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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - MAY 1959

We have great pleasure in announcing the date of our next Social, which will take place on Saturday, 23rd May at The Red Lion Hotel, Kilburn, N.W.6. There will be Dancing, Songs etc., and we make an earnest appeal to all members and friends to come along to this Social Evening and spend three hours of enjoyment with your own folk. Do come - you are sure to enjoy yourself -- Subscription 2/6d. Each member will receive tickets through the post.

Sincere congratulations are due to our Chairman Cllr. Ted Flynn on his recent election to the Hammersmith Borough Council. Ted polled over 1000 votes which shows that he is held in high esteem in Public life as well as Irish life.

Congratulations are also due to our Hon. Sec. Jim Griffin on his re-election to the Executive Committee of the Council of Irish County Association.

EX We are asked to inform all our members and friends that The Waterford Mens' Association are holding a Gala Dance at Kensington Town Hall on Whit Monday night - Subscription 4/-. We hope that many of our members will support the Dance.

Since our last letter we have learnt of the death of Mrs. W. Collins, mother of our popular Committee Member Willie Collins. Mrs. Collins died recently at Waterford. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for the Happy Repose of her Soul at The Priory, Kentish Town, on Sunday 31st May at 11 a.m. To Willie and his bereaved family we offer our sincere condolences. May she rest in peace.

Our Association have protested to the Department of Industry & Commerce through the Council of Irish County Association over the forthcoming closing down on the 29th June, of the Passenger Service from Fishguard to Waterford. The discontinuance of this service will cause financial loss to many of our members and a serious loss to the Traders of Waterford.

G.A.A. News:

In the Final of the National Hurling League between Waterford and Tipperary which was played at Kilkenny, Tipp beat Waterford and so gained the chance of travelling to America later this year.

We ask all member to try and see the fine teams which will play at Wembley Stadium on Whit Saturday and so help the London Board of G.A.A. to carry the burden they have taken upon their shoulders

Soccer News:

In the Final of the Cup, Waterford were beaten by St. Patrick's Athletic after a replay and over 44,000 people saw both matches. We are sorry that Waterford failed in each crucial match, both in the League and Cup, but they won the Shield.

We would like members of our Association and their friends to contact Mick Cummins, 6a Walham Grove, S.W.6., if they require any Electrical and Plumbing work carried out at reasonable rates.

We have been asked by our older members of our Association to reprint our Beloved Patron's message of introduction on the occasion of the first Newsletter of the Association in January 1957 -

OUR PATRON'S MESSAGE

I feel deeply indebted to the President and Officers of the Waterfordmen's Association in London for this opportunity in writing a message of introduction for this first issue of the Journal of the Association.

As Bishop of Waterford and Lismore I am conscious of the fact that each year quite a large number of young men and women of Waterford City and County leave home to seek employment in England. We herein Waterford are living within easy reach of England and of the great City of London. It is only a few hours journey by ship, rail or air. And our people speak a common language. Besides, there is the striking fact that when an Irishman or Irishwoman goes to live and work in England, he or she is not regarded as a foreigner or outsider, but is at once accepted and accorded the full rights of citizenship with all its privileges and responsibilities. An Irishman who resides in England can vote and can take an active part in the political and administrative life of the district, town or city in which he lives.

Besides, for some years past there has existed in England the happy condition of things by which there is full employment for all. Consequently it is not surprising that many of our people, and especially our younger boys and girls, have left home and have gone to England and to London in search of suitable work or to undergo training for some profession or career.

It is undoubtedly true that the great majority of our people in England have done well and are a real credit to themselves, to their families at home and to Ireland. Indeed many of them, by the shining example of their Catholic faith and by their high standard and principles of conduct, have become real Apostles of Our Lord and have been the best ambassadors of the fair name of Ireland.

It is my great anxiety as Bishop to make sure that our young people who have to go to England are adequately prepared to face the difficulties and dangers that inevitably arise in starting life anew in another land. And I feel that it is most important that our Irish people in England, while remaining faithful to their home and family ties and to their Irish and Catholic traditions, should, at the same time, manifest a responsible attitude of loyalty and upright service to the land they have adopted at least for a time and to the people amongst whom they have decided to live and work, and who have accepted them as fellow citizens. Each young Irishman in England owes it to himself and to his fellow Irishmen and women to have this attitude of mind and heart. Our young people, also, will instinctively realise their duty to be Apostles of the Catholic Faith in England, at least by the good example of their lives.

I would like to say that I feel deeply indebted to the Founders of the Waterfordmen's Association in London and to all who are giving their time and energy to promoting this Association among Waterfordmen and women. It will certainly mean a great deal to Waterford people who are already in London and to those who go there in the future to find this Association a going concern. And it will be a source of strength and encouragement for them when they find themselves strangers in new and quite different surrounding, to meet regularly with people from their own city and county, in order to compare experiences, exchange news of home and friends and find wholesome and suitable recreation together. I sincerely hope that all our own dear boys and girls from Waterford will give this Association their loyal support.

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