the Club on "Partition" on the 8th March. Also of a meeting on March 14th on "I R A." Also of a ball of the Cambridge Irish Society on March 17th. I suppose the Irish Society means the Hibernian Club. It is the only one I know of.

I think it would be best to get a notion of who is anti-Partition in Cambridge before sending out any literature. There is a good sprinkling of senior Members of the University from the Six Counties, who are Orangemen or sympathetic to them.

I am in London quite a lot in the Vacations; being in Chambers. I should like much to call on you and have a talk. Term ends here on the 16th of March; I shall probably be in town the

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next week; and, if I may, I shall telephone you and arrange a meeting.

In the meantime, my own family wish to join, and some other friends. If you will kindly send me more application forms, I shall have them filled up and shall return them to Mr. Hickey with the subscriptions.

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Yours sincerely,

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