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## Home Rule--The Question of Questions.

(Irish World.)

The main object--the only object--of the forthcoming convention of the United Irish League of America to be held in Buffalo on Sept. 27, 28 next, is of course, Home Rule for Ireland.

That is the question--the question of questions--for Ireland and the Irish party now, as it has been ever since the party was first formed. Then Home Rule was at the front, it has remained so all along, it is at the front still. It is the first subject at every Nationalist meeting of every kind--it is the beginning and ending of every Irish Nationalist demonstration--Ireland a self-governing nation, first, last and all the time.

This explains the action recently of the Irish Party in connection with the Budget and the House of Lords' Veto power. The Party supported the Budget mainly if not wholly because Home Rule for Ireland was concerned in the matter. The defeat of the Budget would be the defeat and throwing out of power of the Government, pledged to Home Rule and the putting in power of the Party pledged against Home Rule.

Therefore the Irish Party supported the Budget though it increased somewhat the taxation of Ireland, the increase, however, not being on the masses of the people but upon the landlord and wealthy element who are well able to pay and who have hitherto been allowed to escape paying their fair share. The Irish Party supported the Budget in the interests of Home Rule, with the view that, as Mr. William Redmond expressed it, the Party are not in the British Parliament to make the best money bargains they can with England for Ireland, but "to claim on behalf of the Irish people the restoration of the right to govern themselves and control their own money."

That is the sum and substance of the Irish Party policy on the budget question. With regard to the House of Lords' veto it directly concerns Home Rule, because it is the only obstacle in the way of Ireland obtaining Home Rule. But for the House of Lords Ireland would have had Home Rule long ago. There is no other obstacle or opposition anywhere to Ireland's national demand. All the civilized world outside the British Empire is on the side of Home Rule for Ireland except the House of Lords and the class it represents. We have on record and we have often cited the remarkable words of Mr. Gladstone as to the world's verdict on the Irish question for Ireland and against England. In one of his numerous Home Rule speeches the great statesman said:

"I must refer to another argument, which we, and perhaps I myself, have been specially in the habit of using. I think it is an argument of some weight and entitled to some consideration; and that is the argument derived from what I call the authority of the civilized world, as exhibited in its permanent literature. It has been my object, as far as I could pursue it, to ascertain what the sentiment of American and European literature is upon these subjects, and I have never yet found a single case in which a European writer, speaking from some point of view that gave him a title to consideration, had approved of the conduct of England to Ireland or had recognized it otherwise than as a great stain upon the honor of this country."

And in other and still stronger language "the old man eloquent" emphasized the same argument. "Go," he said, "into the length and breadth of the world, ransack the literature of all countries, and find if you can a single voice, a single book, in which the conduct of England towards Ireland is anywhere treated except with profound and bitter condemnation."

There was no Tory answer to this argument of the world on Ireland's side and against England. There was none because none could be given.

### Father Campbell Honored.

By direction from Rome of the Father General of the Order, the Rev. Thomas J. Campbell has assumed charge as Superior of the House of the Jesuits, 32 Washington Square, West, New York City, and editor in chief of America, the national Catholic weekly that is published there. He is a well known Jesuit writer, preacher, and educator. He is a native of New York city and a graduate of St. Francis Xavier's College.

Father Campbell took the usual preparatory courses of the Jesuit order and then finished his studies in Europe. Returning to the United States, he taught in the colleges of his order in New York city and was successively President at St. John's, Fordham and St. Francis Xavier. He was then appointed by the General to the office of Provincial of the New York-Maryland division of the order, which includes all the Eastern States. This post he held with signal success for two years.

After a brief time on the missions he became one of the editors of The Messenger, and then came to Canada, where he spent two years collecting material for a history of the pioneer Jesuit missionaries of North America. Two volumes of which have already been published. He has recently returned from this task, and his appointment from Rome as editor in chief of America

And of course in no part of the "outside world" was and is public sentiment so universal and so strong for Ireland as in the United States. Proof of this is hardly necessary, the fact is so well known to be as Mr. Hazleton, one of the Irish envoys recently to America, described it in a speech on his return home to Ireland:

"We found (said Mr. Hazleton) going all over the American Continent, that we had the support--moral and material--not only of our own race, but also the support, the unanimous support, I might say, of the great public opinion of America. At the various mass meetings we attended we had either the Governor of the State in which the meeting was held or the Mayor of the city presiding. We had Senators and Congressmen, representatives of the American National Parliament, speaking upon our platforms, and declaring that in this matter of the Irish question, not only our own race, but America itself, is heart and soul in sympathy with the claims of Ireland."

Within the British Empire, the House of Lords excepted, opinion and sentiment are just as universal and emphatic in favor of Ireland's claim. A few years ago the Australian Federal parliament adopted an address on the occasion to the King of England in which Ireland's case was thus stated and commended:

"The sad history of Ireland since the Act of Union shows that no British Parliament can understand or effectively deal with the economic and social conditions of that country. Enjoying, as we do, the blessing of Home Rule here (in Australia), we would humbly express the hope that a just measure of Home Rule may be granted to the people of Ireland. They ask for it through their representatives. Never has a request been more clear, consistent and continuous. As subjects of Your Majesty we are interested in the peace and contentment of the various parts of the Empire, and we desire to see this long-standing grievance at the very heart of the Empire removed."

