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Descriptive Catalogue



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CONTEXT

Administrative history

The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA) was founded in Dublin in the Presbytery of St Francis Xavier Church, Gardiner Street in December 1898 by Fr James Cullen SJ. Present at that first meeting were four well known Dublin ladies Mrs Anne Egan, Miss Lizzie Power, Mrs Mary Bury and Mrs A.M. Sullivan. Although little is known of these four women they formed the first group of an Association that would grow to become one of the prominent Catholic movements in the first half of the twentieth century in Ireland. An essential component of the Association was devotion to the Sacred Heart with a focus on the spiritual element in the work of the PTAA.

From the beginning Fr Cullen envisaged the Association operating under a tightly controlled structure emanating from a central administration. He based the movement on the parish unit with a spiritual director overseeing the activities of each centre. Overall control was administered by a central council based in Dublin. Each centre was affiliated to the central council and also included a president, secretary, treasurer and four or more councillors. A rigid structure for meetings was also laid down by Fr Cullen which included the reading of minutes and correspondence, treasurer's report, applications for membership, temperance business on a local and national level and prayers, the most important of which was the concluding prayer or Heroic Offering. Membership of the Association was based on a probationary period of two years after which full membership was granted. By the end of 1914 membership of the Association had reached an estimated 280,000 and by the 1950s this figure had risen to almost 500,000 members. By 1918 there were Pioneer centres in existence in England, Scotland, the USA, Australia, South Africa and Switzerland.

The association was initially funded through the sale of Pioneer pins, just one of the administrative duties delegated to the Sisters of Charity, North William Street, by Fr Cullen in 1899. In return for their administrative support the Sisters received a contribution towards the upkeep of their orphanage. However, the acquisition of new offices by the Association in Upper Sherrard Street in 1944, combined with difficulties regarding the distribution of Pioneer pins saw an end to this arrangement.

As the Association began to grow and expand, efforts were made to increase the Association's profile and promote its message. To this end a weekly column simply entitled 'Pioneer Column' appeared for the first time in 1912 in the *Irish Catholic*. The column was written by Fr Cullen until shortly before his death in December 1921. It became one of the longest running regular columns in Irish newspaper history and included items such as temperance issues, reports from centres, Pioneer activities including meetings, rallies and pilgrimages and was generally used to publicise the Association.

In 1948 under the directorship of Fr Seán McCarron the association began to publish a magazine to act as the official organ of the PTAA. *The Pioneer* continues to be published today. The popularity of the PTAA remained steady throughout the 1940s and 1950s during which the Association celebrated two major milestones, the Golden and Diamond Jubilees. Croke Park hosted the celebrations on both occasions. Official figures estimated that approximately 100,000 people attended the Golden Jubilee in 1949. The association also organised the celebrations for the centenary of Fr Theobald Matthew held in Cork in 1954.

Through the 1960s, 70s and 80s the popularity of the Association naturally began to wane and it struggled during the cultural changes that took place in the 1960s and 70s attracting fewer members and in general appealing less and less to adolescents and young adults. The PTAA needed a new direction and began to turn its attention to other challenges and possibilities, in particular focusing on Africa and the potential of attracting members in emerging African countries. Today the membership of the PTAA continues to grow in Africa and Latin America. Through its publications, events and website the Association maintains a presence in Irish society.

Archival History

Transferred from the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Central Offices, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin 1, in 1997. Deposit arranged by Fr Bernard McGuckian SJ, PTAA Director.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Scope and Content

Correspondence, leaflets, booklets, membership cards concerning the foundation of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association and its founder Fr James Cullen SJ, 1885–1922.

Minute books of the Central Council, 1914–87. Addresses at, programmes of Annual General Meetings, 1922–78. Files of correspondence concerning the establishment of PTAA centres in garrisons, military camps and barracks, 1942–4, and wearing of the Pioneer pin by members of the Defence Forces, 1940–3.

Newspaper cuttings, notes, correspondence relating to the PTAA's opposition to Sunday opening, 1948 and changes to the licensing laws, 1960. Correspondence from Pioneer Centres, application procedures for the establishment of new Centres, 1924–85.

Minute book of the St Francis Xavier's Ladies Centre, 1956–82. Minute book of the North Dublin Regional Committee, 1969–81. Reports and minutes of regional committees and councils, 1983–4.

Correspondence, minutes, newsletters concerning international centres, 1947–85. Minutes of the New York Regional Committee, 1959–68.

Correspondence, lists, circulars, newspaper cuttings, memorabilia, photographs, posters concerning the organisation and celebrations of the Golden Jubilee, 1949 and Diamond Jubilee, 1959. Large file of correspondence relating to the Diamond Jubilee flight from the USA to Ireland, 1959–60.

Pioneer Page published in the *Irish Messenger*, 1889–1945, extensive run of the Pioneer Column published in the *Irish Catholic*, 1912–14; 1933–85, Pioneer Page, *Province News*, 1926–61, copies of *The Pioneer*, 1948–96.

Annual reports Father Matthew Union, 1902–38; 1977–8. Correspondence, posters, circulars, newspaper cuttings concerning the Fr Matthew Centenary celebrations, 1953–6.

Membership cards, leaflets, pledge cards, handbooks, catechism, memorabilia relating to early temperance movements in Ireland, Europe, North America and India, 1876–88.

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CONDITIONS OF ACCESS AND USE

Access

Available by appointment to holders of a UCDA reader's ticket. Produced for consultation in microform.

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English

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Archivist's Note

Descriptive catalogue prepared by Orna Somerville, December 2008

1 Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

1.1 Origins, 1861–1976

P145/1 18 September 1861–10 April 1863

40pp and 2 photographs

Foundation of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association (PTAA)

Correspondence, notes, memorial cards, photographs concerning biographical details of the four founding members of the PTAA. In December 1898 Fr Cullen SJ invited Mrs Anne Egan, Miss Lizzie Power, Mrs Mary Bury and Mrs A.M. Sullivan to form the first group of the association.

Includes:

- Black and white photographs of Miss Lizzie Power (not dated, 2 items).

P145/2 1902–25; 8 May 1944–4 August 1947

31pp

Sisters of Charity

Correspondence relating to the distribution of Pioneer badges by the Sisters of Charity on behalf of the PTAA and the decision to transfer the Sisters of Charity's distribution depot to the newly acquired offices of the PTAA, Upper Sherrard Street. The Sisters had looked after the ordering and distribution of Pioneer pins since the foundation of the association in return for which they received a contribution towards the running of their orphanage.

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Fr McCarron, Central Director to Sr Columba (Mother Superior), Sisters of Charity, North William Street, Dublin regarding a donation of £50 from the PTAA to the orphanage (28 June 1945, 1p).
- Reply explaining that due to the withdrawal of the Sisters' help to the PTAA in recent years the Community Council felt that they were not in a position to accept the donation (8 July 1945, 1p).
- Reply expressing his dismay at the refusal to accept the donation from the PTAA. Remarks '... I expressed the hope that the Association would be able, from time to time, to set aside some funds for charitable purposes ... the long connection of your community with our work, and the worthiness of the charity which it directs in the orphanage makes it the obvious object to which our charity should be

P145/2 contd directed. You will appreciate then that the decision of your council was a disappointment to me, and I feel that it may have been a result of a misunderstanding of our motives.' (16 July 1945, 1p).

P145/3 1904–76

35 items

PTAA Memorabilia

Leaflets, booklets, souvenir cards and membership cards concerning the organisation and membership of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association.

Includes:

- Lyrics of the Pioneer's Hymn 'Heart of Our God most Holy' (not dated, 1p).

P145/4 26 September 1905–2 April 1941

26 items

Early PTAA material

Mostly early versions of probation and temporary pledge cards.

P145/5 [1920s?]; 14 July 1942–[?] 1947

3 items

Notes, copy of an article relating to the origins, history and motives of the PTAA.

1.2 Fr James Cullen SJ, 1885–1942

P145/6 Not dated

1 item

Subscription receipt belonging to Fr Cullen in respect of the Association of the Perpetual Lamp.

P145/7 Not dated
1 item
Black and white photograph of Fr Cullen.

P145/8 23 February 1885–[March/April] 1897
97 items

Correspondence Fr Cullen to Sr Agnes

Large file of letters, many undated, from Fr Cullen to Sr Agnes concerning the organisation and administration of the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Loreto Convent, St Stephen's Green dedicated to visiting hospitals and workhouses and helping people in need. The letters refer to the needs of the Sodality, its work, people invited to join, meetings, Fr Cullen's commitments to his ministry, organising and giving retreats, and personal matters.

Includes:

- Letter from Fr Cullen, Belvedere College, Dublin to Sr Agnes. 'I often think that ladies could do much by a quiet crusade of good example against the use of stimulants. I had not time to speak to you of this when in Rathfarnham. The time is not yet ripe for it but if you have an opportunity think over it and before we die the silent unobtrusive example of Sodalists may do much to stem the torrent of indulgence in unnecessary drink (6 August 1885, 4pp).
- Letter from Fr Cullen, Convent of Charity, Tramore, county Waterford to Sr Agnes. Refers to the retreat he is giving to the nuns in Tramore. Reminds her of the work of the Sodality and remarks '... work up indirectly the T. Abstinence cause for me ...' (15 August 1885, 2pp).

P145/9 15 November 1898–24 March 1924
9 items

Dissociated correspondence from Fr Cullen

Includes:

- Postcard from Fr Cullen, The Irish Messenger of the Sacred Heart, 5 Great Denmark Street, Dublin to Mr Rooney concerning membership of the PTAA, Urges him to enrol only those '... he can absolutely trust in ...'. Continues in a post script 'It would be well if each member read over the Temperance Catechism. But don't get habitual tipplers or drunkards for they will bring disgrace only, leave them to others ...' (15 November 1898, 2pp).
- Postcard from Fr Cullen, St Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin 2 to Miss O'Donnell sending her a

- P145/9 contd** Promoter's Diploma. Expresses his regret that the Convent of Mercy in Swinford, county Mayo is not one of the active centres of the PTAA. Urges her to do all she can to further the temperance cause in the west (19 July 1911, 2pp).
- Postcards from Fr Cullen, St Francis Xavier's, Upper Gardiner Street, Dublin 2 to Dan Byrne thanking him for his work in producing various dramatic works in the St Francis Xavier's Pioneer Hall on behalf of the PTAA (8 July 1920–24 March 1924, 11pp).

P145/10 2 December 1908–30 March 1920;11 January 1941

28 items

Correspondence, Fr Cullen to Sr Stanislaus Cullen

File of letters from Fr Cullen to his niece Sr Stanislaus Cullen, Sisters of Charity, Foxford, County Mayo concerning her work in the Mills in Foxford, family matters, his health, his commitments to his ministry, namely retreats, the PTAA. Refers frequently to the foundress of the convent and Woollen Mills in Foxford, Mother Morrough Bernard. Many of the letters were written around Christmas time or near the feast of St Stanislaus.

Includes:

- Covering letter from Sr Stanislaus Cullen, Mother Mary Aikenhead's Girls' Holiday Home and Retreat House Baldoyle, county Dublin to Fr Flinn (Central Director of the PTAA, 1922–1943) referring to her uncle's letters. Expresses her fondness for Fr Cullen and her memories of him visiting her home as a child (11 January 1941).

