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Mr. Dillon's Manly Speech

Explaining the Position of the Irish Party on this Very-Burning Question.

Mr. John Dillon, M. P., was accorded an ovation on the occasion of his first visit to Belfast since his election to the visit to Beliast since his election to the chairmanship of the Irish party. He was accompanied by Mr. William O'Brien, who is a favorite with Ulster Home Rulers. Stirring national speeches were delivered and dissension in the ranks was emphatically condemned.

Mr. Dillonsaid : "I would like to take this opportunity of explaining clearly the position of the Irish party on what is at present a very burning question-the question of the English Education Bill, the Bill now before Parliament for extending relief to the Catholic and Voluntary schools of England. Now, the Irish party, in spite of all the calumnies and atrocious libels circulated about them, are the only party to whom these poor people can look in the House of Commons to defend rights, and no calumny their could be more cruel or more cowardly than that which declared that the Irish party would turn a cold shoulder to the Catholic people of England. No, the Catholics of England can rely upon the Irish party at all times to defend the people. I feel bound to say that we are prepared to fight the battle of our Catholic co-religionists in England in spite of the scandalous libels against the Irish party, because it is a battle for the rights of the Catholics of England, and, we, as Catholic Nationalists, are bound to stand shoulder to shoulder. I, for my part, am just as ready to vindicate the rights of these Catholic children as any other member of the House of Commons, but while we are prepared to do that, we are not prepared—I speak deliberately the judgment of the vast majority of the Irish party-to be dragged at the tail of Lord Salisbury or the Church of England. While we were fighting our own battles they never did anything for us. They never showed any bowels of compassion for the people of Ireland. They were our enemics always. They are our enemics today. We shall in this struggle in regard to the Education Bill keep before our minds always the interests of the Catholic schools, and this shall be my object. When I hear men talking about the interest of Catholics, when I hear, as I have heard some English Catholics talking abou t setting the interests of English Catholics before the interests of the Irish National cause, I always say that I think I see my way to prevent any rivalry between those interests ; but I hold and am free to maintain before any assembly in any part of Ireland that the greatest of all Catholic interests to us is the interest of the Irish nation. Where would Catholicity be the wide world over, wherever the English language is spoken, but for the persecuted and down-

sea and about a month sea, and about a month ago sluices were fitted into the banks, and for some time the island was flood-ed. The rats resented the treatment to which they were subjected by squeaking and aparling and the bated the treatment and anarling, and then betook themselves to the mainland, a diversion in which they indulge in every night, although it necessitates a swim of 500 yards each way. A scheme of wholesale shooting was next put into operation, but its success was not such as to lead the commissioners of the Humber Conservancy to continue it, and the rats are still masters of the situation. The appearance of the ground is that of a newly plowed field, so thoroughly is the island burrowed and the earth thrown up.

The unwelcome visitors to Reed's Island differ in appearance from the ordinary water rat. The tail and hindquart-ers are similar, but the head and ears cavy. The coat is solt and furry and of a tawny hue, not unlike that of the species of rat the breeding of which for the sake of its skin is in some places an industry. There are millions of these rats on the island, and as they only eat grasses, roots, and tubers, the chances of carrying off the pests by poison are very problematical.—Catholic Witness.

[CONTINUED FROM SIXTH PAGE.] Gold and a Soul.

Many months had passed thus, when one day he found himself in the midst of wild mountains, and sat still and sorrowful beside a little rill, which trickling down through a wild growth of bushes appeared compassionately offering itself farthing will do as well, no new coinage for his refreshment. Then there rang will be wanted, for my border neighbors loud and strong, over the rocky ground, the sound of horses' hoofs, and on a that t large, black, wild-looking horse there "If came a very tall man of hideous visage, fully. in a gorgeous blood red dress, up to the spot where Richard sat. "Why so gloomy, fellow?" said he to the youth, whose breast sank with a strange fore-with I give you my most solemn word to boding. "I should guess you to be a have still worse ones struck for you—pro-merchant. Have you bought anything vided that be possible."

