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Douglas Hyde Literary Award For Irish Journalist

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THE trustees of Ciste an'Chraoibhin (An Aobhinn) (Douglas Hyde Literary Fund) have decided to make the award for the year 1938 to Tomas Balread for his work, "An Geall a Briseadh," issued by the Publications Branch of the Department of Education.

Tomas Balread was born in Moycullen in Iar-Connacht, the birthplace of another well-known writer, Ruaidhrí Ó Flathbheartaigh, author of "Iar-Chonnacht" and other works.

He is a Journalist attached to the reporting staff of Independent Newspapers.

"An Geall a Briseadh" is a collection of short stories and sketches dealing mainly with scenes and events familiar to the writer in his native countryside. These are related in Irish of the purest quality as spoken in Connemara.

PREVIOUS DISTINCTION

It is interesting to note that a previous work of a somewhat similar nature by the same writer entitled "Cumbacht na Cinneamhna" was granted the O'Growney Award by the Irish Academy of Letters in 1937.

Ciste an'Chraoibhin is a permanent record of the esteem in which the name of Dr. Douglas Hyde, President of Ireland, is held by those who appreciate his noble labours as pioneer of the Irish language movement. From this fund from time to time a valuable monetary award is made to the author of the best

original work in Irish published during the previous year.

The trustees of the Fund are Prof. Una Ní Fhaircheallaigh, M.A.; Prof. Tadhg Ó Donnchadha, D.Litt.; Cork; An tAthair Eoin Ua Ráin, S.J.; Sean Mac Giollarnath, D.J., and Earnan de Stunta (An Buachallín Buidhe), the latter acting as hon. secretary to the trustees.



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