

There have always been Separatists in Ireland since the Union was consummated, in varying numbers and under different names. The Sinn Feiners, whose designation means "Ourselves alone," were preceded by the Fenians, and they by other similar bodies. To Charles Stewart Parnell is the Kingdom and Empire indebted for the Home Rule movement being mainly and in principle one of constitutional and Parliamentary agitation. To his most worthy successor, John Redmond, are all men of good will most deeply indebted for all that he has done in the cause of civilization and freedom, at the risk of his political life and leadership; for the result of his determination not to embarrass the Government during the war has alienated many of his followers, though it has not diminished the loyal support he has always received from their parliamentary representatives. There is no greater general favorite in the House of Commons than Major William Redmond, brother of the Irish leader, who has not allowed his parliamentary responsibility to Ireland to interfere with doing his bit at the front effectively and well. Both have subordinated their own special interests to the general good, and England must never forget it, nor