

amongst Irishmen themselves. If they were united in national brotherhood as they should be, and recognized that any differences of race or creed are as dust in the balance against common nationality in its widest sense, I would at once say for them too, one man, one vote, and equal electoral districts. The constitution of the United States is certainly democratic, yet in several of the Southern States the minority rules for good and sufficient reason, forming a notable and justifiable exception from a great and accepted principle.

Now, let no one misunderstand me. Unionist ascendancy is as indefensible and objectionable as Nationalist domination, in my opinion, and I trust no one will for a moment suppose I am comparing Irishmen with Jews, or any portion of them to such majorities in the Southern States as include all who have the most remote trace of negro blood, or accusing anyone of hardness of heart. Nothing is further from my intention. I know Ireland and Irishmen too well for that, but it is sorrowfully true that nothing now stands in the way of Home Rule for a United Ireland, but division amongst Irishmen themselves, and just as the Jews paid the penalty of hardness of heart in receiving a law of