

tricts," and would apply the same principles to Irish representation at Westminster if the Act of Union did not make it at present impossible. I trust in the Dominion, whenever redistribution and rearrangement come, it will be on those lines.

My solution can only be justified from a democratic standpoint on the ground that the present conditions in Ireland are such as to justify exceptional measures, and the grand liberal principle of trust in the people must in this instance be tempered with prudence.

When He who spoke as never man spake, was on earth, he taught that a man's nearest relation is his wife, and as the Creator from the beginning made them male and female, man should not put asunder what God has joined together. The Jews, well acquainted with the Law, asked Him why then Moses sanctioned the giving of a bill of divorcement and putting away. The answer came without hesitation. "Moses, for the hardness of your hearts gave you this precept." In like manner, though not for precisely the same reason, my solution is given, for the only justification for a dual franchise or for unequal value of individual votes in Ireland, is the unhappy division