

work and its intimidating edicts. The Nationalist party pride in outrages, however disgraceful they may be. They undoubtedly believe that by creating a reign of terror it will be the means of bringing around what they call the political salvation of the country, namely: "A Parliament in College Green, Dublin." Our Protestant friends in the south and west have been subjected to the greatest injustice from the hands of emissaries of the League. Night after night they are the recipients of moonlighting raids, with either the object of shooting them in the legs, nay more, taking away whatever life remains in them. If this has been the treatment they have been receiving or subjected to, what can they expect if Home Rule was an accomplished fact. The League cries for justice and liberty—they have the words "justice and liberty" inscribed on their banner; but, nevertheless, they give none. What sort of liberty did they give Lord Frederick Cavendish and Thomas H. Burke in the Phoenix Park, Dublin? Their exultant cry was "justice for Ireland." When the cowardly assassin crouched himself behind the hedge and shot Mrs. Smythe returning from taking her sacrament in Barbaville church no doubt that was "justice for Ireland." When a clergyman is officiating in the south, along with his Bible there must lie a revolver, as if needs be, for a protection against some Nationalist assassin. Roman Catholics will call that "religious liberty." Is it liberty that will not let you procure a coffin for the dead—those who have went against the dictates of the League? Is it liberty that will not let you supply the hungry with bread? Is it liberty that will not let the doctor attend the sick with medicines? Or is it liberty that "boycotts the babe unborn?" These facts are all true ones, and they are samples of the rightly called "League of Murder."

I wonder if Mr. Leo approves of all those murders and disgraceful outrages which have added so much to the immorality of the people of the church? If Mr. Leo does not approve of those things which have been perpetrated by the "people of the church," why does he not at once denounce the League, as he has done other secret societies? "Peter's pence" are a thing very appreciative at the Vatican, and who knows if that step was taken but the Irish rebel would stop sending that munificent report. The Pope once sent over a circular of a "religious political sort." It did not take well. The rejected Tim Healey alluded to it as an "egotistic circular." There is one party of men in Ireland, and it is but just to state that they have not received justice—that is the landlords. Their property is almost confiscated. The landlords seem to be a great factor in the preservation of the ties of the Union, and in every way they are deserving of the support of every determined Protestant.

The Protestants of Ireland pride in the just laws of the Imperial Parliament. Its laws give every citizen a liberty of conscience and the common right of religious equality. It can't be said that any distinction is shown between Roman Catholic or Protestant. In whatever position you look to from the judge occupying the most exalted seat on the bench to the common policeman all are eligible. I don't see that Roman Catholics could wish for any more. They have got Protestant ascendancy pulled to the ground. Now I ask, do they want to place us in the same degraded position our ancestors occupied in the days of James the Second of disgraceful and cowardly repute? Are we in these days of enlightenment to recede from the glorious principles of the Reformation? Are we to give up those liberties which have made England what she is for the citizenship of a degraded Irish Republic, formed by bloody, base and brutal agitators, whom Mr. Gladstone so lately described as "men marching through rapine and plunder to the dismemberment of the British Empire, and whose footsteps were dogged by crime and outrage? Let us study with some accuracy what it is to be a Protestant, and what our ancestors suffered for their Protestantism, then I say we will not suffer to have our Protestantism pulled to the mire.

The extirpation of Protestantism out of Ireland is the object the Roman Catholics have in view. The Catholic *Progress* fully explains their policy when it says: "The woes of Ireland are all due to one cause—the existence of Protestantism in Ireland. The remedy can only be found in the removal of that which causes the evil. Would that every Protestant meeting-house were swept from the land. Then would Ireland recover herself and outrages be unknown." Home Rule under these circumstances would be Rome Rule, and God forbid that was a reality. In fact, to be a Protestant is a crime. They are snubbed at every favourable opportunity by Mr. Gladstone and a band of Jesuits who are seeking the overthrow of the British Empire. The disloyal are pampered and petted, and their support is courted by those who drove them into prison in thousands, nay denounced them as murderers of the most savage type. The Salisbury administration is almost paralyzed in their efforts to establish law and order in Ireland. They are on the one side harassed by a hungry party seeking office, and on the other obstructed in every imaginable way by the Parnellites, who are seeking, as they say "the political salvation of their country."—*Philadelphia Protestant Standard*.

