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Now. I venture to say, knowing something—knowing a good deal of Mr. Healy—I venture to tell you that the only way of saving the party from him, and of saving him from himself is to deal firmly with him at last, and to remind him that the cry of "Ireland over all," which he once raised, is capable of a wider application than to the man to whom he originally applied it; and that, whatever may have been the merits of our differences, there is not a man in this hall that would not say that Parnell's little finger was worth more to Ireland than Mr. Healy's whole body. Anybody who knows Mr. Healy's strategy knows very well that while he is probably Healy's whole body. Anybody who knows Mr. Healy's strategy knows very well that while he is probably the last man living who would yield so long as he thinks that you are appealing, and that threats of further dissension will have any effect, knows, on the other hand, that there is no man who is more prompt to recognize accomplished facts and to respect men who he knows know their own mind, and who he knows will stand no more nonsense from him. In point of fact I tell you candidly, gentlemen, that I do not at all despair of very considerable reformation in Mr. Healy's temperament if the lesson that was taught him at the general election is pressed home here to-day. Now, gentlemen, I do not think I ought to waste your time in arguing the question, the almost, I hope I won't be offensive if I say the ridiculous argument, that this convention has no nower to exclude Mr. Healy and Mr. offensive if I say the ridiculous argument, that this convention has no power to exclude Mr. Healy and Mr. Carew. The chairman in his able speech to-day has answered that argument. This, as the chairman said to-day, this convention is the sovereign and supreme power. Without this convention there could be no Irish Party, without the backing of this convention that Party could not hold together for six months. I believe at the Convention of last left to a new years and a new chairman, and why are their hands to be tied to a ludge as to the merits between these gentlemen who raised this unplease and scarcely dignified for me to go on repeating appeal after appeal and to beg of anticontroversy against one another?

A Delegate—It is you who are do his convention the convention to restrict that the party without the backing of the convention to restrict the forty members of the Irish Party, who never heard one word of the forty members of the Irish Party, who never heard one word of the convention. I beg of you be showed interruption. I beg of you persistent interruption. I beg of you persistent interruption. I beg of you not hold together for six months. I believe at the Convention of last June it was deliberately decided by the convention that they would not give the control of this movement in the future to the former Irish Party. They could not agree to any programme. They could not get the money to pay their election expenses. Even as it was, barely half that old Parliamentary Party succeeded in ney to pay their election expenses. Even as it was, barely half that old Parliamentary Party succeeded in getting elected. The old Parliamentary Party—I say it as one who took part in some of its best days and some of its worst—the old Party—I regret to say it—had broken down and that mainly owing to the very man whose game it is now to set up that party as a sovereign authority over this convention. (Cheers.) Why, every man who signed that party pledge at this last general election himself confessed in writing that a majority of his colleagues have the power to expel him, no matter what may be the rights of his constituency, and yet we are told that this convention, from whom the whole party proceeds, has no power to prevent any man from wrecking the whole party and wrecking the whole movement.

Mr. O'Brien closed with a strong appeal for unity.

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The Very Rev. Canon Shinkwin, P. P. who, on rising, was loudly cheered, seconded the resolution. He said if unity were to be useful and to be truitful, it must be safeguarded and preserved. The great question that they were now to ask themselves was would the adoption of Mr Healy into the Party be a step in that direction, or might it not be the very reverse? Yes, he believed the effect would be the very reverse.

## Mr. Healy Defended.

country, and he thought it only right that he should take the responsibility of proposing it here. (Interruption.) I, too—(great disorder)—have expressed an opinion elsewhere upon the policy embodied in this resolution.

I think it is right that I should have the courage to come here and express my opinion. The chairman has told you that a great deal of responsibility for the future of Irish politics rests upon this convention. If you have entered with light hearts upon the discussion of the policy which this resolution breathes—I say if you have entered on it with light hearts—you will fling the country back again into the depths of despair. I say if that be the result of your deliberations here today future generations of Irishmen will curse the convention and the men who took part in it. (Cries of "Never" and "No, no.") After ten years of terrible strife; after ten years of terrible strife; after ten years of themen against another. (Cries of "By Healy" and noise.) Gentlemen, say "Mn Healy," but you never repudiated it. (Interruptions.) I say after those ten weary years, Irishmen were induced to forget the unfortunate differences which separated them. Does my friend Mr. O'Brien think, does Canon Shinkwin get the unfortunate differences which separated them. Does my friend Mr. O'Brien think, does Canon Shinkwin think, do you think that if you go

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Chairman—I wish to seriously ask the convention whether they are in earnest in desiring to transact the National business that is before them? (Hear, hear.) I tell them that the responsibility which is upon my shoulders as the chairman of this body, that if they will not listen to shoulders as the chairman of this body, that if they will not listen to both sides of this matter, the convention will be competent and able to transact the business, and I therefore ask the great body of the convention, who, I am bound to say, have shown an example of good order, not to tolerate a few men here and there scattered through the hall bringing disgrace, not upon this assembly, but upon Ireland.