P145/11 29 July 1913–27 October 1921

78pp

Minute Book of the Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Minutes of the Guild of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour. The minutes record the attendance and reports on work carried out.

Includes:

- Description of the formation of the Guild during a meeting of some of the Promoters of the PTAA and other interested individuals. Following a suggestion by Fr Cullen it was agreed to establish the Guild, the objectives to include the visitation of poor in their own homes with a view to social and moral improvement and the promotion of temperance, cleanliness and thrift, to encourage the attendance of women and girls at the monthly meetings of the yearly pledge association, to secure the regular attendance at school, to distribute suitable literature, to encourage

- P145/11 contd** membership of the Apostleship of Prayer, daily attendance at mass and the recital of the rosary, to establish a clothes depot. Lists the names of the women who attended the meeting, lists the appointment of the officers of the Guild (29 July 1913, 5pp).
- Report of the distress caused by the War and that relief given to families had increased intemperance in some cases adding to the distress of some families (8 October 1914, 1p).
 - Report concerning the setting up of a knitting machine and the making of Rosary beads at Ozanam House (19 November 1914, 1p).
 - Report on the numbers of articles of clothing made, sold and distributed, the supply of clothes to children making their confirmation, wages paid, articles of clothing received from the Belgian Relief Fund, numbers of girls placed in suitable domestic situations (18 February 1915, 1p).
 - Discussion regarding the advisability of continuing the selling of coal at a fixed price due to the levels of distress and the increasing cost of everything (25 May 1916, 1p)
 - Decision to continue to sell coal for another month at the fixed price (22 June 1916, 1p).
 - Conclusion of regular minutes and a summary of the activities of the Guild, August 1922—May 1925 (not dated, 5pp).

P145/12 13 January–12 February 1920

3 items

Fr Cullen Correspondence

Letters from John Lang, Honorary Secretary, PTAA, Central Working Council, St Francis Xavier's Hall, Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin to Fr Cullen concerning the accounts of the PTAA and other administrative matters.

P145/13 6 December 1921–26 February 1922

37pp

Death of Fr Cullen

Letters, mostly to Fr Cullen's niece, Sr Stanislaus Cullen (Sisters of Charity), sympathising with her over the death of her uncle.

P145/14 February 1922–11 October 1942

37 items

Fr Cullen Biography

Notes, some annotated, copies of addresses, leaflets, newspaper cuttings, reminiscences and correspondence concerning the life of Fr Cullen.

Includes:

- Letters from various individuals to Fr Flinn SJ following an appeal by him for people to send him stories and memories regarding Fr Cullen for a publication on Fr Cullen (21 October 1941–11 October 1942, 14 items).

P145/15 July 1922

4pp

Notes written by Fr Cullen a few months before his death concerning the ills of Irish society and the importance of temperance.

P145/16 14 September–24 December 1941

23 items

Fr Cullen Centenary

Notes, newspaper cuttings, correspondence, booklet concerning the celebration marking the centenary of the birth of Fr Cullen.

1.3 Central Administration

1.3.1 Membership, 1902–88

P145/17 November 1902–8 April 1911

1 item

List of names of Pioneers [in Fr Cullen's handwriting] and the year they joined.

P145/18 1921; 20 December 1943; 25 September 1944

7 items

Irish Army and Intemperance

Notes, memoranda, letter, photograph concerning intemperance in the defence forces.

Includes:

- Black and white photograph of members of the defence forces celebrating Christmas day. The men are depicted seated at a long table with bottles of porter on the table. A draft copy of a comment about the scene accompanies the photograph. Remarks 'Pain was caused to many a wife and mother and anxiety was roused in the heart of many a lover of Ireland by a scene depicted by a photo in the *Irish Press* ... It shows the men at dinner with porter bottles dominating the whole scene' (not dated).
- Copy of a special order issued by Major General M.J. Costello, General Officer Commanding, Headquarters 1st Division, Collins Barracks, Cork concerning discipline and drink (20 December 1943, 2pp).
- Letter from Major General M.J. Costello, Headquarters 1st Division, Collins Barracks, Cork to Fr McCarron SJ, PTAA, Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin concerning a special order on drink issued by Major General Costello to his men. Refers to Fr McCarron's wish to quote from the special order and asks him to bear a number of factors in mind, namely that the order was issued to the men of the 1st Division and is not an army order. Continues 'It would be unfair to the troops under my command to suggest that they are more lawless or prone to drunkenness than those of other Commands.' Remarks also that he himself is not an abstainer and that he would not wish to be an 'advocate' of total abstinence under these circumstances. Remarks '... my appeal for total abstinence is directed to those who fail to control their appetite for drink or who are easily affected by the consumption of intoxicants' (25 September 1944, 2pp).

P145/19 June 1922; 18 December 1942–20 November 1944

60pp

PTAA and Irish Army—Centres and Membership

Mostly letters concerning the establishment of PTAA centres in garrisons, military camps and barracks around the country, applications to become probationers.

Includes:

- Letter from Fr Heneghan, Fenmore Barracks, Galway to Fr Flynn concerning his wish to establish a branch of the PTAA in Renmore Barracks. (6 May 1943, 2pp).
- Reply explaining the difficulties in establishing PTAA

P145/19 contd centres in the army. Remarks '... all of them have failed after a very short career ... The reason of these failures is not any lack of interest on the part of either the Chaplain or men, but I think is due to the particular difficulties of the Army ... the men are changed so frequently that it is very hard to get any permanency in the Council, without which the centre is certain to fail' (12 May 1943, 2pp).

P145/20 11 August 1936

76pp

Bound volume recording members of An Garda Síochána who took the temporary pledge. Includes the name of the person, their address, the date on which the temporary pledge was taken and when it expired. The first 42 pages of the volume record the home addresses of members of the Garda residing outside of depot, their rank, details of their service, religion, height, details of their health, nature of their employment.

P145/21 18 August 1940–10 September 1943

15pp

PTAA and Irish Army—wearing of Pioneer emblems

Correspondence, newspaper cuttings concerning the wearing of Pioneer emblems by members of the Defence Forces.

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Fr Flinn SJ, The Presbytery, Gardiner Street Dublin 1 to Oscar Traynor, Minister for Defence, Department of Defence, Dublin asking his permission for members of the PTAA who are also members of the Defence Forces to be allowed to wear their Pioneer badge on their uniforms (18 August 1940, 2pp).
- Reply stating that after very careful consideration he has decided against granting permission for members of the Defence Forces to wear emblems or badges on their uniforms. Remarks 'In this decision, I am supported by many other persons who, like myself, are Pioneers or Teetotallers and whose tendencies would be towards acceding to rather than refusing the request if that could be done without the probable repercussions which we all could foresee' (30 October 1940, 1p).
- Letter from Oscar Traynor, Minister for Defence, Department of Defence, Dublin to Fr McCarron SJ, St Francis Xavier's Hall, Sherrard Street, Dublin informing Fr McCarron of his decision to allow members of the Defence Forces to wear Pioneer badges on their uniforms (1 September 1943, 1p).

- P145/22** 5 August [?1969]–28 November 1982
13pp
Application forms to join a [juvenile branch] of the Fingal South-East centre of the PTAA.
- P145/23** 1 January 1970–18 November 1988
2 volumes (c80pp)
Registers of Temporary Pledge Section of the PTAA.
Lists the names of those taking the temporary pledge, their addresses, date and expiry date of temporary pledge.

1.3.2 Annual General and General Meetings, 1903–78

- P145/24** 23 November 1903
4pp
Copies of a lecture delivered by Fr Cullen at an [annual general meeting] of the PTAA in the Mansion House, Dublin concerning the work of the PTAA over the year and the need to continue this work.
- P145/25** 20 November 1904
8pp
Copy of an address given Fr Cullen at the annual general meeting of the PTAA. Highlights the increase in membership numbers since the first meeting in 1898. Discusses future developments in the association and the introduction of probationers as a category of membership. Proposes to use surplus money plus subscriptions from members to finance a banner. Encourages members to increase their energy and enthusiasm to promote the association and to publicly wear the pioneer badge.

P145/26 26 February 1922–26 November 1978

c60items

Annual General Meeting

Mostly programmes of the annual general meetings of the PTAA. The majority of the meetings were held in the Theatre Royal, Dublin.

Includes:

- Programme of the memoriam meeting held in memory of Fr James Cullen, founder of the PTAA. Annotated. (26 February 1922, 4pp).
- Souvenir programme of an all Ireland Pioneer meeting held on the occasion of the Eucharistic Congress. Annotated. (25 June 1932, 4pp).
- Golden Jubilee programme. (26 June 1949, 17pp).
- Programme of the Marian Year Pilgrimage to Knock. (19 September 1954, 28pp).
- Souvenir programme of the Father Matthew Centenary Celebrations held in Cork. (24 June 1956, 30pp).
- Diamond Jubilee programme. (14 June 1959, 26pp).

P145/27 November 1927–[] 1946

c100pp

Bound volume containing mostly copies of addresses given at annual general meetings of the PTAA. Also includes some annual reports and newspaper cuttings relating to Fr Matthew's life and vocation to the temperance movement.

P145/28 1930–1947

63pp

Bound volume containing copies of annual reports and addresses given at the annual general meetings of the PTAA.

P145/29 1 March 1936

1 item

Programme advertising a general meeting of the PTAA at the Opera House, Cork. The meeting was chaired by Dr Cohalan, Bishop of Cork. Includes details of songs and dances as part of the programme for the meeting.

- P145/30** 1943
8pp
Published text of the annual report of the PTAA and address given by Rev Dr O'Callaghan at the annual meeting of the PTAA held in the Theatre Royal.
- P145/31** 1944
8pp
Published text of the annual report of the PTAA and address given by Rev P.J. Doherty entitled 'The Spirit of Unselfishness in the Heroic Offering' at the annual meeting of the PTAA held in the Theatre Royal and the Regal Rooms.
- P145/32** 24 November 1957
1 item
Poster advertising the annual meeting of Dublin and District region of the PTAA in the Theatre Royal, Dublin.
- P145/33** 28 November 1971
1 item (30.5cmx25cm)
Poster advertising the annual meeting of the PTAA in the Olympia Theatre, Dublin.

