

payers elected one member in each constituency, and the other were elected by the remaining voters under manhood suffrage, all interests would be protected and fair representation given. No other property franchise would have the same results, for very evident reasons.

An association, including Professor J. P. Mahaffy, Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, and other influential men, was formed some years ago to prevent the proposed division of Ireland or of Ulster by conceding Home Rule to the Nationalists on condition that the Protestants should be allowed a larger representation than their number entitled them to, so reducing the Nationalist majority though without disposing of it. The same idea has recently been put forward in the Sunday Times by Lord MacDonnell of Swinford. It did not when first put forward meet with the approval or acceptance of the Unionists nor is it likely to do so now, as they refused and still refuse, to consider any arrangement that would put them in either an initial or permanent minority, arguing that a minority is a minority, whether small or great, and that as a minority they would be under the heel of the Nationalists, as they certainly would be under