

ket, before sixty days, will have a representative. A protest has been made over the stoppage of English liners calling at Irish ports. We hope they will stop there again, but if not it won't make much difference because we have two lines of steamers running to Ireland ourselves (Applause) and they are bringing our materials to Ireland and loading their ships coming back. They are extending their freight lines to the Baltic and other European ports and it will no longer be simply a question of trading between America and Ireland.

There are things which governments do, that are even more important than establishing trade. One of these is the conservation of the brains, the soul and welfare morally and from an educational standpoint of the people. We all know to what a low estate the foreign schools of Ireland have fallen and we all know the splendid renaissance that had as its basis the education of the Irish people, so when securing there independence it will be an Irish Ireland from one end of it to the other. The old spirit that was planted by Padraic Pearse is the very groundwork of the Irish educational system. Can anything be more beautiful than the motto he placed over dear St-Enda's, for which he gave up his life. If I can recollect it, it is "A clear brain, a clean heart and a strong arm."

The slums of Dublin, the places in which the productive workers of that great city have been compelled to exist—not to live—are the vilest in the world, saving alone Belfast and the East Side of London; I went through them and they are far worse than we know them in our great manufacturing cities. They are all old dwellings never adapted for the use of several families in each. In house after house we found ten people all living in one room; the steps absolutely gone, a mud path leading from the street to the front portion of the house.

A great body of men and women, financed by themselves not by the Government, and sanctioned by the Daill Eirann, have taken up that work and are making wonderful progress bringing about decent conditions for the workers of Dublin. The children were neglected, as we understand it. Disease was rampant; in some quarters it was difficult to find a child that was not demanding dental or eye treatment. So a splendid woman, authorized by the Daill Eirann, a Sinn Féiner from the word go, took up this great work and, without any help from the foreign Government, is doing work comparable to that being done by the Board of Health of New York or any of the Health Departments of the great cities on the North American Continent.

I could go on, as I had the great privilege of doing before the Foreign Relations Committee in Washington, and recite function after function that this Government of Ireland is carrying on, leading to the conclusion that it is the only Government existing in Ireland to-day.

What is it that makes a Government; that makes it possible for society to live as an organized unit? It is the agreement among the people themselves for rules of conduct with their basic foundation in