

Jesus College,
Cambridge.

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Dear Mr. Barry-Walsh:

There is an undergraduate weekly newspaper called 'Varsity' published here. The editor, Mr. B.H. de la P. Beresford called on me last night for particulars of the branch of the Anti-Partition of Ireland League, which he had heard we had started. He had been referred to me by Craig. I gave him very little information, but lent him two books, two pamphlets, and the Commission Report. He decided to give a bare notice this week, and to write up a front page article for next week. I have since written suggesting I could get Armour to write the article, but I should think that Beresford would rather write it himself, although I have not yet heard. It is all rather important for this newspaper reaches a lot of undergraduates and others. Have you any suggestions ?

The editor told me that they had given a write up to the new Orange Lodge, which he had intended to be taken humorously, but has been taken seriously. He said that he had heard that the Lodge was being backed by some very senior people here, but, I could not give him any information as to names, not having any information as to Lodges myself. He said that he got into the Lodge the night it started, but was recognised and put out: but he saw a little of it, and there were about twenty members there.

Beresford also told me, and one or two other Irishmen have approached me with the same information, that there is general indignation amongst the Irish at the way Brooke and McQuitty came on to the Hibernian dinner last Friday night, and misbehaved themselves. I think that the reports that have got about rather exaggerate their misbehaviour, but people who were not at the dinner, and have heard of it, are showing some resentment.

I am rather glad that the undergraduates are finding some kind of opposition to the Orangemen on their own.

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