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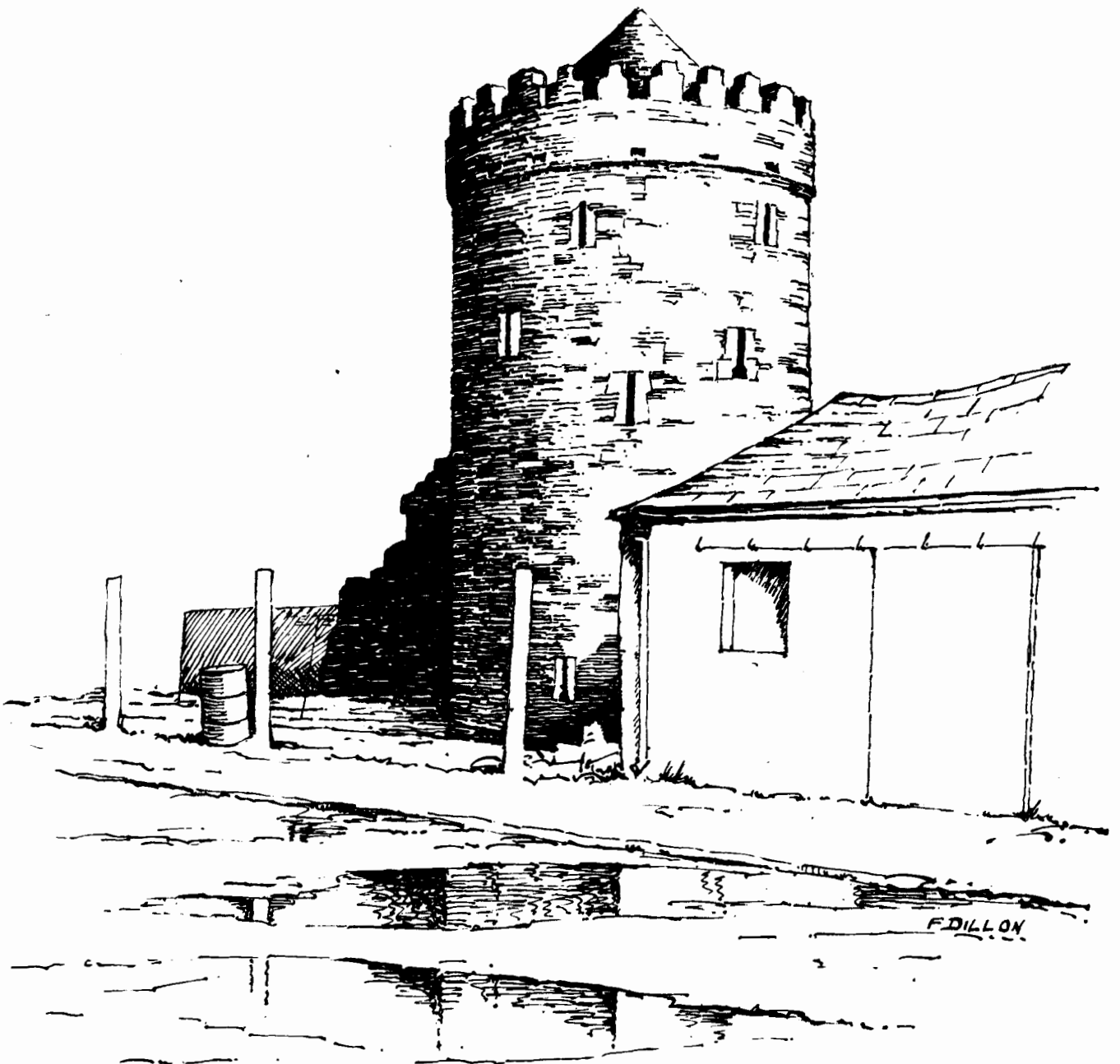
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FRONT COVER :

Our cover illustration shows the 14th century tower at Manor Street, Waterford. Known as a Watch Tower it formed part of the South Western defences of the city. The conical roof is part of a current restoration of the building which is an item in Waterford Corporation's ongoing conservation policy.

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We wish to express our sincere thanks to Waterford Corporation and to Waterford Regional Technical College for their valued assistance in the production of this issue.

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E D I T O R I A L

As this is the last issue of DECIES for 1989, albeit somewhat behind time, we must take the opportunity of thanking all those without whose help and co-operation the journal could not be produced.

Foremost among them are our contributors whose only reward is the satisfaction of seeing their work in print and sharing their knowledge with a wide readership. Some of these are distinguished academics whose work we are privileged to publish. While this is of a very high standard, nevertheless it does not overshadow the contributions of some of our own members and other people whose motivation is simply their interest in and love for their chosen subject. Because of the maintenance of these high standards the reputation of DECIES stands high and we hope that the flow of high quality articles will continue. Many of our members must have material in their possession which deserves to be recorded in a permanent form and, as we have said before, to these our pages are always open.

