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No Froth on the Tea At Dublin's First Birthday

From Dublin, Ireland

A dinner was held at the Country Shop, November 27, when 33 members, their wives and friends got together. Many of us looked around furtively to see if anyone had noticed our pouring water into our glasses and one or two absentmindedly attempted to blow the froth off the tea. But a real happy evening, which spun out far later than we had realized, was spent by us all. We led off with a cable from C. and a special message written to our own group by Bill. These had a grand reception. Then our founder spoke of A.A. and in particular of the invaluable advice, aid, information and practical assistance received from The Foundation so far away, yet so closely in touch.

Our doctor advanced the proposition that alcoholism is not heredity from a family sense but it is from a racial point of view. He said Poles and Irish were the two people most addicted to alcoholism.

A musical performance finished with Auld Lang Syne, and the party reluctantly dispersed.

The keynote of the party was the surprisingly happy atmosphere - and the "we must have more of this" attitude. Our thanks to A.A. for giving 33 men and women an opportunity of having their return to society and for recovery itself.

It wasn't a large number judged by American parties, yet we all felt that behind those 33 of us hovered the spirit of happiness engendered by all the 50,000 in A.A.

A happy Christmas and New Year - and may we have the pleasure of seeing a lot of you in Dublin in 1948. - *S.M.*