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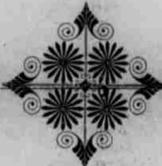
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NATIONAL MEETING.

The Largest Ever Held in East Cork Addressed by the Mayor.

One of the largest and most representative National meetings ever held in East Cork was witnessed last Sunday in Middleton, the object of the demonstration being to celebrate in a befitting manner the revered memories of the men of '98 and '07. Deputations with bands and banners attended from Cork, Youghal, Gattvooe, Carrigtwohill and other centers in East Cork, the Cork National Foresters, in full regalia, being conspicuously represented. Mr. Martin J. Riordan, chairman, was moved to the chair, and among those present were the Mayor of Cork, Mr. F. H. Meade, Messrs. R. Cronin, J. C. Roynane, P. Corcoran, Capt. Collins, Cork; J. Sheehan, T. C. Donovan, P. Lynch, J. Carroll, C. O'Sullivan, C. J. Doran, Queens-town.

On the proposition of Mr. Buckley, seconded by Mr. J. C. Power, resolutions calling on the Government for the amnesty of the political prisoners and asking the people of America to discountenance and subvert the designs of Englishmen for an alliance with the United States were unanimously adopted.

Capt. Donelan and other speakers having supported the resolutions, the Mayor of Cork, who was received with cheers, heartily thanked the people for the warm reception they had accorded him that day, and said the men of Middleton had always been in the van of every movement for the advancement of Irish nationality, and had given martyrs and heroes to the Irish cause. A hundred years ago many a brave and gallant Irishman cheerfully sacrificed his life with the aim and object of emancipating his country, and although the patriots of that day were unsuccessful, and although their efforts had been quenched in blood, still they had not died in vain. They fought for Irish homes and free altars, and the reforms which the Irishmen of the present day were enjoying were the outcome of their patriotic labors. They might be accused over and over again by their bitterest enemies, and be told that they had many faults, but they could never accuse them of ingratitude or forgetfulness towards the men who had dared and suffered for the old land. The Mayor next dealt vigorously with the question of amnesty, and called upon his hearers to continue agitating on this question

until their incarcerated brethren breathed once more the air of freedom.

Mr. C. J. Doran, Queenstown, R. Cronin, T. C., Cork; J. Ronague, T. C., and other speakers next addressed the meeting.

HOME RULE FUND.

The appeal signed by the Lord Mayor as chairman, which is made to the Independent Nationalists to support the Home Rule Fund is one which does not need any words to commend it to any right-thinking Irishman, says a writer in the Dublin Herald. No party can carry on a political battle without the sinews of war, and there is no party, English or Irish, that better deserves to be supported than the Independent Parliamentary party. They have, in the face of tremendous odds, stood by the policy bequeathed to them by the dead chief, with the result that it is today admitted, even by their opponents, that it is only by that policy anything can be achieved for Ireland. As in the past so in the future they will, without faltering, continue the battle for Independent National principles, and it would be as unwise as ungrateful if those who profess themselves Independent Nationalists, by withholding the necessary means, rendered it impossible for them to fight with effect.

LORD CREWE ON HOME RULE.

Addressing a Liberal meeting at Crewe, Lord Crewe said his devotion to home rule was as strong as ever. Nothing had occurred to cause him to waver in his conviction that it would be a safe and reasonable measure to grant Ireland a Parliament to control her own affairs. He had seen nothing in the country nor in his experience of Ireland to cause him to alter his opinion. On the contrary, the knowledge he had acquired had confirmed and strengthened his opinion, and therefore he was a good home ruler at the present moment, and he thought a home rule bill would be passed, perhaps at no very distant date. He was very anxious that the Liberal party should come to an understanding with the Irish members and be given a perfectly free hand until such time as they could see their way to carry a home rule bill into a home rule act.

Val Lester, of Fifth and Green, maintained his reputation for liberality and hospitality. He set a most excellent dinner for his many friends, presenting each an acceptable souvenir to be opened at home.

Mike Hickey, of the Paradise, presented to each of his friends on Christmas a souvenir pocketbook.

IRELAND'S.

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tion needs no appeal to tottering monarchies and should seek no alliance with royal thrones.

We are made enthusiastic from time to time with the cry of humanity. Greece passed to freedom through that cry. Hungary received its Parliament and equal rights. Crete was saved from the heel of the Turk. Cuba cried for aid, and President McKinley, in his message last April, said we were to enter upon a war for humanity's sake. If it be the hour for the righting of wrongs, if it be the day for humanity, then what about this grand old land which has suffered during these centuries? If humanity be evoked, where will its cries be found to be fiercer and longer continued? If gratitude for all that that people have done for religion, education, liberty, then, by all the titles that men value, Ireland should be free. No alliance that will endanger her national hopes, no alliance that will not consider her claim to justice, can be considered by her children in America.

