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Newsletter

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Saturday	7th	Tipperary Association - Dinner.
Tuesday	10th	Birr Kinnity, Shinrone, Lorrha, Coolderry.
Thursday	12th	Fr. Cilmartin's Parish Reunion. Roscrea.
Saturday	14th	Meath Association. Dance.
Monday	16th	Parish Reunion - Fr. Cahir.
Tuesday	,17th	Fr. Gilmartin's Parish Reunion. Portroe, Yougalarra, Templederry, Silvermines. Toomevara.
Wednesday	18th	Waterford Association. Dinner/Dance.
Thursday	19th	Fr. Gilmartin's Parish Reunion. Nenagh, Cloghjordan, Borrisokane, Dunkerrin, Clonakenny.
Friday	20th	Galway Association A.G.M Maas 8.00a.m.
Saturday	21st	Kilkenny Association - Dinner.
Tuesday	24th	Kilkee and Doonbeg Parish Reunion.
Saturday	28th	Galway Association - Dinner.
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Saturday	5th	Donegal Association - Dinner.
Tuesday	8th	Rathvilly Parish Reunion.

NEWSLETTER

On Sunday last, the Cork people of London paid tribute to the memory of one of their great fellow county and countrymen, Terence McSwiney. His Worship the Mayor of Southwark was there to welcome the Lord Mayor of Cork (Alderman Barry) and His Excellency, the Irish Ambassador, Dr. Donal O'Sullivan. The Irish Centre Boys Band played the salute to all the dignatories. This was one of the greatest honours bestowed on our Boys Band. We must congratulate Mr. Paddy Donnelly and the Boys Band on the splendid manner in which they performed. We must also congratulate all those people who worked so hard to make this ecasion a very memorable one.

At the Mass and Ceremonies in Southwark Cathedral on Sunday everything was performed with grace and dignity.

In the afternoon there was a dinner in the Irish Club at which every Irish organisation was represented. Then in the evening the Lord Mayor of Cork delivered a lecture on Terence McSwiney. We would like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Noel O'Connell on the excellent way he organised the evening at the Irish Club. One could say that all the ceremonies were carried out to match the great occasion.

Terence McSwiney was a man who lived by his principles and, like so many men who live by their principles, it cost him his life. Dedicated men like Terence McSwiney usually only want very simple things like peace, justice and progress, but all too often they become lonely and frustrated like John the Baptist of old, who claimed he was only "a voice crying in the wilderness." Peace is difficult to achieve because power is too precious to too many; justice is hard to come by because greed is too rampant; and progress is often so difficult because too many don't care. It is only solid principles and a strong belief in them that makes one attack the obstacles. Christ said "If we have faith we can move mountains." When we study human beings like McSwiney, then we realize that those mountains can be moved and so it is we keep on trying. Thank God for our patriots.

I know it's a bit early to be talking about Christmas already, or is it? The weeks don't be long becoming months. Anyway, we have Christmas cards on sale this year. You may like to place your order with us now. Enclosed is all the information about them. Just complete the Order Form and return to us.

During the month Sr. Anne Marie and myself were over in Carrick-on-Shannon to an Emigrants Conference. This was a three-day meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Con Murphy. It is always a great thing to get over to the quiet of Ireland for whatever reason, but on this occasion it was doubly great to be at this meeting. We learned a lot from the people over there and we know they learned quite a lot from us. There were representatives from every bureau in Ireland at the meeting. All their work would be . fruitless if they did not have the Irish Centres in places like London and Birmingham, to where they could send their clients. The one great effect that this meeting will have is that it will mean greater co-ordination.

On 18th October last we had our annual concert in aid of the Boys Band. It was a success in every way and we thank you for your support. We hope to have uniforms for the boys before St. Patrick's Day.

I have been asked to announce the forthcoming A.G.M. for the Roscommon Association, to be held here at The Irish Centre on Sunday 29th November at 3.30 pm.

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