



## IRELAND

I TRAVELLED over twelve hundred miles in Ireland on your behalf, and every turn of the road revealed fresh interest. To those contemplating a motoring holiday in Erin—the old sweet-sounding name for this Emerald Isle—my advice is to see as much of her as possible on both sides of the border. Regard her as an entity, steer clear of political and religious discussions, and whether you intend to travel by air or sea, make your reservations well in advance.

There are various ports of entry. For myself, I prefer to take the day route from Holyhead to Dun Laoghaire, sending my car by cargo boat to North Wall, Dublin.

Even if I were deprived of the gift of sight I should know I was in Dublin, on hearing the plaintive cry of sea gulls, the deep-throated thrush, and the chattering of a thousand other birds. There would be the sweet scent of burning peat, the unmistakable call of news boys, and many soft Irish brogues, for all roads lead to and from Dublin.

## Ardmore, Co. Waterford—Cliff House Hotel

Tel. 4

This holiday hotel is certainly well named, for it is perched on the cliff-side, facing the bay, and affords one of the finest panoramic views of coastline in Ireland.

Even though the telephone system over there is exasperatingly slow at times, good news travels fast, and a number of people, as far away as England, told me that during my visit to Ireland I must be sure not to miss Cliff House Hotel, which is most competently run by Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Nugent. Indeed, I was well rewarded for the detour I made between Yougal and Dungarvan, to reach the hamlet of Ardmore. From the helpful receptionist, I learnt how in the past fifteen years this hotel has grown from a small dwelling house to one with 22 bedrooms, and that not a year goes by without some addition or improvement being made.

It is essentially a family hotel, and I noted the healthy tan of the children staying there, who have, as their playground, a two-mile stretch of silvery sands within easy walking distance. For others there are also facilities for tennis and boating nearby. Whilst conversing with those of a more leisured age, I was told of the comfortable beds, the health-giving air, the bountiful fare, and the friendly environment.

So all who dream of a holiday spent at a sea-cum-country hotel in this invigorating part of Ireland have no need to hesitate,

for Mr. and Mrs. Nugent will be happy to welcome them at Cliff House. Fully licensed. Terms 9 gns. per week. B. & B. 21/-. Meals: L. 6/-. Tea 6/6. Bedrooms: 9 d., 13 s. (5 on ground floor). Closed from October to Easter.