1.3.3 Central Council, 1912-14

- P145/34** 17 January 1912-16 February 1914
40pp
Minute Book of the Central Council of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart
Includes:
▪ Foreword describing the history of the temperance movement in Ireland and Fr Cullen's involvement as a

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missionary priest in county Wexford in the temperance movement in that county, inspired by the Bishop of Ferns, Dr Furlong. Dr Furlong inaugurated Sunday and holiday closing of public houses in Wexford. Begins with Fr Cullen's taking of the Total Abstinence Pledge for life at a mission conducted by the Diocesan Missionary Fathers in the Church of Glin, county Wexford in 1874 and his subsequent success in obtaining indulgences from the Holy See for the temperance organisation in the Diocese of Ferns. 'The movement thus started has continued to bear fruit ever since.' Describes Fr Cullen's vision that would see the temperance movement established along more stringent lines and his realisation that Father Matthew's pledge was losing effectiveness. 'Father Cullen determined on a hitherto untried experiment namely of binding together by a total abstinence life pledge, a number of persons who not needing it for personal safety or advantage, yet would embrace a life of total abstinence from alcohol for the sake of others, so that by their example of self sacrifice they might help to raise the fallen victims of intemperance and preserve the young, as yet untainted, from following in their footsteps.' Continues by explaining the origins of the 'Heroic Offering' at a large temperance retreat held in Belfast in 1889. Around this time Fr Cullen also published the Temperance Catechism. Although the 'Heroic Offering' association proved a huge success Fr Cullen knew that a more tightly controlled and better administered association was imperative. In December 1898 Fr Cullen invited four women, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Bury, Mrs Egan and Miss Lizzie Power to establish a new venture called the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association. As a sign of solidarity and to promote a feeling of comradeship he also asked the women to wear an emblem, '... publicly, openly and constantly ...', of the Sacred Heart. Continues by describing exactly how the association should be administered, format of membership, the management of the branches, the involvement of the Sisters of Charity in the circulation of cards, emblems. Refers to Fr Cullen's determination that women and girls would be the first Pioneers with the men following on afterwards. Describes how the first band of male Pioneers was established following a mission given by Fr Cullen in Cork. Describes the construction of St Francis Xavier's Hall for the purposes of meetings, concerts, dramatic performances as well as smaller for the use by male Pioneers only and comprising a library, news room, billiard room and the Central Pioneer Council room. Concludes by describing the need for establishing a Central Directorate in order to deal with the ever increasing volume of work (1912, 18pp).

- Details of the reorganisation of the Central Council. The establishment of a column for Pioneer news in the Irish Catholic (17 January 1912, 2pp).
- Discussion regarding the establishment of a juvenile branch of the association (18 April 1912, 2pp).

- P145/34 contd**
- Consideration of a separate depot and governing council for America (14 October 1912, 2pp).
 - Opening of a separate depot for America and one for Australia (9 February 1913, 2pp).

1.3.4 Accounts, 1919–81

P145/35 January 1919–11 February 1954

8pp

PTAA Finances

Dissociated accounts concerning receipts and expenses of the PTAA and other financial transactions.

Includes:

- Letter from Fr Troddyn SJ, St Francis Xavier's, Gardiner Street, Dublin to Fr MacCarron concerning repairs to 27 and 28 Sherrard Street following an outbreak of dry rot and a request for a contribution from the PTAA to assist in the cost of this work (2 February 1954, 3pp).

P145/36 27 June 1945

2pp

Copy of a letter from [Fr Flinn], Central Director, PTAA to Fr Provincial concerning the finances of the PTAA, a request to be relieved from church work for the coming year so that he can devote himself full time to the work of the PTAA, a request that another priest be appointed to assist him in the work of the PTAA.

P145/37 January 1970–July 1981

63pp

Account book of the PTAA St Francis Xavier's Ladies centre. The accounts record the income from the sale of badges, cards, explanatory leaflets.

1.3.5 Literature, 1922–71

P145/38 Not dated
71pp
Drafts of the Pioneer Handbook.

P145/39 November 1922–10 June 1971
25 items

Explanatory Leaflets

Contains a set of different versions of explanatory leaflets produced by the PTAA outlining the history of the foundation of the PTAA, the aims of the association, the rules and regulations of the association for pioneers and probationers, how to join, explanation of terms used.

1.3.6 Legislation, 1924–60

P145/40 1924
2 items
Copies of the Intoxicating Liquor Act and Intoxicating Liquor (General) Act.

P145/41 14 October 1942–17 February 1943
4 items
Copies of the official reports of Parliamentary Debates concerning the Intoxicating Liquor Bill, second stage, committee stage, report and final stages.

P145/42 16 February–29 November 1948

c200 items

Sunday Opening

Newspaper cuttings, notes, statements, correspondence concerning the PTAA's opposition to the proposed extension to the hours for the sale of alcohol on Sundays, namely the opening of public houses throughout the country. The PTAA received support from pioneer centres all over Ireland and from the hierarchy.

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from Fr McCarron to General MacEoin, Minister for Justice, Dublin informing him of a resolution passed by a meeting of 300 Council members of Pioneer centres in the Dublin area 'The resolution stated that as Catholics they protested against any move which would lessen the proper observance of Sunday for which the Pope had appealed so earnestly recently. Sunday opening of public houses in the country would certainly hinder such observance ... I am confident that you will not allow any change to be made which would be at variance with the Catholic spirit of the country and which would certainly lead to increased intemperance and other evils' (24 May 1948, 1p).
- Copy of a letter from Fr McCarron to John A. Costello Taoiseach expressing his strong opposition to the proposal to allow Sunday opening throughout the country and the damage it will do if the Bill is passed. Remarks 'I am convinced this is a publican's Bill. I do not believe that there is any demand for it from the people generally ... Should it become law, it will be because of the influence of the Licensed Trade and they are looking to profits without consideration of the evil that will follow' (27 May 1948, 2pp).
- Reply acknowledging Fr McCarron's letter and agreeing to meet Fr McCarron to discuss the matter (3 June 1948, 1p).
- Letter from S. Kennedy, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin to Fr McCarron marked 'Personal and Confidential' concerning the forthcoming Bill to extend Sunday opening. Remarks that the Government have so far delayed the first reading of the Bill but that there is increasing pressure on them to do so. Remarks 'A lot of our people are very bitter against your association. They state in the general election when the price of the pint was the issue you remained silent. Well this issue is national and fundamental and therefore loose no time in getting your Fine Gael friends to block its first reading this session and it will never go through' (11 June 1948, 2pp).
- Letter from S. Kennedy, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin to Fr McCarron concerning the growing support to extend opening of public houses on Sunday. Remarks '... Apart from these outward signs they are busy behind the scenes. They are fighting to have first stage taken this

- P145/42 contd** session. Work heaven on earth to prevent this. Understand Beamish and Crawford are sparing no money in the campaign: delegates expenses to button-hole T.D.s etc.' Concludes 'One thing you can rely on the coalition is as weak as water gruel; they'll let you down with a bang on this issue, because they were financed and continue to be financed by the publicans and black-marketeers. Stand up to this boldly' (25 June 1948, 2pp).
- Letter from S. Kennedy, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin to Fr McCarron asking for the name of the secretary of the Father Matthew Union. Remarks 'I am loosing faith in you: you cannot see the wood for the trees: you're an ultra conservative' (1 July 1948, 1p).
 - Copy of a memorandum prepared by the PTAA and sent to the Taoiseach stating the case against the proposal to open public houses on Sundays (July 1948, 4pp).
 - Letter from Dan Breen TD, Leinster House, Dublin to Fr McCarron expressing an interest in hearing the reasons for Fr McCarron's objection to extending opening hours on Sunday to the rest of the country. Remarks 'I have an open mind on the matter and I would like to get some solid and concrete evidence of why the rural people should not have the same laws as the city people. I have felt for a long time that our licensing laws for the rural areas were out of date. Why should a man be forced to leave his own town, village or parish to get a drink if he felt like having one on a Sunday?' (8 July 1948, 3pp).

P145/43 21 February–1 November 1960

58 items

Change to Licensing Laws

Newspaper cuttings, notes, correspondence, speech concerning the PTAA's opposition to a resolution to amend the licensing laws in order to extend Sunday opening and the re-introduction of Area Exemption Orders.

1.3.7 Dissociated Correspondence, 1949–50

P145/44 22 October 1949–7 February 1950

6pp

Correspondence between Fr McCarron, Central Director, PTAA and District Justice A. O'Donoghue concerning a report in the

- P145/44 contd** *Leinster Leader* of a case before District Justice O'Donoghue and disparaging comments made by the Judge about pioneers. Includes:
- Cutting about the case published in the *Leinster Leader* (22 October 1949, 1p).
 - Letter from Fr McCarron to Justice O'Donoghue expressing his dismay at the comments made by the judge. 'I take a serious view of the matter as reported. The opinion attributed to you is one which gives great offence to the members of the Pioneers Association. It is an opinion which could not honestly be maintained in the face of experience ... I feel therefore that if you have been incorrectly reported you would wish, in fairness to the members of the Pioneer Association to correct the impression which the report has caused' (4 November 1949, 2pp).
 - Reply from District Justice A. O'Donoghue, Fenton, Portarlinton, Leixlip to Fr McCarron. Remarks 'It surprises me that anything an unfortunate Dist. Justice might be reported as having said in court should be a matter for concern to your Association. Of course, I didn't speak as reported' (3 February 1950, 2pp).

1.3.8 Foundation of the Legion of Mary, 1964–72

P145/45 23 November 1964–29 August 1972

8pp

Legion of Mary

Correspondence regarding Frank Duff's [founder of the Legion] account of the origins of the Legion of Mary which grew out of the Pioneer centre in Myra House, Francis Street in 1921.

1.3.9 Publicity, 1974–86

P145/46 17 May 1946–18 June 1948; 22 June 1974–19 June 1986

20 items

PTAA—Media

Newspaper cuttings reporting on the PTAA, the activities of the association, its role and influence in society.

- P145/46 contd** Includes:
- Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings of a temperance advertising campaign organised by the PTAA. Includes details of which paper the advertisements appeared in and the date. (22 June 1974–19 June 1986, 19pp).

1.3.10 RAY—Renewal and Youth, 1977

P145/47 25 March–28 November 1977

3 items

PTAA—RAY (Renewal and Youth)

Newspaper cuttings reporting on the activities of RAY, an initiative launched by the PTAA to encourage teenagers to abstain from drinking until they reached 18 years of age. RAY was founded by Fr Bernard McGuckian SJ in 1972.

1.3.11 Dissociated Administrative Matters, 1923–44

P145/48 13 August 1923

4pp

Notes concerning an interview between Fr Provincial of the Jesuit Order and Fr Flinn, Director of the PTAA concerning difficulties that have arisen between Fr Flinn and the PTAA with Fr Devane. The difficulties relate to Fr Devane's wish to open a centre of the PTAA in Rathfarnham. Outlines the reasons why he (Fr Flinn) decided against the opening of a centre in Rathfarnham and expresses his alarm at Fr Devane's intention to start a new temperance organisation through the school system. Records the response from Fr Provincial that no new temperance organisation could be started in the province without his sanction.

P145/49 [1943?]

1 item

Dissociated notes concerning administrative matters of the PTAA following Fr Flinn's death. Matters relate to finding new premises, the transfer of the distribution of Pioneer badges from the Sisters of Charity and the possibility of redesigning the badges, publications, meetings, Central Council and regional centres.

P145/50 April 1944

1p

Memorandum submitted by [Fr Seán McCarron, Central Director] to Fr Provincial and Consultors concerning the acquisition of offices for the centralisation and development of the PTAA. Describes the difficulty of operating out of three separate locations and the affect this is having on the development of the association. Refers to rooms available above the Central Catholic Library in Merrion Square, the cost of the rent and suggestions on how the costs could be met.

1.4 Centres

1.4.1 Dublin and Ireland, 1914–87

P145/51 Not dated

24pp

List of Dublin centres, the parish or convent/institution to which they are attached, the days that they accept new applications and the nature of the centre, whether it is a mixed centre or exclusively male or female.

P145/52 2 April 1914–27 December 1987

2 volumes (c680pp)

Minute Books of the Council of St Francis Xavier's Centre of the PTAA

Minutes of the Council of St Francis Xavier's centre attached

P145/52 contd to the St Francis Xavier's Hall, Sherrard Street, Dublin. The minutes record the names of those in attendance, prayer and reading of the previous minutes, names of applicants, names of defaulters and other business as it arose.

