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The Yeoman of The Guard ... It happened in 1944 ...

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TO-NIGHT AND ALL THE WEEK—
The Pupils of the Christian Brothers Schools Present
THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD
(By Permission of R. D'Oyly Carte)
FULL SCORE & ORCHESTRA. CHORUS OF 120 VOICES.
ADMISSION: BALCONY, 2/6; FRONT PARTERRE, 2/-; BACK PARTERRE, 1/5; GALLERY, 9d.
Book Early and Avoid Disappointment. Nightly at 7.45. Doors, 7.15
Matinee, Saturday, 26th Jan., at 2 p.m. In Aid of Brother Rice Memorial Fund
BOOKING AT 114, O'CONNELL STREET
COMING JANUARY 22nd—GOING MY WAY, with BING CROSBY

LYRIC LYRIC
CONTINUOUS 2.30 to 11pm PHONE 511.



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 "The major issue is too great. I am no student of economics or social welfare to lecture on the crime of cruelty to children, but in the name of humanity I hope that those responsible for these atrocities would stop for a moment and ask themselves: Would I send my own child out in this manner?"