### Sons of England Society.

SHAFTESBURY HALL, Toronto, February 14th.

THE 13th annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Sons of England, took place in Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, with the following Grand Lodge officers: Grand President, T. R. Skippon; R. W. Grand Vice-President, H. G. Boswell; R. W. Grand Secretary, John W. Carter; R. W. Grand Treas., B. Hinchcliffe, with Rev. Mr. Hobson, of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, as Grand Chaplain, Bro. W. Miles, of Brighton Lodge, acting as Past President. A committee was appointed on credentials, who, after a short recess, reported 84 delegates eligible to sit as members of the Grand Lodge. The following are the names of the delegates, and the places where they reside:—

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| Thos. R. Skippon, Toronto.       | Geo. Mathews, Orillia.        |
| G. R. Girtwood, M.D., Montreal.  | Ald. H. C. Swaite, Toronto.   |
| W. R. Stroud, Ottawa.            | Jessie Harris, Toronto.       |
| J. B. Wright, Ottawa.            | A. Riddford, Toronto.         |
| E. J. Reynolds, Ottawa.          | H. W. Smallpiece, Toronto.    |
| John Aldridge, Toronto.          | H. Amos, Toronto.             |
| B. Lowen, Toronto.               | L. H. Collins, Toronto.       |
| Wm. H. Wright, Port Perry.       | F. W. Morton, Toronto.        |
| J. H. Wallace, Oshawa.           | H. Worman, Toronto.           |
| J. W. Higginbotham, Oshawa.      | G. W. Hansell, Toronto.       |
| Wm. Holland, Oshawa.             | Wm. Mitchell, Toronto.        |
| W. Wagstaff, Newcastle.          | W. Lish, Toronto.             |
| T. E. Higginbotham, Bowmanville. | Sam. Hine, Toronto.           |
| J. P. Philp, Whitby.             | Wm. Jones, Toronto.           |
| A. R. Rowland, Whitby.           | J. W. Amos, Toronto.          |
| Peter Holt, Port Perry.          | S. B. Pollard, M.D., Toronto. |
| A. Allen, Port Perry.            | J. S. King, M.D., Toronto.    |
| R. C. Hulme, Belleville.         | John B. Vick, Toronto.        |
| H. S. Bowyer, Bracebridge.       | Chas. Squire, Toronto.        |
| James Hillman, Bracebridge.      | F. Foreson, Toronto.          |
| John Brown, Newcastle.           | B. Blowmore, Toronto.         |
| H. Pigeon, M.D., Peterborough.   | Thos. R. Dench, Windsor.      |
| W. Brundrett, Peterborough.      | John Num, Toronto.            |
| H. Williams, Cornwall.           | T. H. Kidd, Toronto.          |
| Wm. Hancock, Hamilton.           | W. H. Clay, Toronto.          |
| Wm. Honer, Hamilton.             | H. B. Savage, Kingston.       |
| James Lomas, Toronto.            | John Green, Kingston.         |
| P. R. R. Williams, St. Thomas.   | John Milburn, Lindsay.        |
| Wm. H. Jones, St. Thomas.        | A. Handford, Hamilton.        |
| Wm. Bell, Middlesex.             | John Lee, Lindsay.            |
| E. Blundell, Middlesex.          | Thos. Elliott, Brantford.     |
| James Heaman, London.            | S. F. Passmore, Brantford.    |
| H. T. Smith, London.             | H. Boyes, Orillia.            |
| H. Mason, Hamilton.              | W. H. Shaw, Montreal.         |
| T. W. Kemplin, Barrie.           | H. T. Smith, London.          |
| T. J. Brown, Barrie.             | F. J. Davitt, Toronto.        |
| H. H. Reeves, M.D., Almonte.     | W. Freeman, Toronto.          |
| Alf. Hobbs, Bowmanville.         | R. Caddick, Toronto.          |
| W. Whitcombe, Woodstock.         | W. Nuttes, Toronto.           |
| J. Ringbold, Toronto.            | F. Hayward, Toronto.          |
| A. Z. Mills, Toronto.            | J. Mellon, Toronto.           |
| J. Nettleton, Collingwood.       | W. H. Wright, Port Hope.      |
| E. S. Brown, Collingwood.        | John Wallace, Port Hope.      |
| J. W. London, Belleville.        |                               |

The Most Worthy Grand President then read his annual report, which dealt with matters of much importance to the order.