Includes:

- Names of the members of the newly formed council of St Francis Xavier's centre (2 April 1914, 2pp).
- Explanation why the Council did not meet for six months, owing to pressure of work on the Secretary, Mr Lang and a promise that monthly Council meetings would, in future, be strictly adhered to (25 January 1918, 2pp).
- Decision to organise a 'monster meeting' of the Pioneers of Dublin and surrounding districts as a memorial to Fr Cullen following his death and as an annual meeting. No annual meeting has been held for the previous two years (22 December 1921, 2pp).
- Discovery that imitation Pioneer pins were being sold by jewellers in Dublin city and an assurance by the jewellers that they would not reorder the imitation pins (30 March 1925, 2pp).
- Decision not to proceed with a proposal by the Mount Argus Centre, to establish a Pioneer athletic union '... it was the unanimous opinion of this Council, that such a union would not be to the advantage of the association, there being a danger of endless trouble and anxiety, the amount of energy needed, the drawing up of rules etc etc and the enforcing of same and finally the financial side, in a word, such a union would be unworkable ...' (29 March 1926).
- Copy of a letter pasted into volume from Fr Flinn SJ, Central Director to the Hon Secretaries of the Pioneer centres in Ballinrobe, Castlebar, Milltown, Tuam and Ballaghderreen concerning an excursion held the previous year and a decision to confine this year's excursion to Dublin centres only. Remarks 'An absolutely essential condition of the success of that combined excursion from the Pioneer point of view was that the excursion as far as EACH AND EVERY CENTRE WAS CONCERNED, SHOULD BE CONFINED STRICTLY TO PIONEERS AND PROBATIONERS, and that on no account should any others be allowed to travel. You will remember I made that point clear in three letters to the centres and in the Pioneer Column of the Irish Catholic. Now what happened?—Some centres, in defiance of these express instructions, allowed persons who were not Pioneers to travel, with the result that three "drunks" entered the station at Galway ... to return with the Pioneer centres that had brought them. This did positive harm to the movement ... And as you know our enemies are on the watch. Nothing pleases them better than to be able to cast a doubt on our genuineness. We must not give them the shadow of a chance' (12 May 1928, 2pp).
- Discussion regarding the difficulties between the PTAA and the Catholic Total Abstinence Federation of Ireland (CTAF) and a debate concerning the continuation of the PTAA's

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affiliation to the CTAF. The ongoing difficulties were exacerbated following the publication of a CTAF column in the *Irish Catholic*, seen by the PTAA as being in direct conflict with the 'Pioneer' column in the same publication. Describes the PTAA total opposition to the CTAF attempts to affiliate individual centres, rather they wished to pay one affiliation fee from central funds with no Pioneer centres being put under pressure, including financial pressure, to affiliate. A draft copy of a letter from Fr Flinn, SJ, Central Director of the PTAA to Rev P. Coffey, President, CTAF outlines in detail the difficulties between the two organisations. Although the letter was never sent the contents formed the essence of Fr Flinn's discussions with the CTAF (January 1930, 26 February 1930, 7pp).

- Report from Fr Flinn regarding remarks made by Bishop Collier at the annual meeting of the PTAA in the Theatre Royal. The GAA took exception to remarks made by the Bishop which appeared to imply that the GAA encouraged the demand for additional opening hours for the sale of drink during big matches. A copy of a letter from the Bishop to Fr Flinn which was subsequently sent to the GAA allowed him to explain his remarks to the satisfaction of the GAA (6, 27 December 1933).
- Obituary notice reprinted from the Pioneer Column in the *Irish Catholic* following the death of Mr John Lang, Honorary Secretary of the PTAA (26 August 1936).
- Report from Fr Flinn that an alphabetical list of all Pioneers and Probationers admitted through the St Francis Xavier centre from 1902 to 1935 had been compiled and consisted of approximately 12,500 names (28 July 1937, 2pp).
- Report of the death of Fr Flinn, Spiritual Director, PTAA (25 May 1943, 2pp).
- Resolution opposing the opening of licensed premises on Sundays (27 July 1948, 3pp).
- Difficulties over the unsuitability of the room in the St Francis Xavier's Hall used by the members of the Council to receive applications (27 October 1950, 3pp).
- Complaints over the supply and quality of the Pioneer emblems (29 May 1953, 2pp).
- Discussion concerning the transfer of Pioneer business to Upper Sherrard Street due to the imminent demolition of the Pioneer Hall (26 October 1956, 2pp).
- Organisation of the Pioneer Association in America by Fr Kennedy following a visit to Dublin (29 September 1961, 2pp).
- Decision to send a letter of protest to newspapers and TDs over the proposal to extend licensing hours (26 April 1962, 2pp).
- Decision regarding the re-admittance of defaulters (30 August 1963, 2pp).
- Instruction to Councillors by Fr Mulligan on how to deal with people who have a serious drinking problem 'They should be advised ... to go to AA. If they insist on taking the pledge it may be given ... In such cases they could be asked

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to read the series of questions presented by AA to all intending members of that assoc. If they recognise in these questions their own special problem they are clearly alcoholics or at the very least men with a serious drinking problem' (28 February 1964, 2pp).

- Further discussion on how to deal with people who appear to have a drink problem and taking the pledge 'Fr Mulligan ... stressed that for such people the taking of the T.P. Pledge could very possibly do more harm than good for when broken it sets up a guilt consciousness in such people who escape from that, or try to, by over indulgence ... over which they have no control ...' (27 March 1964, 2pp).
- Further discussion on the question of alcoholics and alcoholism. Fr Mulligan urges the councillors to discover as much as they can about the problems of drink and alcoholism '... so that they will become better equipped to recognise such a case ...' Continues 'In such cases the individual should be advised and encouraged to contact AA. Fr Mulligan went on to point out that the Pioneer Association was not designed for the rehabilitation of heavy drinkers ...' (24 April 1964, 2pp).
- Address by Fr Mulligan to the meeting regarding the problem of dealing with alcoholics who approach the centre. '[Fr Mulligan] feels that the association has a part to play in the rehabilitation of alcoholics but how best to do it is the problem occupying his attention just now' (28 August 1964, 2pp).
- Decision to forward the names of those people who have applied to take the pledge but who appear to have a serious drink problem to a special committee set up by Fr Mulligan. In the general discussion Fr Mulligan stressed again the seriousness of issuing a pledge to an alcoholic '... as failure to keep such aggravates his already serious drink problem' (30 October 1964, 1p).
- Further discussion concerning alcoholism. Fr Mulligan stressed again '... that a pledge should not be given to an alcoholic and that alcoholism was a disease requiring medical attention before rehabilitation could be embarked upon' (27 November 1964, 1p).
- Discussion, instigated by Fr Mulligan concerning the approach of the association to the question of drink. 'He pressed the question thus: were we too spiritualised in our general approach? Should we be more forthright or aggressive? Those present spoke freely and opened their minds on the subject. Generally the views expressed gave food for private thoughts to each councillor' (26 November 1965, 2pp).
- Further discussion, again instigated by Fr Mulligan concerning the attitude of the PTAA towards alcoholics and alcoholism. 'Fr Mulligan holds the view that the attitude of Pioneers towards alcoholics was not Christ like in as much as there was a great lack of charity shown towards such people ... He believes that much of the criticism of the

- P145/52 contd** Pioneer Assoc. has its roots in the “holier than thou” attitude which, he believes, was held by Pioneers in the past’ (27 May 1966, 2pp).
- Decision to formulate a new policy regarding the PTAA involvement in matters that give rise to public controversy. ‘The new policy asserts that the Pioneer Assoc. as such will not enter into any such controversies and that no Pioneer in future should express his views in controversial matters as being those of the Pioneer Assoc.’ (31 March 1967, 2pp).
 - Debate concerning the wearing of the Pioneer badge and if it should be optional. The Council unanimously opposed the suggestion that the wearing of the badge should be optional ‘... though it would seem the Spiritual Director [Fr Mulligan] did not share their views’ (38 March 1969, 2pp).
 - Reference to Fr Mulligan’s transfer as Spiritual Director of the PTAA (27 June 1969, 1p).
 - Correspondence between the association and the Minister for Justice concerning the extension of Licensing Laws to permit the sale of alcohol in restaurants until 2am (22 February 1974).
 - Discussion concerning the merging of the St Francis Xavier’s male and female branches into one mixed branch (6 October 1977, 1p).
 - Inaugural meeting of the newly formed male and female branches of St Francis Xavier’s Pioneer centre (25 January 1982, 1p).
 - Anxiety concerning the lack of applications for membership (26 August 1985, 1p; 25 November 1985, 1p; 20 September 1986, 1p; 29 December 1986, 1p; 27 April 1987, 1p).

P145/53 13 July 1924–25 January 1985

36 items

PTAA and Regional Centres—General Correspondence

Mostly letters concerning the activities of the regional PTAA centres. Includes some cuttings, memoranda, posters describing various events, fundraisers and promotion of centres in the locality, also requests for insertions in *The Pioneer*, a monthly publication of the PTAA.

Includes:

- Black and white photograph of members of the Howth centre visiting Galway (June 1927, 1 item).

P145/54 2 March 1934–30 November 1940

c400pp

Bound index recording applications to the PTAA for the establishment of new centres and the revival of existing

P145/54 contd centres. Includes the number assigned to the centre, the name of the centre, notes regarding the nature of the application and action taken. Includes details of centres wishing to join the PTAA from England and America.

P145/55 27 February 1946

5pp

Report of meeting of Council Members of Pioneer Centres of Dublin city held in the Mansion House.

Meeting held to consider the practicality of closer cooperation between the various Pioneer centres in Dublin and closer co-operation between the centres and the Central Council of the PTAA. In his address Fr McCarron asked the meeting to consider the following points—closer co-operation, knowledge of the rule and method of working, regularity and punctuality, instruction of candidates, quarterly meetings, contact with Central Council, applications for membership from people outside the parish.

P145/56 7 August 1956–8 June 1982

c500pp

Minute Book of St Francis Xavier's Ladies Centre, Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

Minutes of the Council of St Francis Xavier's Ladies centre, Dublin. The minutes record the names of those in attendance, prayer and reading of the previous minutes, names of applicants, names of defaulters, expenditure and other business as it arose.

Includes:

- Decision to contact the Minister for Justice regarding the sale of alcoholic drinks in restaurants and the Ministers for Health and Posts and Telegraphs regarding the advertising of alcohol on RTÉ [Radio Teilifis Éireann] (4 November 1973, 1p).
- Response from the Minister for Health regarding the advertisement of alcohol on RTÉ and a decision to institute a new code of practise regulating the advertising of alcohol in an effort to '... eliminate the objectionable features of some drink advertisements' (2 April 1974, 1p).
- Report concerning a memorandum presented to the Minister for Justice by a deputation from the Pioneer Association regarding under age drinking and a request that a letter be sent about the matter to local TDs (4 April 1978, 1p).
- Suggestion by Fr Bernard McGuckian, Central Director that the male and female centres of St Francis Xavier would join

- P145/56 contd** together to form one centre (9 February 1981, 2pp).
- Discussion regarding services to the parish and agreement that a talk is given to children preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation concerning the problems of addiction (2 March 1981, 1p).
 - Note regarding the amalgamation of the male and female centres of St Francis Xavier and the minutes of future meetings to be entered into the minute book of the male centre (8 June 1981, 1p).

