

State in the Union, or each Province in the Dominion possesses, is similar in principle, but though the same in kind is distinctively different in the powers it confers and their limitations. Dominion Home Rule without the binding tie of sentiment would mean separation and independence, and in the evident absence of that tie Great Britain finds herself unable to concede to Ireland such Home Rule as she has freely granted to the Dominions, just as the United States found itself unable to concede separation and independence to the seceding Southern States. They, however, still retain the Home Rule in each individual State that they have always possessed. Great Britain has conceded Provincial Home Rule to Ireland. A Home Rule Bill has been passed and is on the Statute Books, but has been suspended during the war, because it was found that any attempt to enforce it would be met with armed resistance in Ulster, which the army could evidently not be relied upon to suppress, and that sympathy with the Province of Ulster would lead to disastrous division in England if Civil war broke out in Ireland. Ulster is a Province, containing nine Counties, and would have as good a case for Home Rule in an