Richard in a low trembling voice.

under the momentary expectation that the tavern ran screaming away. The the horseman's mantle would turn to host told him, not without a shudder, blood-dripping wings, that black spectral | that this was an ill-famed spot, from pinions, blazing with hell fire, would sprout forth on his horse and carry him away to the abodes of eternal torture; but the tall stranger addressed him in a that the approach to it was not far from rather milder voice and with less frightful gestures.

"I see for whom you take me," said he; "but be comforted; I am not he. Perhaps I may even deliver you from him, for I have been many days seeking you, to buy your bottle imp. To be sure you gave terrible little for it, and I myself don't know how to get a smaller coin. But listen. On the other side of the mountain dwells a prince, a wild young fellow. To-morrow I will contrive to allure him away from his hunting train and set a bidacus will hast unon the saw as the came nearer, held in its hollow a strange heap of rocks. They spoken, but for the persecuted and down-trodden Catholics of Ireland, who have carried that faith throughout England, Scotland, America, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand? It is in that faith I -shall be guided in my action in Parlia-the dark cliff to the left. Go at a the dark cliff to the left. Go at a moderate pace; linger not, hurry not, and you will come to the spot just when the monster has the prince under his claws. Seize it fearlessly, and it must yield to you, and to make its escape plunge down the steep bank into the sea. Then beg of the grateful prince that he will have a couple of half-farthings struck for you; I will give you change for them, and then for one the bottle-imp is mine.'



are said rather to resemble those of the gium upon his deliverer as a true hero,

"Ay ?" said Richard hopefully, "are you in earnest? Then, all I request is, in God's name, that you will have a couple of farthings struck in good coin for me; I only ask a couple."

The prince gazed on him in astonishment till some of his retinue came up, and on hearing from him what had hap need, one of them recognized in Richard the crazy Half-farthinger whom he had once seen. The prince began to laugh, and poor Richard embraced his knees in angui h, vowing that without the half-farthings he should be undone.

The prince, still laughing, answered "Stand up, then, fellow; you have my princely word; and if you insist on it, I will have as many half farthings struck as you wish for. But if the third of a will be wanted, for my border neighbors maintain my farthings to be so light and the carrying on of it, his former that three of them go to one of theirs. "If that be so"-said Richard, doubt-

"Faith," said the prince, "you will be the first to whom they seem too good. with I give you my most solemn word to

Thereupon he bade a whole bagful of "Ah, no-rather too cheap," answered Thereupon he bade a whole bagful of as a useful farthings be given to Richard, who imbottle-imp. mediately r in off, as if he were pursued, "So it appears to me, good mer-chant!" cried the horseman with a frightful laugh. "And have you per chance such a thing as a bottle-imp? Or am I mistaken in taking you for the was grudgingly paid a common far-thing for three of those he brought, which he full a state of the second state of the second state thing for three of those he brought, Scarcely could the pale lips of the poor youth utter a low "Yes—I am he," under the momentary expectation that here, being a cavern with two blasted the Colosseum was opened to the public cypresses before it; and no one could in A.D 80. This, however, does not give miss the way who once went in ; but a just idea of the age of the Collosseum God preserve him and all true Christians or of this particular brick, for many from that.

These words terrified Richard ; but the on his way. Already from afar he saw and tear the brick is just as hard and the black and horrible cavern; the two firm as if made yesterday. It is about a cypresses seemed to have been blasted as foot long, four inches wide, and slightly if by terror of the ghastly abyss, which over an inch thick .- Toronto Paper.

he; "give me gold here, as much as my horse can carry;" and forthwith the huge beast groaned under the burden of and like a fly crawling up the wall stepped up the perpendicular rock, but with such hideous movements and contortions that Richard fled back into the cavern that he might see no more of them.