P145/57 21 April 1962–10 July 1986

20 items

PTAA—Regional

Newspaper cuttings reporting on events, rallies, pilgrimages, social gatherings, competitions associated with mostly regional centres of the PTAA.

P145/58 20 June 1969–July [?1983]

51pp

Minute book and register of St Gabriel's Pioneer Council, Dollymount, Dublin. Includes the names, date of admission and home address of probationers as well as decisions taken and business transacted by the Council. The book was returned to the Central Council of the PTAA following the closure of St Gabriel's Pioneer Council on 25 February 1993.

P145/59 8 September 1969–27 January 1981

c180pp

Minute Book of the Dublin North Regional Committee, PTAA. Records the names of delegates and their centres for some of the meetings, matters relating to the centres of the North Dublin Region. Many of the entries record the poor attendance at regional meetings, with many centres sending no delegates to meetings as well as efforts made to re-establish lapsed centres.

Includes:

- Treasurer's report concerning the complete lack of funds due to centres not paying their fees regularly (27 January 1975, 1p).
- Decision to rotate the venue of the Regional meetings amongst each centre (27 January 1975, 1p).
- Discussion regarding the future of the PTAA with delegates

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- questioning the role of the PTAA in modern society and whether the PTAA is too conservative and should alter its focus (26 May 1975, 3pp).
- Discussion regarding the merits of setting up a Renewal And Youth (RAY) group in centres with a view to recruiting Pioneers amongst young people (30 June 1975, 4pp).
 - Decision not to get involved in a fundraising event in aid of alcoholics, run by Sr Consilio in Athy with one delegate pointing out that the PTAA is a spiritual movement. 'It has never been the policy of the Pioneer Association to be involved in fund raising since its foundation by Fr Cullen and there's no real reason to change now.' It was unanimously agreed not to get involved at all, however anyone who wished to contribute to Sr Consilio or any other worthy cause could do so privately (24 November 1975, 3pp).
 - Report on the lack of progress of re-affiliating lapsed centres (27 June 1978, 3pp).
 - Discussion regarding the general problems encountered in running a Pioneer centre, in particular the shortage of councillors and the problems in attracting young people to the association and how these difficulties might be overcome (24 October 1978, 4pp).
 - Discussion regarding the financial losses of the association, described as an 'intolerable situation' and a suggestion that each member should contribute annually to the association and that a special financial committee be established to address this issue and find ways of making money. Further suggestion that the association should bring in a voluntary consultative body drawn from the ranks of the Pioneer Association to make an analysis of the financial difficulties of the association and other issues (26 June 1979, 5pp).
 - Report about a 12 step programme to increase circulation figures of the magazine *The Pioneer*, with a target of 50,000 (25 March 1980, 5pp).
 - Report on a meeting attended by Fr Dargan for the establishment of a new organisation called Caradas, combining other organisations involved in opposing the abuse of alcohol. Remarks that the plan of this new organisation will be to try and influence future legislation and to become involved in promoting pilot schemes such as the introduction of identity cards and to raise awareness among young people about the problems associated with alcohol abuse (25 March 1980, 5pp).
 - Report on the new format of the magazine and associated cost (24 June 1980, 3pp).
 - Report of disappointing sales figures for the new format magazine with some delegates criticising the decision taken to change the format and increase the price (27 January 1981, 2pp).

P145/60 19 September 1983–11 December 1984

19 items

PTAA—Reports and Minutes of Regional Pioneer Committees and Councils.

Mostly annual reports of regional committees and councils, also minutes of ordinary and special meetings.

Includes:

- Annual report, North Monaghan Pioneer Council (19 September 1983, 2pp).
- Annual report Ardara (Donegal) centre Committee (1 November 1983, 3pp).
- Annual report, Clogher Diocesan Council (12 October 1983, 1p; 27 November 1984, 4pp).
- Annual report, minutes of regional meetings, North West Tyrone (16 February 1984–6 January 1985, 13pp).
- Minutes of a special meeting and meeting, East Cork Regional Committee (21 March–3 December 1984, 9pp).
- Minutes of a meeting of the Muskerry (Cork) Regional Committee (30 May 1984, 1p).
- Minutes of a special meeting and meetings Blackwater Regional Association (25 September–11 December 1984, 5pp).
- Annual report and minutes of the AGM of the North Cork Regional Committee and minutes of a meeting (10 October 1984, 2pp; 14 November 1984, 1p).
- Annual report, Armagh Regional Committee (11 October 1984, 2pp).
- Minutes of first meeting of the Down and Connor Diocesan committee (18 October 1984, 5pp).
- Minutes of a meeting of the North Down Regional Committee (14 November 1984, 6pp).
- Minutes of a meeting of the Munster Pioneer Council (18 November 1984, 2pp).

1.4.2 International, 1945–85

P145/61 Not dated

1p

Copy of a text of a [sermon/address] given by P.J. Doherty SJ extolling the virtues of the PTAA and encouraging members of the parish of Richmond to become Pioneers.

P145/62 March 1945

2pp

Copy of a memorandum prepared by [Fr Seán McCarron, Central Director, PTAA] and submitted to Fr Dugre SJ concerning the growth of the association in Ireland and abroad. Refers to the desire of the Archbishop of Vancouver to establish a branch of the PTAA in Canada. Suggests that the Society of Jesus in other countries should become engaged in the work of the PTAA 'because of its very close connection with devotion to the Sacred Heart it is a work which is in harmony with the spirit of the Society. If it is not undertaken by the Society, it may not be easy to keep alive the spirit of the movement in the expansion which it seems must come ...' Emphasises the need for strict adherence to the rules and close contact with Headquarters in order for the association outside Ireland to be a success.

P145/63 8 April 1945

1p

Extract from a letter written by Fr Dugre SJ to Fr Provincial SJ concerning the spread of the PTAA to other countries. Remarks that he would be very anxious for the PTAA to spread to other countries but is doubtful if Fr General would support this move. Remarks that in the past he has refused permission for other associations to expand their membership. 'His reason was that such pious associations, excellent in some countries, are less appropriate in others.' Continues 'The total abstinence would not likely be accepted, not only in wine producing countries, but also in others, as Belgium and French Canada, where the League of the Sacred Heart ... has already its rules and organisation.' Recommends that if a request or an expression of interest is received from abroad Fr McCarron should contact the Provincial concerned to see if assistance can be given.

P145/64 November 1950

2pp

Copy of a [speech/sermon] by Fr Doherty, Assistant Spiritual Director, PTAA concerning the establishment of the PTAA in the diocese of Melbourne following an invitation issued by Archbishop Mannix and a call for volunteers to assist him in his work.

P145/65 17 January 1947–24 February 1949

23pp

PTAA—Missouri

Correspondence concerning efforts to begin a centre of the PTAA in Missouri. Ultimately a centre was not created in the seminary, instead a devotion to the Sacred Heart was established.

Includes:

- Letter from Fr P.M. Regan SJ, St Stanislaus Seminary, Florissant, Missouri to Fr McCarron expressing an interest in establishing a branch of the PTAA amongst the Juniors of the seminary. Explains that the Jesuits in the seminary are not permitted to wear the Pioneer badge as in the past it gave rise to ‘... invidious remarks from our students about “drinking” and “non-drinking” Jesuits’ (17 January 1947, 2pp).
- Copy of a reply welcoming Fr Regan’s interest in establishing a branch of the PTAA. Outlines the aims and objectives of the PTAA. Refers to the matter of wearing the Pioneer badge. Remarks ‘In the enclosed Explanatory Leaflet, you will see that not only is the wearing of the badge one of the fundamental rules, but also that many of the Indulgences granted to the Association can only be gained by members who wear the badge’ (12 February 1947, 2pp).

P145/66 2 September 1949–4 January 1985

94pp

Correspondence—New York PTAA

File of correspondence concerning the establishment and activities of the PTAA centre in New York.

Includes:

- Letter from Fr Frederick Cameron OFM Cap, PTAA Centre Director, Capuchin Franciscan Fathers, St John’s Friary, 210 West 31st Street, New York to Fr Dargan outlining the work being carried out by the centre, the social activities organised and plans for the future development of the association in New York. Remarks that the social activities are held in order to keep the members interested as well as encouraging new members to join. Refers to a Souvenir Journal celebrating the establishment of a PTAA centre in New York, the contents of the Journal, how much it will cost, circulation (21 April 1953, 4pp).
- Copy of a reply expressing thanks for the effort Fr Frederick has put into promoting the PTAA centre in New York. Remarks ‘While we can understand your desire to keep Catholics together and your wish to promote dramatic clubs, glee clubs, style shows, etc. to achieve this aim, we

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would like to point out that such work is outside the scope of Pioneer activity. Our movement is a spiritual movement, built on the prayers and sacrifices of the members: to use social activities as a bait to attract members would be against the whole spirit of the Association. Furthermore it would be against our practice to admit non-Pioneers to Pioneer clubs, even if the purpose of bringing nonmembers were to win them to our ranks ... if people join, it must be because they are drawn to the association by the spiritual motives, not by the thought of recreations or amusements' (6 May 1953, 1p).

- Copy of a letter from Fr Dargan, Central Director, PTAA, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin to Mrs Mary Ann O'Sullivan, Corresponding Secretary, St John's RC Church, 210 West 31 Street, New York concerning a decision to establish a New York Pioneer Regional Committee. Refers to the growth of the association in New York and the establishment of centres (besides the centre in St Johns) in The Bronx and Brooklyn. Remarks that his reason for establishing a Regional Committee is to facilitate organised co-operation between the centres. 'The function of the Committee will be to co-ordinate Pioneer activities, to ensure that functions do not clash, to organise functions in which all Centres will participate...The Committee, however, will have no jurisdiction over the internal running of any Centre.' Outlines the structure of the Committee and how the Officers should be elected (15 September 1958, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Fr Dargan, Pioneer Central Offices, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin to Fr Byrne concerning his intention to ask the American Jesuits to take control of the Association (29 July 1960, 2pp).

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11 October 1958; 5 January 1959–25 October 1968

c160pp

New York Regional Pioneer Committee

Minutes of the New York Regional Committee established in 1959 by Fr Dargan for the purposes of co-ordinating the activities of the three Pioneer centres in New York.

Includes:

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- Outline of the functions of the committee, the election of officers, jurisdiction, record keeping compiled by Fr Dargan (11 October 1958, 2pp).
- Minutes recording the lengthy discussion that took place regarding the flight to Ireland to facilitate members of the association taking part in the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Dublin in June 1959. A difference of opinion arose regarding the disbursement of the funds that were left over from the flight (10 May 1960, 7pp).
- Minutes recording a discussion regarding the financial accountability of the New York Regional Committee and the

P145/67 contd failure to record accurately income and expenditure. Refers to a letter from Fr Frederick, St John's centre to the Regional Committee regarding criticism of the Treasurer. Copy of letter and Treasurer's Report attached to minutes (12 December 1961, 16pp).

P145/68 29 March [?1959]–May [?1961]

4pp

Minutes of the Council of St. John's Centre, PTAA, New York.

