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Recent statements of some writers relative to the Jordan Marsh display of Irish goods, and comments regarding local Irish Clubs call for an answer. Going back as far as 1919, when Mr. DeValera escaped from ^{an} ~~and~~ English prison and came to Boston, he was given a great reception. Evidently the writer knows nothing of this affair.

Mr. Frank Aiken represents Ireland at the United Nations. ^{but} ~~What some of us~~ ^{we} remember when he was an outlaw in his native land ~~was~~ when he and Mr. Joseph O'Doherty, another representative of the Irish people, came to Boston. Symphony Hall was filled, and thousands of dollars were collected for the cause of Irish Freedom. After the Eucharistic Congress in Chicago, thirty-odd years ago, Bishop Maniex of Australia came to Boston as our guest, but he was not made officially welcome here simply because he was identified with the struggle for Irish Freedom.

Some old timers may well remember when Miss Mary McSweeney, sister of the great Terrence McSweeney, sent Miss Eileen Barry, sister of Kevin Barry, to Boston for the purpose of raising funds for their Irish School in Ireland where all subjects, including mathematics, were taught in the Irish language. We did the job of raising the funds. The Rev. Fr. Michael O'Flanagan was endeavoring more than thirteen years ago to raise funds so that he could have published the Great Survey of Ireland, by Professor O'Donovan which had remained in manuscript form in a room in Dublin where it might easily have been destroyed by fire at any time. We helped Fr. O'Flanagan raise the funds for that mission, and then enabled him to put the great work of Professor O'Donovan in the Boston Public Library and also in Harvard College. Patrick Gallagher, better known as "^{Paddy} Paddy the Cook" wrote the book "^{Paddy} Paddy the Cook", a history of the cooperative movement in Ireland, which in fact and in truth he himself was the founder of. His book is an education on the cooperative movement and is better than anything that has been written to date on this subject.

We put this book in every library in Boston...branch libraries as well as in the main one.

During the Depression there were many calls to the Irish Clubs for cooperation and assistance. Rev. Fr. Smith, born in ~~Co. Wick~~ ^{his} Ireland, ~~at this time whose~~ ^{and the} Parish was in the State of Pennsylvania, told us that 80% of his parishioners were of Polish extraction, and he said that they were starving. We went to work immediately and the ~~people~~ raised thousands of dollars overnight for Fr. Smith. During the depression thousands of our own people were ^{him} employed here in Boston at that time, ~~and when any Irishman or woman who was fortunate enough to be employed and who worked day and night in the interests of those less fortunate.~~
~~and it will tell you that the Irish Clubs~~
The Irish Clubs endeavored to help those less fortunate

I had the honor of being present at the Statehouse as a guest of the late Charles Hurley, Governor of the State, when he gave honor to Jeremiah O'Brien (of Machias, Maine) who ~~vicariously~~ ^{and won} fought the first battle of the American Revolution. The Irish Clubs were responsible in part for sponsoring that project.

There is today, on the Boston Commons, a plaque honoring Commodore Jack Barry, born in ~~Co. Wexford~~ ^{he} Ireland, ~~and~~ father and founder of the United States Navy. The Irish Clubs and the Irish Organizations are responsible for that achievement. Recently, the Rev. Fr. Dyer came to Boston from Ireland in the interests of a cooperative established in ~~Co. Gal~~ ^{Dougal}, for the benefit of the small ~~family~~ ^{Farmers}. In two days he raised ten thousand dollars and this all came from the ~~common~~ ^{It is well known}, ordinary working people, ~~that the Irish~~ ^{people in Boston have done them a far more of work than}
constructive labor
 No matter what some of the modern writers may think, I know that the Irish Clubs have justified their existence, and the record speaks for itself.

~~The Irish Organizations, and this is a well known fact, have been happy to work and sacrifice personal financial gains for the many hospital, missionary, and charitable organizations and projects throughout the world. This we will continue to do.~~

P.S. For the sake of documentation the following is enclosed for your edification: Article from the "Irish Citizen", March 17, 1964.

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