

Jesus College,
Cambridge.

16th March, 1939.

Dear Mr. Barry-Walsh:

Thank you very much for your telegram and your kind wishes, which came off as far as carrying the vote.

Sir Basil Brooke did not turn up. Probably Craigavon stopped him. It would not have looked too well to have Dulanty wipe the floor with him. Anyway he is the kind who is inclined to say too much; and he was cited enough during the speeches. The result is rather good because there were a large number of Orangemen there who voted against us on principle; so it seems as if a good number of English were influenced. Probably Mr. Flanagan did not do it much good with rather a bitter attack on the English Government. He certainly did not get the cheers Dulanty got. If there is a report of the Debate in any of the local papers I shall send you a copy.


I had the Hibernian Club to tea to meet Mr. Flanagan. There was a big turn out; and I should say more than half were Orange. Flanagan gave us a talk on Partition, and there was much lively discussion afterwards with much give and take between Brooke's son and Flanagan.

After the meeting I had a talk with the secretary about the Anti-Partition League; and we agreed that it would be impossible for the League to approach the Hibernian Club in a body, for two reasons:-

1. The Hibernian Club has always been a social Club of Irishmen, quite independent of religion or politics.
2. There is too great a variety of religion and politics amongst the members to allow of a general approach by the League.

We thought, therefore, that it would be better for you to write to the secretary and he will let you have a list of the members who come from the Free State; and any from the Six Counties that he thinks advisable. His address is;

C.D.P.T. Haskard, Esq.,



Mr. Haskard thought that the beginning of next term would be the best time to take it up seriously. I might add that Mr. Haskard comes from Dingle.

I hope to be in town shortly and have the pleasure of meeting you.

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Yours sincerely,

Linzi O'Brien

Mr. McLean, the leading speaker for
Partition dropped one very fine brick;
"We Ulstermen & women have our ideals
too. We might have joined with the
South in 1920, and lived in peace,
quietness, & prosperity ever since;
but we preferred to follow our
ideals, & chip down King & County."

He was pretty agitated at the time,
& I don't know how many noticed
what he had said; but I thought
it was about the limit.
C.O.B.