Includes:

- Discussion regarding the finances of the Regional Committee and the difficulties the Treasurer, James Madden encountered due to the lack of accurate accounting and the operating of two bank accounts to facilitate the collection of funds for a flight to Ireland. A decision was taken to express to the Regional Committee the opposition of St John's centre to the operation of two separate bank accounts, one of which the Treasurer had no access to.

P145/69 June 1960–[] 1985

12 items

Newsletters of the PTAA centres in New York including St John's, Bronx, St Joseph's, Sacred Heart, Holy Family.

P145/70 10 January 1951–27 November 1965

60pp

PTAA—Boston

Correspondence regarding the difficulties in establishing a centre of the PTAA in Boston including numerous letters between Archbishop Cushing and Fr McCarron SJ, Central Director concerning the logistics of establishing the centre.

Includes:

- Letter from Archbishop Cushing, Archbishop's House, 2101 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton 35, Mass to Fr McCarron SJ, Central Director concerning the establishment of a centre of the PTAA in Boston. Remarks that for the centre to be a success it will need to be an independent branch of the organisation (8 March 1951, 1p).
- Letter from Fr McCarron to Archbishop Cushing acknowledging the concerns in his letters regarding the relationship between a centre established under the

- P145/70 contd** direction of the Archbishop and its relationship with the Central Council in Dublin. Outlines the concerns of the Central Council and the structure needed to ensure that the centre operating in Boston ‘... was being run strictly according to the rules and in the spirit of the Association. I am sure your Grace will appreciate that where the name of the Association is used and its badge worn, the Central Council must be satisfied that they are being rightly used’ (2 May 1951, 2pp).
- Letter from Archbishop Cushing to Fr McCarron informing him that he is no longer interested in establishing a centre in the diocese of Boston. ‘The rules and the details are too much for my approach to a big spiritual need’ (9 June 1951, 1p).
 - Letter from Mrs O’Sullivan, 37 Blakeville Street, Dorchester 21 Mass. USA to Fr Dargan SJ, Central Director, PTAA, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin regarding the association in Boston. Remarks that centres are experiencing difficulties with lack of interest, poor attendances, problems with suitable meeting places (27 November 1965, 4pp).

P145/71 3 January–25 March 1952

3pp

Correspondence regarding written contributions about the Pioneer movement by Fr McCarron, Central Director, PTAA for a sodality magazine entitled *Action Now*. The aim of the articles was to describe the effect that the movement has had on the lives of young men and women of Ireland and to encourage young adults in America to become interested in the movement.

P145/72 21 February 1962

1p

PTAA—Cleveland, Ohio

Circular letter from Joseph Boland, President of the PTAA, St Patrick’s centre, 3608 Bridge Ave, Cleveland, Ohio, USA to fellow Pioneers informing them of a play performed by the Pioneer Players of Cleveland and offering to stage the play for other Pioneer centres.

P145/73 3 April 1964–17 December 1984

14pp

PTAA—Chicago

Correspondence, newsletters concerning the establishment and operation of the Chicago Regional Committee and the work of the Chicago PTAA including their involvement in RAY (Renewal and Youth), a programme encouraging young people to become involved in the Pioneer movement.

Includes:

- Letter from Ann Andreson, St Ita Pioneer Council to Fr Dargan seeking his advice on setting up a Regional Committee in Chicago (3 April 1964, 1p).
- Document outlining the functions of the committee, the election of officers, meetings, jurisdiction, record keeping (April 1964, 2pp).

P145/74 5 April 1975

9pp

Text of a document presented by Rev Joseph T Clark SJ to his community in which he discloses his recent absence from the community due to his recovery in an institution specialising in treating alcoholism, in particular alcoholic priests and brothers. Describes the disease and how it has affected him and his treatment. Expresses his regret for any offence he has caused to his fellow priests.

P145/75 18 December 1983–5 October 1984

11pp

PTAA—Africa

Copies of minutes, newsletter of the Regional Council based in Kenya and the annual report of a PTAA centre based in Monrovia, Liberia.

P145/76 10 September–20 November 1984

8pp

PTAA—London

Copies of minutes of the London Pioneer Regional Committee.

1.5 Events

1.5.1 Speeches, Addresses, Sermons, 1909–54

- P145/77** September 1909–8 April 1943
100pp
Scrapbook of newspaper cuttings of mostly sermons and lectures concerning temperance, the Pioneer movement and the PTAA. Includes an index.
- P145/78** 1911–1944
18 items
Bound volume containing a selection of PTAA sermons, annual reports, rules, printed leaflets and pamphlets. Includes a table of contents.
- P145/79** Not dated
14pp
Copy of an address by Fr McCarron at a gathering of the PTAA concerning Ireland's historic struggle against intemperance. Highlights the increasing reliance on drink and the different ways in which this must be tackled, in particular the licensing laws and the apparent lack of enforcement. Expresses his disappointment with the Licensed Trade and their lack of responsibility. Refers to the PTAA and asks how the association can become more active in order to reflect the size and influence of the PTAA. Emphasises the importance of the 'Heroic Offering'.
- P145/80** October 1952
10pp
Text of an address given by [Fr McCarron/Fr Dargan, Spiritual Director, PTAA] referring to the 24th International Congress against Alcoholism held in the Sorbonne. Summarises the main themes of the Congress, the similarity of the problems of alcoholism and intemperance throughout the world and the role of the PTAA as one of the largest intemperance movements in the world and the reasons behind its success.

P145/81 November 1954

8pp

Copy of an address by Fr Kerr recalling 50 years of the PTAA, the first meeting of just four people and how the association has grown in the intervening years. Highlights the problems of intemperance and the importance of the work of the association. Emphasises the importance of the 'Heroic Offering'.

1.5.2 Publicity, 1922-40

26 February 1922-4 July 1940

c380pp

Series of scrapbooks of newspaper cuttings reporting on the annual meetings of the PTAA, cuttings relating to other Pioneer gatherings, rallies, Silver Jubilee, admissions to the Association, events run by local centres, rules of the Association, cuttings relating to drink and intemperance, the effects of alcohol on the person and society, juvenile total abstinence, the Confirmation pledge. Includes some loose pages of an incomplete index to some of the contents of the scrapbooks.

P145/82 26 February 1922-4 March 1937

c100pp

P145/83 24 January 1925-29 March 1929

82pp

P145/84 26 October 1929-4 July 1940

199pp

1.5.3 Excursions, Pilgrimages, 1924–54

P145/85 6 July 1924–3 July 1938

65pp

PTAA—Excursions

Bound volume containing copies of souvenir programmes of Pioneer excursions to Drogheda, Kilkenny, Warrenpoint, Galway, Sligo, Killarney, Cork, Rosslare, Newcastle (county Down), Portstewart, Bundoran.

P145/86 19 January–19 September 1954

61pp

Pilgrimage—Knock

Circulars, notes, correspondence, lists, forms, programme and other memorabilia concerning the PTAA pilgrimage to Knock to celebrate the Marian year and the organisation of this event, in particular the organisation of transportation.

1.5.4 Heroic Offering Golden Jubilee, Belfast, 1939–40

P145/87 20 August 1939–17 February 1940

14 items

Golden Jubilee—‘Heroic Offering’

Newspaper cuttings, souvenir booklet, text of a sermon concerning the celebrations in Belfast of the Golden Jubilee of the ‘Heroic Offering’. In 1889 Fr Cullen, while conducting a mission in Belfast refused to grant a general pledge to the congregation, instead he issued an invitation to those people who could be relied on absolutely to make and keep a pledge for life. This was the first time the ‘Heroic Offering’ was administered and effectively the start of the Pioneer movement.

1.5.5 Golden Jubilee, 1948-9

P145/88 1 August 1948-24 June 1949

106pp

Golden Jubilee—Correspondence

Letters relating to the planning and organisation of the Golden Jubilee of the PTAA held on 26 June 1949 including contact with relevant authorities including Commissioners/Office of Public Works, Córas Iompair Éireann, Great Northern Railways, An Garda Síochána, Department of Defence. Many of the letters are from the hierarchy expressing their support and encouragement for the celebrations and agreeing to make various contributions to the day such as their attendance at the different functions, agreeing to make speeches or administer benediction.

Includes:

- Letter from Joseph Connolly, Office of Public Works, Dublin to Fr McCarron expressing his regret that the Jubilee celebrations will not require the use of Dublin Castle owing to the numbers attending. Remarks ‘... I must confess to a certain disappointment that we are not, so to speak, your hosts on this historic occasion. Maybe, back of my mind, I had the notion that Sunday 26th would have laid the last of the ghosts of the evil days and deeds of the buildings’ (8 June 1949, 1p).

P145/89 4 December 1948-26 June 1949

c180pp

Golden Jubilee—Organisation

Agenda, copies of minutes, lists, circulars concerning all aspects of the organisation of the Golden Jubilee of the PTAA including distribution of tickets to centres throughout the country and other groups, numbers attending, transportation, marshalling and stewarding, route of procession, catering, assembly points.

Includes:

- Black and white photographs of a plan of Croke Park showing marshalling positions and a plan of the surrounding streets (not dated, 2 items).

P145/90 7 March–20 June 1949

130pp

Golden Jubilee—Queries

Letters from various PTAA centres to the Central Council, PTAA, Dublin requesting information, admission tickets, details of the procession, travel arrangements. Some of the letters confirm the number of people travelling to the Jubilee celebrations and the steps taken to make contact with their members and collaborate with other centres in their area as well as enquiries regarding local transportation arrangements to facilitate travel to Dublin.

P145/91 18 April–18 June 1949

c80pp

Golden Jubilee—Children's Mass

Circulars, lists, forms concerning the organisation, transportation and stewarding of the children's mass in Dalymount Park celebrating the Golden Jubilee of the PTAA.

P145/92 20 April–26 June 1949

16pp

Golden Jubilee—Catering

Circulars, lists concerning details of restaurant and hotel opening hours on the day of the Golden Jubilee.

P145/93 29 April–26 June 1949

c100pp

Golden Jubilee—Transport

Correspondence, circulars, train and bus schedules, details of fares including special arrangements for extra services made by CIÉ and Great Northern Railways to facilitate travel on the day of the Golden Jubilee.

P145/94 18 May–3 August 1949

16pp

Golden Jubilee—Congratulations

Letters, telegram mostly congratulating the PTAA on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee and acknowledging the success of the celebrations in Croke Park.

Includes:

- Letter from Father General of the Society of Jesus, J.B. Janssens SJ, Rome to Fr McCarron, Director of the PTAA, Manresa House, Dollymount, Dublin congratulating him on the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the PTAA. Refers to the history of the association, its founder Fr Cullen, the devotion to the Sacred Heart, dedication to the aims and objectives of the association and its wide appeal (18 May 1949, 2pp).
- Telegram from Pope Pius XII congratulating the PTAA on its 50th anniversary (7 June 1949, 1p).

P145/95 21 June–1 July 1949

28 items

Golden Jubilee—Media

Newspaper cuttings reporting on the lead up to and the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the PTAA held on 26 June 1949 in Croke Park, Dublin.

P145/96 26 June 1949

16 items

Golden Jubilee—Memorabilia

Programmes, tickets, photographs.

Includes:

- Black and white photographs depicting the procession to Croke Park and the crowds in Croke Park (26 June 1949, 7 items).

