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A Chara,

March, the month of the Irish, was well observed by Northern Aid. On Sunday, March 10th, combined units from Boston, Lynn, and South Boston marched in Lawrence with an enthusiastic crowd along the streets. On Sunday, March 17th, the same units marched along the historic streets of South Boston, in tribute to our Irish forefathers. Our friends Martin and John Sullivan donated a sound truck for the day, and Joe and Tommy Joyce provided their usual fine music. The day was cold, but the hearts were warm, and all of us were happy at the enthusiasm we met. Let us not forget, however, that enthusiasm by itself is nothing. In the face of the terrible suffering endured by our people in northern Ireland, parades are useless. Food, clothing, and shelter are the basic necessities of life - and they are not available in Belfast and Derry. Northern Aid attempts to alleviate their sacrifices along the road to freedom - will you help?

On Easter Sunday, April 14th, we will commemorate our patriot dead at a memorial mass at St. James Church, Harrison Avenue, Boston. All are invited to assemble at 11:30 A.M., at the corner of Tremont and Boylston Streets, to march behind the pipers to the church for 12:00 Mass. Do not forget the men who died to give freedom to all - join us on April ~~13th~~ 14th.

One of our oldest and dearest friends died by accident recently, leaving a widow and three infant children. Joe Riley, of Hartford Northern Aid, and a prominent member of the Gaelic Athletic Association, will be remembered at a benefit dance, to be held Sunday, April 20th, at St. Theresa's Hall, Centre Street, West Roxbury. Sean Roche's Showband will provide the music - dancing from 9 to 1 A.M. Proceeds to the bereaved family - could you find a worthier cause?

Join us at our monthly meetings - the second Tuesday of the month at Metropolitan Hall, Forest Hills. Your friends and relatives need your help - do not fail them.