ON HOME PROTESTANT RULE

A short time ago the Protestant Dean of Clonfert told the Derry Orangemen in plain terms that they should welcome, not denounce Home Rule for Ireland; that their affected fears of such a measure were absurd, and their threats of war silly Moreover, the Dean spoke in a generous and just spirit of the sentiments of Catholic Irishmen towards their Protestant fellow-countrymen and declared that there was no reason why all Irishmen should not under the benefits of Legislative Independence work in harmony and recticude for the common weal. There is reason to believe that the Dean of Clonfert's patriotic and just views are spreading in the North, and their influence will soon be felt.

In the South we have a striking example of Protestaant Ciergymen, the Rev. R. O. Anderson, of Dunmanway, supported the Nationalist candidate against his landlord, opponent at the recent Parliamentary election, and when assailed by a brace of narrow-minded co-religionists writing respectively as "An Irish Landlord" and "An Irish Churchman," in the columns of the Ecclesiastical Gazzette, he boldly and effectively defended his action in the following letter:

Str. It is perfectly evident that the letter 'An Irish Landlord" in your issue of the 12th instant answers itself, and that too, in a manner strangely con. that my 'charge against landlords is devoid of foundation," he goes on _in the very next sentence, mark you towrite his own condemnation in the words, "I regret to say that Protestant tenants have not been encouraged." Do. Sir, take notice of that delicious euphemism "not encouraged" What a phrase it is to smother down countless bad stories of exaction and cruelty, and wrong?

"Not encouraged?" Nothing could be neater, and with friend Gratiano I exclaim, "I thank the Jew, for teaching me that word." Now your correspondent "An Irish Churchman," works off upon a different line. He attempts no defence of Irish landlordism, nor does he in any serious way, question the reality of the grievances to which I have called attention, but proceeds to conjure up all sorts and kinds of possible and impossible ills which could fall upon our unhappy land if Mr Parnell gets his way and an Irish Parliament sits in College Green. For the present, at least, I must decline to debate the question of a "Parliament of one house," and content myself by simply stating my belief that all this childish dread of our Roman Catholic fellow-countrymen has its unhappy origin in our Protestant ignorance of the true nature and character of the people amongst whom we live. For my own part I can never be persuaded that the men around me, whom I have known both in sickness and in health, to be the best and kindest neighbours, are nothing better than rascally hypocrites, who. upon the transfer of legislative power from one side of St George's Channel to the other, will, without provocation, belie all their previous history and begin to play the persecutor's part. Nor can I, Sir in this connection fail, to remember that it will be the certain interest of the responsible Government. under Mr. Parnell, or any other sane Minister. to deal tenderly and respectfully with the feelings and susceptibilities of a minority numerically quite large enough to give endless trouble if badly handled or despitefully used. And this one thing I would dare to mention as a reason for my present confidence, that I cannot imagine any circumstances, under which the power of truth we h ve amongst us can be lesseaed or destroyed. As Protestants we lawfully make boast of the light in which we walk and the truth upon which we build. Can Home Rule extinguish that light or take away the truth?

Yours obedieutly. RON. Anderson, Clerk. Dainagh Rectory, Dunmanway, Dec. 14,

This temperate but telling rejoinder of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, we trust, em bodies the opinion of veay many of his clerical brethern upon the momentous question now at issue. What a contrast the wise and liberal utterance of the Protestant pastor' to the foolish and bigoted yet deliciously forcical threat of Ballykilber Johnson, that" the day the royal assent is given to Home Rule Orangemen of the North will declare civil war, and fight their last battle for the Bible and the Crown." Did it ever strike poor Mr. Johnson how ludicrous it to talk of defending the Crown by taking the field against th u een's measures? So neat an "Hibetnicism" has and there, and now and then. Manners realy been perpetrated.—Dublin Freeman's Journal.

IT IS AN AMERICAN QUESTION.

Some of the Tory newspapers of London make light of the significance of the uprising for Home Rule by describing it as not an Irish but an Irish-American movement. The home-keeping Irishmen, they say, could not without aid from the United States, have gained a Third part of the seats now filled by Mr. Parnell's colleagues. If this were true, it would reflect honor on this country, and it would not cast an atom of discredit on the struggling patriots in Ireland.