1.5.6 Diamond Jubilee, 1957–60

P145/97 20 December 1957–August 1959

32 items

Diamond Jubilee—Organisation

Circulars concerning the organisation of the Diamond Jubilee of the PTAA including distribution of tickets to PTAA centres and other groups, timetable of events for the day, transportation, marshalling and stewarding, route of procession, catering, assembly points.

P145/98 22 December 1957–17 September 1959

63 items

Diamond Jubilee—Organisation

Correspondence, notes, programme, memorabilia, posters, memoranda relating to the organisation of the Diamond Jubilee of the PTAA in Croke Park Dublin on 14 June 1959 including the arrangements to use Croke Park, marshalling and stewarding, catering, accommodation, publicity.

Includes:

- Copy of a letter from [Fr Dargan SJ, Central Director, PTAA] to Mr O'Keefe, GAA thanking him for allowing the use of Croke Park as the venue for the Jubilee. Recalls the success of the Golden Jubilee held there in 1949 (22 December 1957, 1p).
- Letter from M.M. Fogarty, Brigade Secretary, The St John Ambulance Brigade of Ireland to Fr Dargan SJ, Central Director, PTAA, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin offering their services on the day of the Diamond Jubilee (10 February 1959, 2pp).
- Letter from Francis B. Ryan, The National Film Institute of Ireland, 65 Harcourt Street, Dublin to Fr Dargan concerning the making of a film of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations (2 March 1959, 1p).
- Memorandum outlining the ceremonial arrangements for the procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction on the day of the jubilee (26 May 1959, 2pp).
- Memoranda discussing the organisation of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and suggestions on future celebrations organised by the PTAA (17 September 1959, 7pp).

P145/99 22 May 1958–26 May 1959

48 items

Diamond Jubilee—USA and UK Centres

Mostly correspondence concerning the arrangements of PTAA centres in the UK and USA to travel to Dublin for the Jubilee celebrations in Croke Park.

Includes:

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- Letter from Fr Frederick Cameron, Capuchin Fathers, St John's Church 21 West 31st Street, New York to Fr Dargan SJ, concerning the organisation of the pilgrimage by members of the New York pioneers to the Diamond Jubilee. Refers to the difficulties in strictly limiting the pilgrimage to pioneers. Asks Fr Dargan for his assistance. 'If I get a letter from you stating that it is the deep concern of the Central Association that only Pioneers be accepted ... we have a clear cut policy ... I have flown enough to know that even sober passengers need "Something for the nerves". We can't watch them constantly nor can we search their luggage ... There is only one alternative. A blanket rule issued from Dublin ordering us not to accept non-pioneers under any circumstance' (2 June 1958, 1p).
- Circular letter from James Donoghue, Flight Chairman, Pioneer Diamond Jubilee Flight Committee, 968 Sherman Avenue, Bronx 56, New York outlining the travel arrangements from New York to Ireland (14 November 1958, 1p).
- Letter from James Donoghue, Flight Chairman, Pioneer Diamond Jubilee Flight Committee, 968 Sherman Avenue, Bronx 56, New York to Fr Dargan informing him that at least one plane is sold out (24 January 1959, 1p).

P145/100 17 September 1958–6 June 1959

38 items

Diamond Jubilee—Transport

Correspondence, circulars, train and bus schedules, details of fares including special arrangements for extra services made by CIE and the Ulster Transport Authority to facilitate travel on the day of the Diamond Jubilee.

P145/101 7 February–21 April 1959

16pp

Diamond Jubilee—Correspondence PTAA Centres Ireland

Queries mostly concerning travel arrangements to Dublin and admission to Croke Park for the celebrations.

P145/102 3 March–11 June 1959

46pp

Diamond Jubilee—Hierarchy

Invitations issued by the PTAA to the Hierarchy to attend the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in Croke Park, Dublin on 14 June 1959 and replies from the Bishops and other Catholic Hierarchy indicating their intention to attend or declining the invitation due to previous engagements.

Includes:

- Letter from Cardinal D'Alton, Ara Coeli, Armagh to Fr Dargan indicating his willingness to attend the rally to hear Dr Conway's address and for Benediction. Remarks 'I would like to show some mark of recognition for the great occasion, though, as I told you, I have to be careful these days not to overdo things' (23 May 1959, 1p).

P145/103 9–19 June 1959

17 items

Diamond Jubilee—Media

Newspaper cuttings reporting on the lead up to and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the PTAA held on 15 June 1959 in Croke Park, Dublin.

P145/104 23 September 1959–8 July 1960

83pp

Diamond Jubilee—Pioneer flight from USA to Ireland

File of correspondence concerning a controversy which arose following the Pioneer flight to Ireland from the US for the Diamond Jubilee and the difference in opinion about what should be done with money left over. Initially it was agreed that the money should be refunded to the passengers. A subsequent claim over the money came from St John's Church (Capuchin Fathers), New York due to the involvement of two of their priests in helping to promote the flight to Dublin.

Includes:

- Letter from Fr Declan Finn, Capuchin Fathers, St John's Church, 210 West 31st Street, New York to Fr Dargan concerning a meeting in Dublin at which a decision was taken to refund money left over from the Pioneer flight to Dublin to the passengers. Remarks 'When I went to Dublin that day, I had no idea that there was to be a Regional meeting. I was under the impression that it was to be an informal meeting ... If you remember correctly ... I made a protest. For many reasons I do not consider that meeting as

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a Regional meeting ... From the wording in your letter, it seems that you believe that St John's Church wants to collect all the money that is left over. This is not so' (27 November 1959, 2pp).

- Letter from Fr Frederick Cameron, Capuchin Fathers, St John's Church, 210 West 31st Street, New York to Fr Dargan concerning an honorarium he feels is due to him for his participation in the organisation of the Pioneer flight to Ireland. Remarks 'I am convinced that the superior is justified in asking for some honorarium. The unlimited facilities of St John's have been available for years. The Pioneers have taken over St John's and no other of the many organizations have ever received such consistent preferential treatment ... St John's carried the brunt of the flight. At the eleventh hour, by some strange manipulation it seems the Regional Committee have assumed complete charge, although none of them lifted a finger to help, and I question their ability to help.' (10 November 1959, 2pp).
- Copy of a letter from Fr Dargan to Monsignor O'Leary, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 2496 Marion Avenue, New York outlining the difficulties that have arisen between St John's Church and the Pioneers following the Pioneer flight to Ireland. Summarises the situation and asks the Monsignor for his advice ([?December 1959], 2pp).
- Letter from Pat Leade, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 2496 Marion Avenue, New York, writing on behalf of Monsignor O'Leary to Fr Dargan. Remarks 'The suggestion that St John's might appeal to higher authorities was made for the purpose of causing panic and in the hope you would be intimidated. It is certain that they have no intention of appealing to anybody because of the preposterous nature of their claim' (27 January 1960, 3pp).
- Letter from Monsignor O'Leary, Our Lady of Mercy Church, 2496 Marion Avenue, New York to Fr Dargan remarking that he is 'dumbfounded' by the situation that has arisen over the Pioneer flight (30 January 1960, 2pp).

1.6 Publications

1.6.1 Pioneer Page, *Irish Messenger*, 1889–1945

P145/105 February 1889–September 1941

2 volumes (c160pp)

Copies of the 'Pioneer Page' published in *The Messenger* an Irish Jesuit publication, first published in January 1888. The column outlines the aims and objectives of the PTAA, the rules and regulations governing the association as well as informing readers of *The Messenger* about PTAA events and gatherings and general temperance matters.

P145/106 June 1944–February 1945

8pp

Extracts from *The Irish Messenger* concerning the work of the PTAA.

1.6.2 Pioneer Column, *Irish Catholic*, 1912–4;1933–85

1.6.2.1. Drafts of articles

P145/107 Not dated

2pp

Draft of an article to be published in the Pioneer Column in the *Irish Catholic* concerning drink and shyness. Annotated.

1.6.2.2 Pioneer column

1912–14; 1933–85

24 volumes (c900pp)

Scrapbooks containing copies of the 'Pioneer Column' published in the *Irish Catholic*. The column was first published in 1912 and became one of the longest running regular columns in Irish newspaper history. The column was used to write about temperance issues, reports from centres, Pioneer activities including meetings, rallies, pilgrimages and in general to promote the PTAA.

- P145/108** 10 February 1912–2 May 1914
98pp
Includes an index.
- P145/109** 7 January 1933–29 December 1934
106pp
- P145/110** 5 January 1935–29 August 1936
110pp
- P145/111** 5 September 1936–30 December 1937
106pp
- P145/112** 20 January 1938–29 December 1939
104pp
- P145/113** 4 January 1940–28 December 1944
91pp

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P145/114 4 January 1945–22 December 1947
63pp

P145/115 1 January 1948–13 October 1949
47pp

P145/116 10 October 1949–12 February 1953
60pp

P145/117 19 February 1953–12 July 1956
40pp

P145/118 19 July 1956–1 August 1957
38pp

P145/119 16 August 1957–21 April 1960
48pp

P145/120 28 April 1960–3 January 1963
46pp

P145/121 10 January 1963–26 March 1964
37pp

P145/122 2 April 1964–26 August 1965
37pp

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- P145/123** 2 September 1965–13 April 1967
36pp
- P145/124** 2 January 1969–5 June 1969
23pp
- P145/125** 3 July 1969–15 April 1971
33pp
- P145/126** 6 May 1971–14 June 1973
43pp
- P145/127** 5 July 1973–6 November 1975
48pp
- P145/128** 13 November 1975–30 December 1976
29pp
- P145/129** 6 January 1977–26 July 1979
30pp
- P145/130** 2 August 1979–18 February 1982
33pp
- P145/131** 13 May 1982–5 September 1985
33pp

1.6.3 Pioneer Page, *Province News*, 1926–61

P145/132 March 1926–January 1961

c100pp

Copies of the *Province News*, an internal periodical for Jesuits containing details of the PTAA including recent events, gatherings, rallies, the growth of the association, membership, circulation of *The Pioneer* magazine.

1.6.4 *The Pioneer*, 1948–96

January 1948–December 1996

49 volumes

Series of bound issues of *The Pioneer*, the official organ of the association. Its aim was to communicate the traditional message of the association but in a contemporary format. The magazine also published articles on temperance issues highlighting the social and economic consequences caused by excessive drinking as well as highlighting events and social gatherings organised by the association and the centres throughout the country.

P145/133 January–December 1948

244pp

Vol. I Nos. 1–12

Includes:

- Introductory article outlining the aims and objectives of the magazine and recalling the words of the founder Fr James Cullen SJ. Remarks 'It is with high hopes then that we begin, confident that this paper will prosper and succeed. The purpose of the magazine will be to strengthen the loyalty of our members to the Cause, by giving them a deeper understanding of their motives and a fuller appreciation of their ideals. It will serve too to strengthen the links between the Central Council and its branches and will promote a greater interest in the movement amongst the members throughout the country. It will, we hope, win sympathy and understanding for our cause from those who

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P145/133 are not members ... there are many who sadly
contd misunderstand its purpose ... we hope it will show that
 Pioneers are neither Pussyfoots nor Manichaens ...'
 (January 1948, Vol. 1, No. 1 pp 1-2).

P145/134 January–December 1949

 323pp

 Vol. II Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.