Mr. John Redmond, in his speech quoting this remarkable declaration, referred also to the oft expressed Canadian sentiment in favor of Ireland's demand for the same right which every province of the Dominion as well as every one of the other British colonies possesses: "A similar declaration (said Mr. Redmond) came from all the Parliaments and the Dominion Parliament of Canada. It is only the other day that the Colonial Conference took place in London, and I and the Irish Party had the honor of entertaining all the Colonial Prime Ministers of the Empire. There they sat all round the board. On my right Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and on my left General Botha, and all round the board the representatives of every portion of the self-governed Empire of England, and every man declared that he was a Home Ruler."

The world, then, including practically the British Empire, is for Ireland in her great fight for freedom. Only the House of Lords--ever the hater and oppressor of the Irish race--stands in the way. That obstacle must be removed. To remove it is now the work, the main work the Irish Party has in hand.

And to help the Irish party in that work, so necessary, so indispensable for the Irish cause, is the object of the United Irish League Convention to be held in Buffalo in September, and to be attended by John Redmond, the Irish leader, and by three other members of the Irish party--T. P. O'Connor, M.P., Joseph Devlin, M.P., and Alderman Boyle, M.P.

To make that convention a success is the duty of the time for all friends of Ireland in America. How is it to be done? Form branches of the League where there are no branches and be ready to send delegates to the convention.

Form branches and throng to Buffalo.

has followed. Father Campbell, who is well known in this city, was Lenten preacher at the Church of the Gesù for the past two years, where his scholarly discourses were invariably appreciated by large congregations.

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### Renewal of Vows.

At the termination of the spiritual retreat at Nazareth, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, on the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin thirty-four Novices renewed their vows and Sister Mary John, Sister Mary Leonard, Sister Mary Boniface and Sister Mary Athanasius made their solemn vows.

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Archbishop Ireland Upholds the Vatican.

Responding to the address of the Board of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, issued on May 16, Archbishop Ireland contributed to the forthcoming issue of the North American Review an extended article upon the Methodist Episcopal Church of America in Italy, reviewing the statement of the Methodist bishops and justifying the action of the Vatican in connection with the proposed audience of Colonel Roosevelt.

He quotes extensively from the writings of Methodist missionaries, bishops and newspapers in Italy attacking the Papacy, and sets forth that each visit of a public man of America to the Methodist College in Rome has been seized upon by the local representatives of the Methodist Church as an occasion for insulting the Vatican. He cites the cases of the visit of former Mayor Seth Low and Fairbanks as illustrations. He asserts the Methodist preachers in Italy are paid higher salaries than those of other denominations; that their work is chiefly confined to proselytizing, and that the results have not been at all commensurate with the cost of the work.

Respecting the Roosevelt incident, he says: "So far as precedents gave lesson, the Vatican could not but fear that pressure might be brought to bear on him to induce him to lend his favor in whatever degree to the Institute of Via Venti Settembre. With the purposes and wiles of the institute, Mr. Roosevelt, it was thought, most likely was not conversant. So far he had had no occasion to run up against its ruling spirit, the Rev. Mr. Tipler. The honor of the Vatican was supreme. It must at all hazards be safeguarded; neither must obstacles intervene that should keep the doors of the Vatican from being thrown wide open in greeting to Mr. Roosevelt."

"So in reply to Mr. Roosevelt's request for an audience a message was sent, courteous and confidential, acceding of course, to the request, yet intimating the unpleasant position to which the Vatican should be reduced were there the least peril that what had happened to Mr. Low and to Mr. Fairbanks were by any miscalculation or oversight to happen to him. The more illustrious the visitor, the more was he to be put on his guard. Unfortunately, the message of the Vatican reached Mr. Roosevelt under the cover of comments from the hand of the American Ambassador to the Quirinal, and was read in the glare of those comments. Certainly the comments of Mr. Leismann under his eyes, the answer given by Mr. Roosevelt is not a surprise to Americans. Subsequent developments brought further confusion."

"There were other and yet more embarrassing comments from Mr. Leismann to Mr. Roosevelt, and there was the cavalier and unwarranted declaration of O'Loughlin to the Cardinal that Mr. Roosevelt was just the man to go from the Vatican to the Methodist hall. Circumstances, let us say, conspired to defeat an understanding which was sure to be had Mr. Roosevelt and the Cardinal Secretary of State come face to face, or had they spoken to each other in direct correspondence without let or hindrance of intermediaries."

"However, as things went, the Cardinal Secretary of State, supremely preoccupied, as it was his duty to be, with the necessity of safeguarding at all hazards the honor of the Holy See, was allowed no alternative. The audience was made impossible."

