

Mr. Gladstone's Attitude.



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His Grace the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin (Most Rev. Dr. Walsh) recently paid a visit to the Archbishop of Cashel, at Thurles, where he met with an extraordinarily enthusiastic welcome. Naturally enough His Grace alluded to the phenomenal success of the Nationalist party under Mr. Parnell's leadership at the late general election. Referring to what the party looked for at the hands of Mr. Gladstone, His Grace is reported as follows :

"The Archbishop quoted Mr. Gladstone's words, in which he remarked that hitherto the Irish members were divided into three parties, and none of them were entitled by their numerical strength to say, "We speak the voice of the whole people." But Ireland, he said, had now a constituency as broad, as extended, and as qualified to speak her wants as either Scotland or England. That demand their elected representatives were now about to make for them with united voice. If that demand were constitutionally put forward by Ireland, if the wishes of Ireland in this respect were constitutionally ascertained, it would be not only allowable but beneficial to Ireland, to England, and to the Empire at large, that this right to which they laid claim, the right of governing themselves in all their own affairs,

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