P145/135 January–December 1950

 296pp

 Vol. III Nos. 1–12

P145/136 January–December 1951

 256pp

 Vol. IV Nos. 1–12

P145/137 January–December 1952

 264pp

 Vol. V Nos. 1–12

P145/138 January–December 1953

 260pp

 Vol. VI Nos. 1–12

P145/139 January–December 1954

 300pp

 Vol. VII Nos. 1–12

- P145/140** January–December 1955
344pp
Vol. VIII Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.
- P145/141** January–December 1956
340pp
Vol. IX Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.
- P145/142** January–December 1957
340pp
Vol. X Nos. 1–12
- P145/143** January–December 1958
344pp
Vol. XI Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.
- P145/144** January–December 1959
360pp
Vol. XII Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.
- P145/145** January–December 1960
384pp
Vol. XIII Nos. 1–12. (Incorrectly dated January 1959 on first issue).
- P145/146** January–December 1961
392pp
Vol. XIV Nos. 1–12. Includes index.

- P145/147** January–December 1962
388pp
Vol. XV Nos. 1–12
- P145/148** January–December 1963
404pp
Vol XVI Nos. 1–12. Includes index.
- P145/149** January–December 1964
428pp
Vols. XVII–XVIII Nos. 1–12. Includes index.
- P145/150** January–December 1965
454pp
Vol. XIX Nos. 1–11. Two issues, October and November are numbered 11. In total there are twelve issues. The volume number on the spine (18) is incorrect. Includes an index.
- P145/151** January–December 1966
436pp
Vols. XX–XXI. Nos. 1–12. The volume number on the spine (19) is incorrect. Includes an index.
- P145/152** January–December 1967
448pp
Vols. XXII. Nos. 1–12. The volume number on the spine (20) is incorrect.

- P145/153** January–December 1968
420pp
Vol. XXIII. Nos. 1–12. The volume number on the spine (21) is incorrect. Includes an index.
- P145/154** January–December 1969
420pp
Vol. XXIV. Nos. 1–12.
- P145/155** January–December 1970
408pp
Vols. XXV–XXVI. Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.
- P145/156** January–December 1971
352pp
Vols. XXVII. Nos. 1–12
- P145/157** January–December 1972
352pp
Vol. XXVIII. Nos. 1–12. Includes an index.
- P145/158** January–December 1973
352pp
Vol. XXIX. Nos. 1–12.
- P145/159** January–December 1974
352pp
Vol. XXX. Nos. 1–12

- P145/160** January–December 1975
348pp
Vol. XXXI. Nos. 1–10
- P145/161** January–December 1976
340pp
Vol. XXXII. Nos. 1–12
- P145/162** January–December 1977
336pp
Vol. XXXIII. Nos 1–12
- P145/163** January–December 1978
341pp
Vol. XXXIV. Nos. 1–12. The volume numbers become inconsistent at this stage. From January to April the volume number is recorded as XXXIV. May is recorded as volume XXXV. From June to November the volume number is recorded as XXXVI. In December the volume number is recorded as XXX. The following year, 1979 starts with volume XXXII.
- P145/164** January–December 1979
310pp
Vol. XXXII. Nos. 1–10
- P145/165** January–December 1980
342pp
Vol. XXXIII. Nos. 1–11

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P145/166 January–December 1981

339pp

Vol. XXXIV. Nos. 1–11

P145/167 January–December 1982

338pp

Vol. XXXV. Nos. 1–11

P145/168 January–December 1983

340pp

Vol. XXXVI. Nos. 1–11

P145/169 January–December 1984

341pp

Vol. XXXVII. Nos 1–11

P145/170 January–December 1985

341pp

Vol. XXXVIII. Nos. 1–11

P145/171 January–December 1986

341pp

Vol. XXXIX. Nos. 1–11.

P145/172 January–December 1987

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Vol. XL. Nos. 1–11.

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P145/173 January-December 1988

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Vol. XLI. Nos. 1-11

P145/174 January-December 1989

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Vol. XLII. Nos. 1-11.

P145/175 January-December 1990

337pp

Vol. XLIII. Nos. 1-11

P145/176 January-December 1991

339pp

Vol. XLIV. Nos. 1-11

P145/177 January-December 1992

339pp

Vol. XLV. Nos. 1-11

P145/178 January-December 1993

339pp

Vol. XLV. Nos. 1-11

P145/179 January-December 1994

340pp

Vol. XLVI. Nos. 1-11

P145/180 January–December 1995

338pp

Vol. XLVII. Nos. 1–11

P145/181 January–December 1996

336pp

Vol. XLVIII. Nos. 1–11

2 Fr Matthew Total Abstinence Association, 1839–1978

P145/182 1839–1914

11 items

Fr Matthew Total Abstinence Association

Membership and promoter's cards, aims and constitution of the association, price list for badges and certificates.

Includes:

- Pledge card signed by Fr Matthew (11 December 1839, 1 item).
- Annual report and statement of accounts (1914, 46pp).

P145/183 1902–38; 1977–8

3 items

Copies of the annual reports of the Father Matthew Union. The Society was founded in October 1901 for the purpose of '... spreading the principle of Total Abstinence among the people.' Membership was open to priests only who were total abstainers. The reports record the list of officers, members, rules, statement of accounts and other matters relating to the work of the Society.

P145/184 25 October 1953–27 June 1956

65 items

Father Matthew Centenary—Organisation

Notes, posters, maps, lists, correspondence, programme concerning the planning and organisation including the route of the procession, assembly points, marshalling, admission tickets, mass, bands, transport, catering of the Father Matthew Centenary held in Cork on 24 June 1956.

Includes:

- Letter from T.A. Coffey, South Presbytery, Cork to Fr McCarron concerning the organisational details he has agreed with the Bishop of Cork, Conelius Lucey, including the date and location of the celebrations and the request by the Bishop of Cork that the Provincial of the Capuchin Fathers or his nominee give the address at the rally. Remarks that the GAA should be contacted immediately to ensure that the date of the rally does not clash with any GAA fixtures (13 September 1955, 3pp).
- Letter from T.A. Coffey, South Presbytery, Cork to Fr McCarron confirming that the organisation of the centenary rally is progressing well. Remarks however, that the organisation of the Cork Pioneers is causing some difficulty and that he is anxious that they apply through the proper channels to avoid total confusion (19 March 1956).
- Letter from Bishop Lucey, Bishop's House, Cork to Fr McCarron concerning arrangements to invite the Papal Nuncio to the Father Matthew Centenary (24 April 1956).
- Letter from Rev J Lynham Cairns, Council of the Methodist Church in Ireland on Social Welfare enclosing the wording of a resolution passed by the Council expressing their support for the Father Matthew Centenary celebrations (20 June 1956, 2pp).

P145/185 December 1955–21 June 1956

24pp

Father Matthew Centenary—Circulars

Circulars concerning the organisation of the Father Matthew Centenary including, distribution of tickets, numbers attending, transportation, marshalling and stewarding, route of procession, catering, assembly points.

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Father Matthew Centenary—Administration

Completed forms circulated by the Father Matthew Centenary Committee, Pioneer Central Offices, 27 Upper Sherrard Street, Dublin to Pioneer centres throughout the country asking them to indicate the level of interest in the forthcoming celebration of the Father Matthew Centenary, the numbers likely to attend, how members intend to travel to the event, in particular those depending on public transportation.

P145/187 12 December 1955–21 June 1956

c600pp

Father Matthew Centenary—Correspondence

Extensive file of letters from Pioneer centres to the PTAA Centenary Committee regarding numbers intending to travel to Cork, centres that cannot send any representatives and requests for admission tickets. Many of the letters concern queries about transportation to and from the venue.

P145/188 26 May–24 June 1956

c380pp

Father Matthew Centenary—Transport

Lists, correspondence, newspaper cuttings, train schedule relating to the various Pioneer centres throughout Ireland intending to travel to Cork.

Includes:

- Bound volumes recording the numbers expected to travel from each Pioneer centre to the Father Matthew Centenary celebrations in Cork, how members intend to travel, either by bus, train or private car, the nearest railway station and money received for tickets required. The number and name of each centre is also noted (not dated, 2 volumes c280pp).

P145/189 1 May–9 June 1956

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Father Matthew Centenary—Hierarchy

Invitations issued by the PTAA to the Bishops to attend the Father Matthew Centenary celebrations in Mardyke, Cork on 24 June 1956 and replies from the Bishops indicating their

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contd intention to attend or declining the invitation due to previous engagements.

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5 items

Father Matthew Centenary—Media

Newspaper cuttings reporting on the success of the Father Matthew Centenary celebrations organised by the PTAA and held in the Mardyke Sports Grounds, Cork.

3 Other Temperance Societies, 1876–1967

P145/191 30 September 1876–23 March 1936;1967

22pp

Temperance

Dissociated notes concerning historical references to temperance.

Includes:

- Note concerning the earliest reference to whiskey found in the Irish Annals, AD 1405 (not dated, 1p).
- Letter from Fr John MacErlean, Milltown Park, Dublin to Fr Flynn concerning the first instance of the pledge in Ireland. Remarks ‘... I looked up the Annual Letters of 1611 and found my memory had failed me, when I spoke of that *‘iuramentum contra merum’* as the first instance of the pledge in Ireland. The oath regarded the past not the future and so was not what we call a pledge ... The vice was attacked by our Fathers in all their missions, but I find no mention of a society or organisation to combat it. The times were at any rate unfavourable to the establishment of any such society’ (21 May 1929, 1p).
- Offprint of an article entitled ‘Europe’s First Total Abstinence Society’ by Rev James Coombes. Published in the *Journal of the Cork Historical and Archaeological Society*. Vol. LXXII (1967, 6pp).

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Temperance Literature—Ireland

Membership cards, pledge cards, leaflets, notices, handbooks, songs, recitations, catechism relating to the following temperance societies in Ireland:

- League of the Cross
- St Joseph's Temperance Hall, Longford
- St Patrick's Juvenile Temperance Society
- St Patrick's Anti-Treating League
- Juvenile Temperance Sodality, St Laurence O'Toole's, Seville Place
- Tullow Junior Temperance Society
- Society of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in honour of the Sacred Thirst and Agony of Jesus
- St Michael's Temperance Society
- Irish Temperance Union
- Temperance Sodality Harold's Cross
- Catholic Association of Total Abstinence
- Rostrevor Father Matthew Total Abstinence Society
- The Irish National Temperance Executive
- Confraternity of the Sacred Thirst and Agony of Jesus and of the Dolours of Mary to Repress Intemperance
- The Ladies Visiting Temperance Society
- Total Abstinence Association St Patrick's College Maynooth
- Dundalk St Brigid's Total Abstinence Sodality for Women
- Dundalk St Patrick's Catholic Total Abstinence Society
- National Catholic Total Abstinence Congress
- Irish Temperance Alliance

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14 items

Temperance Literature—UK, Europe, North America, India

- Membership cards, leaflets, notices, handbooks, annual report relating to the following temperance societies:
- Anglo-Indian Temperance Association
- Ligue Catholique Suisse d'Abstinence
- St Anne's Temperance Society, Jamnagar, Kathiawar, India
- The Hibernian Total Abstinence Association No. 1, Boston Massachusetts, USA
- Band of Hope, London, UK
- International Temperance Association, Washington DC, USA