When he had come out on the other side of the mountain and run a good way beyond the abyss, then, for the first time, did the whole conciousness of deliverance strike on his mind. Now at length he felt the evil spirit's hold over him gone and the pressure of unspeak. was tempered by that penitence and sanctified by a firm determination to lead a new life ; and in this determination,

cheerful heart returned. With all his renovated strength and spirit, he bent himself to run a good, sober, and honorwell that, after some years of honest la- a naphtha motor. bor, he was able to return as a well-to-do merchant to the dear German land, where he married ; and where in his old

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IN A FRENCH HOSPITAL.

who, according to his expectation, an-nounced himself as the reigning prince of the country, and pronouncing a culo-gium upon his deliverer as a true hero, prayed him to demand some recompense, the highest he could pay him. That won't help thee, Satan," cried be ; "give me gold here, as much as my he ; "give me gold here, as much as my he is the back of the president it was necessary for the city authorities to have recourse to a little deception. They were obliged to gather a number of healthy patients, represent them as sick and when they were all compensed in hed there

were all comfortably placed in bed they gave a formal and ceremonious reception gold; yet he took his master up again, to the charitable President. The effect of the visit was such that as soon as Monsieur Faure left the hospital all the patients were cured and ready to leave the institution bringing with them the gifts which their benefactor had so liber lly distributed.

"Mama" said an angel of four "why is papa's hair so gray, and his face so young ? she sent the child to bed," but let us answer the darling, it is because I your papa has not yet tried Luby's him gone and the pressure of unspeak. From part has not by the field hady a able misery removed, and a true penit-ence for his former wild and sinful life touched his heart. His joy at his release was tempered by that penitence and by all chemists.

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AN OLD STORY.

Concerning the celebrated Father Darcy, probably the greatest wit of that witty nation, Ireland, it is related that he once visited the palatial mansion of a perfect specimen of the nouveau riches who lived in the neighborhood of Dublin, at the invitation of its pompous owner. He was shown all over the house, his host taking great pains, as is habitual in such cases, to keep the witty and obser-vant priest well informed as to the cost of all the beautiful things he was shown. Finally, after making the complete tour of the chateau, the library was reached, its tremendous shelves groaning under the weight of thousands upon thousands of volumes, resplendent in the most magnificent bindings. Here they seated themselves, and the host said, with a sigh of snobbish exultation : "Well, Father, I have brought you

here last because this is my favorite room. The other rooms maybe give give pleasure to my wife and my daughters but this is my place-right here among these books, who are my friends. And these here on the desk (pointing to *8 score of ultra-looking volumes) are what I may call my intimate friends."

Father Darcy got up and examined one of them, when a broad grin spread over his good-natured face, as he said : "Well, its glad I am to see that you

never cut your intimate friends."

TEETH READING.

Teeth reading is the latest method of investigating character. Phrenology is old fashioned, palmistry has fallen into disrepute. Something new had to be devised, and at last it has been found that the teeth form a book which reveals hitherto undiscovered secrets. The sci-ence is only in its infancy yet, but the following are two or three of the items which its professors assert to be incontrovertible: Teeth that are long and narrow denote vanity; projectors indicate a grasping disposition; treachery is best known by small, white, separated molars; inconstancy by overlapping teeth, and the possessor of wide, separated ivories Is sure to tell all he knows.

AN ISLAND-OWNED BY RATS.

Some years ago Reed's Island, in the estuary of the Humber, was reclaimed from the sea. The island is about 600 acres in extent, and until recently it was which was capable of supporting about 3,000 sheep. To day there is not sufficent grass upon the island to leed a rabbit Some months ago it was invaded by rats Every attempt to rid the island of the rodents has proved unsuccessful. The island is surrounded by earthen banks, ten feet in height to keep out the sum and the resourd huntsman,

So spoke the horseman, and without waiting for an answer rode slowly back into the wood.

"But where shall I find you when I have the half-farthings?" cried Richard after him.

"At the Black Fountain," answered the horseman; "any old woman can tell you where it lies;" and with slow but long strides the hideous horse bore away his hideous rider. Richard, who had nothing more to lose, resolved to put his advice into execution.