The audience of the Vatican toward the Methodist mission must not be other than what it is. If in this attitude there is intolerance, it is the intolerance of vile insult and treacherous fraud. With persons differing from it in creed, honorable in their sincerity and belief, and well mannered in their bearing, the Vatican is always most tolerant, most courteous. But as was the Savior Himself, so is the Vatican, severe and intolerant when confronted by the Pharisee and the money-changer of the temple."

### A \$500 Challenge.

An interesting controversy is being indulged in on the Upper Lakes in connection with the relative speed of the SS. Harmonic, of the Northern Navigation Co., and the SS. Keewatin, of the C.P.Ry.

It is claimed by the latter that it has been demonstrated she could speed faster than the SS. Harmonic, and the Sarnia Canadian has challenged two of their contemporaries that the steamer Harmonic, the first time she comes across either the Keewatin or the Assiniboia, of the C.P.R., will pass these vessels, and in good faith have deposited a certified cheque for \$500.

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The cover of the booklet is a striking one, printed in four colors. Copies of this publication can be had free on application to J. Quinlan, D.P.A., Montreal.

### Americans in Canada.

They are reported to be smiling softly to themselves in Canada over a curious discovery made by Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Douglas on the subject of the preference of the Dominion for Americans as compared with English immigrants. The Montreal Gazette is complaining that while the Northwest was extending a warm welcome to persons coming from this side of the line--persons who would never be British citizens--the authorities at Ottawa were making it more and more difficult for Britons from over seas to get into the country.

"The crux of the whole matter," said Admiral Douglas, appeared to him to lie in the fact that while annexation to America was not openly spoken of, it was none the less at the bottom of many men's hearts and men at that who were holding responsible positions under the Crown.

There is another and a much simpler explanation of the situation. It is quite unnecessary, in fact, to drag in the question of annexation. Canada likes the American farmer immigrants because they are the sort of men who will do their full share in building up the part of the country in which they settle. Their ways and opinions do not differ to any appreciable extent from those of their new Canadian neighbors.

On the other hand, anybody who has had any experience of the Dominion knows that one reason why the English immigrant is unpopular not only in the Northwest but in Ontario, is because he shows himself out of sympathy with his surroundings. He is forever comparing the methods of Canada with "the way they do things at home." This air of superiority and condescension is naturally irritating to the citizens of a self-governing commonwealth which feels and knows that the future belongs to it.

Canada does not want the broken down remittance men, or the wails and strays from the slums, or those who leave their country for their country's good. And just as her trade with us has grown, because we understand her and she understands us, so she wants the sort of immigrants who have the qualities that belong to this continent, as distinguished from the Old World--N.Y. Evening Sun.

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### The New King's Oath.

(New York World.)

In an age of broad religious toleration the old form of the accession oath prescribed for the King of England is a curious survival. The virulence of the phrasing preserved from the days when the Stuarts were plotting to recover the throne may then have seemed justified by circumstances, but it was long ago rendered obsolete by changed political conditions. The Protestant succession is no longer threatened. Protestants and Roman Catholics as subjects of the King enjoy equal civil and political rights, and the spirit of bigotry no longer controls the conduct of the Government.

In proposing a radical modification of the language of the oath Mr. Asquith merely adopts a common-sense policy. Protestantism is plainly recognized as the religion of the majority, and the King is unequivocally committed to abide in the faith of the Established Church, but neither the Church of Rome, nor any other creed or sect is even referred to.

Considering how various are the religious beliefs not only of the people of Great Britain and Ireland but also of the colonies, it has been a gross anachronism that any ruler of modern times should have been required by law deliberately to give offense to millions of loyal subjects.

### Carlyle on France and Eng'and.

The accompanying letter, which has never before been published, was addressed by Carlyle to Kitty Kirkpatrick, who is generally regarded as the original of "Blumine" in Sartor Resartus. It is of interest, not only as showing Carlyle's attitude towards France at a critical moment of her history, but also by reason of its remarkable apostateness to the present condition of that unhappy country. It appeared in the London Spectator, March 19:

"Our poor little French tour, so pleasant and full of interest in those old days--alas, what it has come to! Surely no country I have read or heard of ever by its own delirium and ill luck fell into such an ignominious welter of anarchy and misery as poor France is now in. With you I altogether heartily and sorrowfully pity it, with the ardent wish which struggles to be the sure hope that it may recover its pristine beauty and brilliancy and be once more the ornament of Europe. But too evidently it has infinite delirium, vainglorious unverity, and open disregard for the laws of God and man to cast out of it, with sore travail enough, before any real prosperity or well-doing can return to it."

"Few persons, I believe, perhaps an fond not you yourself, have a deeper sense of the beautiful graceful and shining qualities Nature has lodged in the French, but except in conforming, in perpetually striving to conform to the laws which Nature has eternally appointed, no Nation can prosper, or at length can exist at all in this world."

"Alas, my common idea, withal, is that England's turn must come next and that in exact proportion to England's folly, wickedness, and worldly baseness must England's disasters and disgraces likewise be. And often it strikes me, moreover, that the hour cannot now be distant, and is fast hastening on. But let us quit these sad considerations, too dismal to be dwelt on here--or elsewhere if one could help it."

### The Cardinal's Advice.

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