But, as a matter of fact, the effort to secure state rights for Ireland—so far as it derives momentum from this side of the Atlantic-springs from a deeper and more nearly universal impulse than the instinct of race affinity, and deserves a broader name than the Tory newspapers affix to it. We might better term it an American than an Irish American movement, for there is no fraction of our people, no matter from what Europpean nation it may draw its origin, which does not wish Ireland God speed in its indom itable purpose to obtain the equitable measure of local independence which each of our States enjoys in our Federal Union, and which was ungrudgingly re stored to our Southern brothers on the morrow of their desperate rebellion.

If there was ever any doubt about the breadth and depth of American enlistmen, in the cause which finds in Mr. Parnell at once a constitutional and an unconquerable champion, no such doubt clusive, Beginning with the assertion is longer tenable, now that the nature of the wrongs resented and the bright promise of the methods by which redress is sought are patent to the whole community. There is no man fit to dwell among us who, once awakened to the justice and moderation of the claims vindicated by the Parnell party, will not say by voice and deed to their fellow-citizens of Irish blood, Count me among your friends!

> How, indeed, could Ireland's invocation of the right to control her local legislation fail to call out a quick response from those of us whose honored tradi tions go back to the Revolutionary times, and who owe tho best of all we have to the inflexible assertion of the same right by our fathers? What can Ireland, writh. ing in the birth throes of national emancipation, expect, but sympathy and succor, from the exiled patriots of Germany, of Italy, of Poland, and Hungary, who have found solace and prosperity in the American republic?._"New York Sun."

MISCELLANEOUS READIDG.

A gentleman states he visited the other day an old curiosity shop, and was speaking to the owner's wife, who said her husband was in the back parlor Soon the report of a pistol was heard, then a second. Believing the unfortunate man had committed suicide, he rushed in, and saw him deliberately re. loading the weapon with shot. An explanation followed. He was 'making old furniture," by firing at an oaken press to pock-mark it as an evidence of

The finest music at Washington is heard in a colored Catholic church where the choir is also composed entirely of colored people, The priests are Italians Great crowds filled the church on Easter Sunday, embracing many of the grand. est people of the capital, and the music of the vesper service at which the famous Marine band assisted, was remark ably beautiful. the solos of the soprano. who has a rich, well trained voice, caus. ing especial comment.

The following are said to have been last word of Charles Carroll of Carrollton the Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence: "I have lived until my ninty sixth year, I have enjoyed con tinued health, I have been blessed with great wealth, prosperity, and most of the good things this world can bestow-public approbation and applause_but what I now look back on with great satisfaction to myself i, that I have practiced the duties of my religion."-These were the words of a true American.

In Japan is found a beautiful fish which has a sort of a gun for bringing. down insects. It does not wait, like other fishes, for the fly to fall into the water by accident. Seeing one lighted near the water the cheatodon generaly ap proaches, and aiming its beak, blows a drop of water with unerring time, knock the unsuspecting fly off its perch into the steam and devours it, doubtless with a relish begotten by its skill as a sportsman. It is said the Japanese amuse themselves by watching their captive chaetodons shoot the flies presented to them.

Manners are of more importance than laws. In a great measure, the laws depend on them. The law touches us but here are what vex or soothe, corrupt or purify exalt or debase, barbarize or refine us

by a constant, steady, uniform, insensible, operation like that of the air we brea the. They give their whole color to our lives. According to their quality they aid morals, they supply them, or they totaly destroy them.-Burke.

THE LABOR OF AUTHORSHIP.

David Livingstone said:-- "Those who have never carried a book through the press can form no idea of the amount of toil it involves. The procress has increased my respect for authors a thousandfold. I think I would rather cross the African continent again than undertake to write another." "For the statistics of the negro population of South America alone," says Robert Daleowen, "I examined more than one hundred and fifty volumes." Another author tells us that he wrote paragraphs and whole pages of his books as many as fifty times. It is said of one of Longfellow's poems that it was written in four weeks, but that he spent six months in correcting and cuting it down. Bulwer declared that he had re-written some of his briefer productions as many as eight or nine times before publication. One of Tennyson's pieces was re-written fifty times. Gibbon on his 'Decline and fall' spent twenty years. Carlyle spent fifty years on his Frederick the Great, A great deal of time is consumed in reading before some books are prepared. George Eliot read one thousand books before she wrote 'Daniel Deronda." Allison read two thousand before he completed his history, It is said of another that he read twenty thousand and wrote only two books.



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