

One Waterford Stone

I have watched for 156 years

I have felt the wind and the rain and the storms

I have watched the trees grow and felt the pleasant sun

I have lain quietly for 156 years

I have seen the students and the teachers come and go

I have seen the starts and the ends

I have not seen what lies within

It is a long way from my first home in Waterford

It is an ocean away

It was a long time ago

It was before Marconi, before Canada

I understand much but I never speak

I have been bought and sold

I was meant for a prison wall

Instead I am a prisoner in a school wall

I have set thousands of students free

I have been a prisoner for 156 years.

Brother J.B. Darcy in his "Saga of St. Bon's College", [Noble to our View](#), (Creative Publishers : 2007) page 14 states the granite was from Galway yet other authorities hold the granite from Waterford. All authorities agree it was for Her Majesty's Prison. The downsizing of which resulted in an auction of the granite stones. Bishop Mullock purchased them and used them to build a monastery which is now part of St. Bonaventure's College.