The night fell; the moon rose and hung with a lurid red light over the indicated point of rock. Then the pale wanderer arose trembling, and stepped into the dark ravine. Joyless enough and gloomy it looked, with only a rare moonbeam here and there, looking in over its lofty walls; there was, too, in that closed in place, a damp earthly exhalation, as of a charnel vault; but nothing else unpleasant was to be discerned. As it was, Richard did not feel himself tempted to linger, but was rather horseman's directions; and after some hours the faint red light of morning just as he stepped out of the deep ravine, and sought to enjoy the fresh forest scenery, and the blue glitter of the sea which lay spread not far from him, he was disturbed by a wild cry; he looked round and saw a frightful beast, under whose claws on the ground lay a young man in rich attire.

Richard's first impulse was to run and help; but when he looked full at the beast and saw that it resembled a monstrous ape, with a formidable pair of stag's horns, all courage left him and, in spite of the prestrate man's miserable cry for help; he was about to creep back into his chasm ; but the next instant he suddenly recalled what the horseman had told him, and urged by his own especial danger he ran up with his clubstick to the monster, which, rolling the huntsman in its claws, seemed about to toss him up and then catch him on its harns. But as Richard advanced it let

entered tremblingly among these stine. the President of the Republic. What a phantoms. The bottle imp in his pocket renowned and what a philantropic visit! grew so heavy, it seemed trying to pull him back ; but that raised his courage ; for," thought he, "what it does not like is just what I must like." Deeper in the cavern the darkness became so intense that he could no longer see th se frightful shapes and had to feel carefully before him with stick ; but he found nothing save a smooth floor of fine moss. and, but for a strange whistling and croaking which passed at times through the cavern, he would have dismissed all fear.

At last he had passed throug , and found himself in a desolate hollow, enclosed by the mountains. On one side he saw the great, terrible black horse, standing like an iron statue, unbound, with head held high, without grazing or stirring a limb. Opposite him gusned out of the rocks a spring, in which the horseman was washing his hands and face; but the water was black as ink; and when the gigantic being turned round to Richard, his bideous face was of a negro blackness, frightfully contrast-

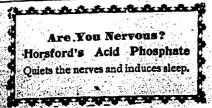
ing with his gorgeous red attire. "Don't tremble, young fellow," said he; "this is one of the ceremonies I am compelled to perform. So, too, whenever I need a new dross I have to mix its purple with a good number of drops from my own blood, whereby it gets that splendid color. In short, I am bound body and soul, beyond all chance of redempinclined to hurry on. This too, how-ever, he refrained from, faithful to the that? Only a hundred thousand pieces of gold a year. I can't make that do, so I want to buy your bottle imp, and thus glimmered on his dark path and a fresh cheering breeze played on his face. But gan to laugh so that the rocks resounded, and even the hitherto motionless black horse started.

"Well," he asked, turning again to ichard, "do you bring hall-farthings, Richard, comrade ?"

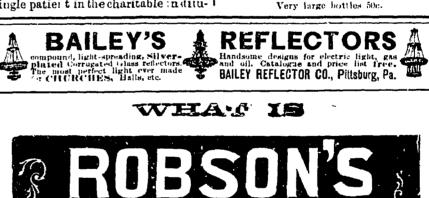
"I am not your comrade," answered Richard, half-confused, half-testy, as he opened his bag

Oh, we are proud, are we ?--but have a care, my fine gentleman ! Who set the monster on the prince, that you

might conquer it ?" "There was no need of all that jugglery," said Richard ; and he related how the prince already struck not only how the prince already struck not only half-farthings, but the third part of farthings. The red man appeared out of humor at having given himself the trouble for nothing. However, he changed one good farthing against three bad ones, gave Richard one of these, and received in return the hottle-imn, which received in return the bottle-imp, which



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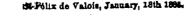
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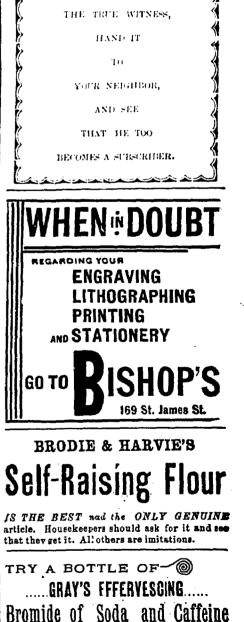
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