We in the Editorial Committee would also like to thank the officers and members of the Old Waterford Society for their encouragement and support which has always been forthcoming.

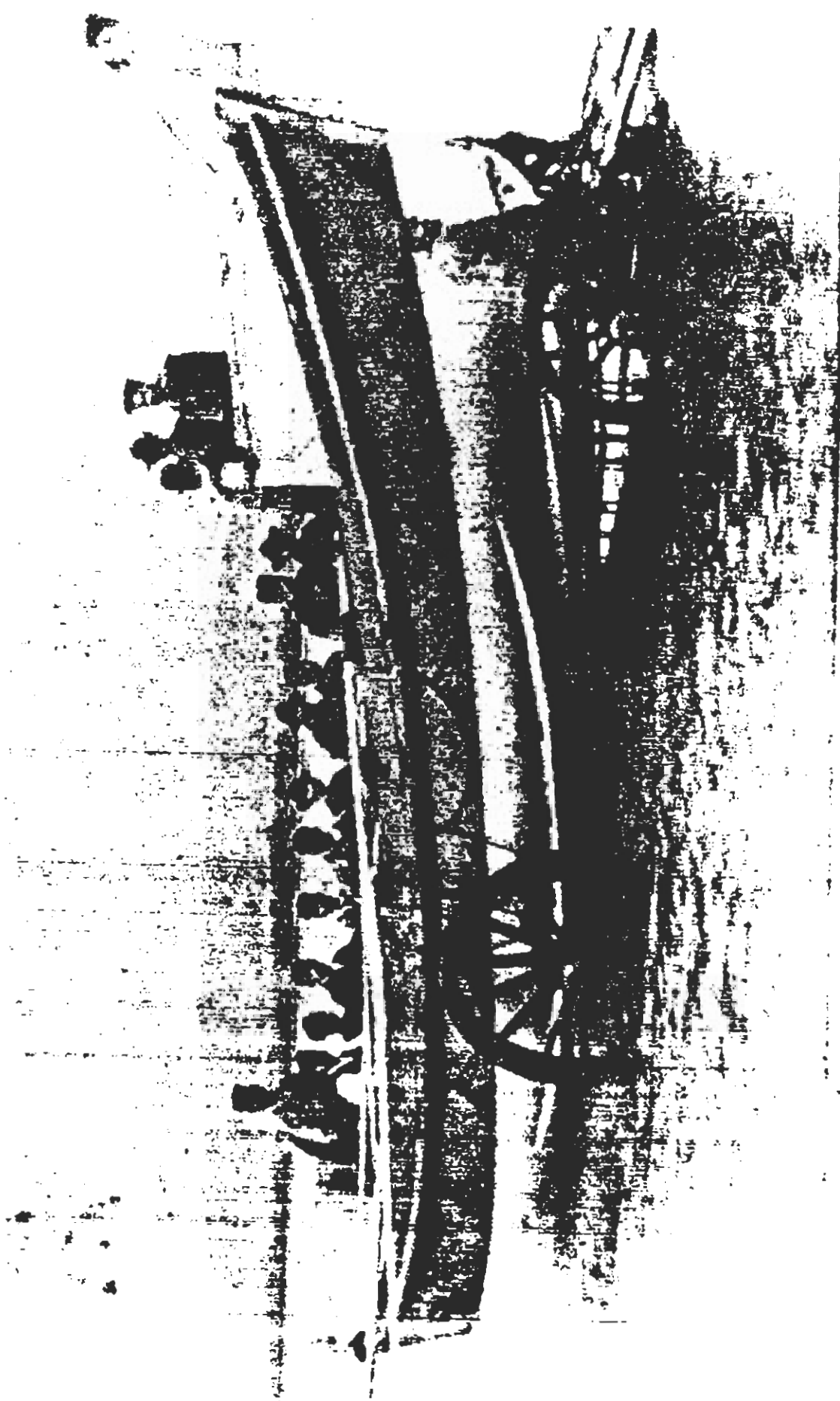
A special word of thanks must go to Mrs. Eileen Johnston and to Miss Jenny Larkin for the high standard of their work, and, not least, for their almost limitless patience.

We also wish to record our gratitude to the Principal and Staff of Waterford Regional Technical College for their unfailing help and co-operation.

Finally, to all our readers for their continued support and interest and for their patience with late-appearing issues, we extend our sincere thanks.

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As we were going to press with this issue we learned with great regret of the death of Hugh Ryan, of Mothel and Carrick-on-Suir. The last instalment of his article on Gravestone Inscriptions at Mothel appears in this issue and an appreciation by his colleague and collaborator, Michael Coady, is on Page 37.



DUNBARVAN Lifeboat 1896 - with Volunteer Crew.

