

In May, 1914, on the eve of the Great War, I was talking to one of England's leaders of thought—one great in body and heart and sage of mind.

In the swallow's-flight of topics caught as we sat by his study fire were—Napoleon, the bloodless revolution then in progress in England, industrialism, the later civilizations of Europe and, inevitably—Ireland and the Irish-Ireland revival.

".....So now," I said, joyously, "I believe the old civilization of Ireland is coming back."

"It is—coming back," Chesterton replied with deliberation. "coming back—for the salvation of Western Europe."

—Katherine Hughes.