
THE IRISH PROBLEM

Since I published a solution of the Irish problem by dual representation of each constituency under a differential franchise in a single House, the franchise being so framed as to give equal parliamentary representation to the Unionist and Nationalist parties, I have been asked how this can be reconciled with the democratic principles of every qualified voter having one vote, and every vote being of equal value; or with the spirit of the age, which is certainly democratic.

This is a perfectly fair and proper question, especially when it comes from those who know my convictions are radical in the proper sense of that term, for in connection with the government of Great Britain I have long advocated the old chartist points of "One man, one vote," and "Equal electoral dis-