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You will no doubt have observed some brief reports in the "PRESS" from the Liverpool area. One report appeared a week late and the other one which was 'phoned' last Sunday night, only appeared in yesterday's issue. I think this question of better facilities of publicity in the "Irish Press" should be taken up seriously: The News Editors do not seem to be very much interested in the leagues activities and certainly to not give us the prominence we should get. A complaint to An Taoiseach would, I am sure, have the desired effect.

I visited Earlestown last Saturday for the purpose of arranging for the establishing of a branch in that district. Mr Earley, as a member of the National Executive, accompanied me. We were very cordially received by the President and Secretary of the Irish National Club and subsequently addressed the committee and members. The response was spontaneous. This club is one of the oldest established Irish Clubs in Britain, having been founded in 1895. It has a membership of 700 and hold a very strong position in the town. A further meeting will be held shortly for the purpose of formally opening the branch at which myself and members of the local Executive will attend. I have left a quantity of membership cards and copies of 'Dev's' speech with Mr Casey, who has agreed to act as Secretary and enrol members etc. It is essential to have a public meeting in this area and I have promised to try and secure Eamon Donnelly and Cahir Healy at a later date.

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I am in touch with a neighbouring ^{town of} Atherton and hope to have a branch established there very shortly. Unfortunately there has been a Colliery disaster in this area during the past few weeks and public interest is naturally concerned with the event. As soon as the inquest and inquiry have been completed it will be possible to get going.

St Helens and Warrington are the next two areas to be covered. I am now in touch with with certain people in these districts and hope to be able to report progress shortly.

You will no doubt have heard from Mr Earley by now. I supplied him with a detailed account of disbursements ex the initial advance of £12, shewing a balance on hand of £1.16.0; I take it you will no doubt repeat the advance so as to carry us on to the next meeting of the Executive.

I have arranged to meet Mr Brian Connolly to-morrow for the purpose of exchanging views and reaching an agreement on the question of the Partition(!) of our respective working zones.

With kind regards and best wishes to yourself and colleagues,

Mise, do chara,

Tomás Ó Míráin

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