As citizens of this great Republic our duty is clear. We have a magnificent inheritance, and we must transmit it intact to those who succeed us. As children of the Gael we have a record to be proud of. Preserve them and interweave them with your American life. Faith in God and love for Mother Church, devotion to education, ambition to develop the splendid old language of the Gael, manly, conscientious loyalty to America, readiness to defend all her interests, honest, upright, pure lives, all these express our duty to the best Republic the world has ever known. True to America and true to Erin, we shall become worthy to become associated with the men and women who are the honor and glory of mankind.

IRISH UNITY.

There is no use in mincing words on the matter of the political dissensions among the Irish leaders. All thoughtful Irishmen, all the American friends of Ireland, all men of Irish blood in England and its colonies, are heartily ashamed of the absurd attempts of certain prominent Irishmen to justify the continuance of divided councils, says a writer in the Pilot.

The resolution formulated at a recent meeting of the Limerick Board of Guardians: "That we now respectfully call on all the Nationalist members of Parliament to arrange a friendly conference with a view to their union in one party," has received the indorsement of Mr.

John Dillon, M. P., chairman of the Irish Parliamentary party, and of the majority of the Nationalists of the country.

Yet eminently simple and reasonable as its proposals are, Mr. Redmond refuses them, and Mr. Healy evades them.

Mr. Redmond, as leader of the Parnellites, will not consider a conference with Mr. Dillon and a representation of his adherents unless Mr. Healy is recognized as the leader of a third party and invited to come in that character with his backers. This has been suggested in an alternative proposal by Mr. Patrick White. Mr. Redmond, addressing the Redmond League on December 6, in Dublin, claimed that Mr. Healy "has a separate organization, a separate campaign fund and a newspaper, which is used not so much against us as against Mr. Dillon."

Mr. Healy, on the contrary, has always repudiated the charge of being the leader of a separate party; but he certainly gives no sign of willingness to attend the proposed conference as an adherent of Mr. Dillon.

Mr. Dillon, in a letter published in the Dublin Freeman, declares that he never authorized Mr. Patrick White to submit an alternative proposal to Mr. Redmond or anyone else. He says:

"I should like to know on what ground Mr. White made this statement to Mr. Redmond. I never held any communication with Mr. White in reference to his proposal. It did not come before me clothed with any authority which would, in my judgment, have justified me in treating it as serious. Nor was I even aware that Mr. White was acting for Mr. Redmond in the matter."

"It is not true to state that I object or have objected to Mr. Healy being represented at any conference that might be held. But I have not gathered from any of the correspondence, or of the statements which have been published, that Mr. Healy claims or desires to be represented as the leader of a separate party."

It is much though, under all the circumstances, to have Mr. Redmond express a hearty desire for reunion and admit that many of the alleged causes of dissension no longer exist. He claims that the Nationalists have come over to the Parnellite policy of reunion on the basis of Irish independence of all English political parties. He forgets that the Irish Race convention of September, 1896, asserted the duty of the Irish party to maintain its independence of all English political parties.

No lover of Ireland, however, will quarrel with Mr. Redmond for viscerating as he sees fit the last policy of a party, if only it does not go further or stake to the ruin of all parties.

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Anything to eliminate from political controversies in Ireland the incredible foolishness of such expressions as this, as excuses for continued difference: "But when the majority is wrong!" "Why don't they accept our platform, based on the only true principles?" This latter from a representative of a small minority.

The power of perpetuating a free government inheres in the ability of parties and people to abide by majority decisions. Every Irishman who shows himself unable or unwilling to accept this truth injures as far as he can the cause of Irish home rule.

We believe that the bulk of the Irish people do grasp the great principles of free government, and that the general indorsement of the Limerick resolution means that the party leaders who will not fall into line with the people's wish will be repudiated by the people.

HE WAS AN APT PUPIL.

Old Salesman—Just watch me wait on this lady and you'll get an idea of how it is done. Is there anything I can do for you today, madam?

Lady—Have you any tinned peas?

Old Salesman—Certainly, madam (taking down a tin), and they have the flavor and freshness of the pea from the vine.

Lady—I will take three tins.

Old Salesman—You see how it's done; now, here comes a lady and I'll let you wait on her.

Lady—Have you any pickled pigs' feet?

New Salesman—Certainly, madam (taking down a tin), and they have the flavor and freshness of the pig right from the pen.

BELIEVED IN ADVERTISING.

A sensible husband said to his wife: "Susie, don't spend a cent with merchants who don't advertise in papers."

The wife, who was a business woman, replied: "You old goose, I learned better long ago than to go where I was not invited. You would be an old bachelor now if you had not invited me to be your wife. Catch me going to a store without an invitation. I guess not."

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