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Mr. Harrington, who was received
with cheers, said—I do hope, sir,
that the appeal which you have
made to the convention will be
heard by all sides. I think it would
be exceedingly deplorable that a
great gathering of this kind, which
comes together to consult upon the
best means of promoting the Irish
National movement, should mar
its
own peacefulness of character and own peacefulness of character and should stamp itself with incompetenown peacefulness of character and should stamp itself with incompetency by refusing to listen to the views of those who may be opposed to the majority. I have never in my life been afraid to be in a minority and if I stood absolutely alone to-day to face this convention, so long as my conscience told me I was right I would not shirk the responsibility. I was appealing to Mr. O'Brien and to Canon Shinkwin to consider in the two speeches we have listened to from them here to-day if they themselves really are satisfied that those speeches and the policy enunciated in them, and the going back to the very controversies of the past will contribute to peace and unity in Ireland. What is the burden of the two speeches that were delivered in support of this resolution? Has there been one word said—and I challenge the speakers who come later in the the speakers who come later in the debate to point to one expression of debate to point to one expression of opinion on the part of the Chairman of the Parliamentary Party, where he has publicly or privately declared that he could not work with Mr. Healy in the party. He must have some responsibility. You have put him into a position of trust. We have heard of how Mr. Healy conducted himself in the Party of the past. I say, why didn't the gentlemen responsible for that Party deal with him? And why is it left to a new party and a new chairman, and why are their hands to be tied to judge as to the merits between these gentlemen who raised this unpleasant controversy against one another?

Mr. Harrington—And are we who are no party to that quarrel, are we the forty members of the Irish Party, who never heard one word of these differences in the ranks of Mr. Dillon's party and Mr. O'Brien's, are we to be asked to pronounce judgment upon conduct that we had no opportunity of judging. (Cries of "Oh, oh.") Is the present chairman of the Farliamentary Party the only gentleman whose hands are to be ticd, and who has to be placed hand-cuffed in the chair—(cries of "Dissent")—with regard to his treatment of the gentlemen who may be returned in good faith by Irish constituencies into the Party over which he presides. I could not help, during the course of the two speeches that we have heard, going back to the very umpleasant controversy with my colleagues in the endeavor to bring about the reunion of the Irish Party. What were the objections with which I was met by none more eloquently, more ably, and more forcibly, than the Chairman of this convention to-day? We heard how Mr. Healy treated Mr. Suxton, and treated Michael Davitt, and John Dillon. (Cries of "All true.") What business, I want to know, is it of the Chairman's, or of mine, or any Parnellite or anti-Parnellite? (Interruption.)

A Delegate—What did Healy do to Parnell, and the men who are passing resolutions to-day condemning him and against him, were not afraid to raise their forces against the greatest Irishman of the century. Do net think, if you go back to the tomb where we hoped these unfortunate controversies were buried, twelve months ago—do not think you can select from off that tomb your own pot skeleton and prevent any one else. This question was settled by the Irish Parlamentary Party last session. (A Voice — "The country settled it, and the Harbor Division will settle you." Cheers.) Do not the convention know that apart from the differences of opinion here—that outside and throughout the country. South, North, Fast, and

But I won't be his instrument, no. nor the instrument of this convention, to drive any other man out of Irish politics except for a just cause and for proper reasons proven against him. The convention may be very powerful, and your mandate may be very authoritative, but I refuse to take from your hands a dagger to plant in the breast of a brother Irish member.

Now, I should like if it were possible to address a few words of reason to this convention if you had not made up your minds not to hear me. nor the instrument of this conven

to this convention if you had not made up your minds not to hear me. (Interruptions.) What is the burden of the charge against Mr. Healy with regard to the United Irish Leggue? We are told he never gave it any assistance and that he never threred it. Did he ever get the chance? I should like to point out to you that he was deliberately kept outside its fold, and every machinery that could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect that the country machinery that the could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect that the could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect that the could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect that the could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect that the could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect that the could be devised was devised to prevent him coming near it or expect the country that the could be devised was devised to the country that the co prevent him coming near it or expressing sympathy with it from the beginning.

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Mr. Harrington—I don't state what I know to be wrong. On the contrary, if there was a disposition to allow all Irishmen to loyally join in this movement, why did the Directory of the United Iris h League continue to hold its meetings in the on in this movement, why did the Diretory of the United Iris h League
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knew perfectly well Mr. Healy,
owing to the previous controversy,
could not go in to take part in the
deliberations? (Gries of "Bosh.") Let
us have fair play equally for Mr.
Healy as for every other Irishman,
It may have been right to hold the
meeting wherever they liked to prevent Mr. Healy coming in, but it is
not homest to come here to this convention and say he refused so come
in when you have shut the door in
his face. (Cries of "Bosh.") I want
henesty—I want fair play. (Cheers.)
I want honest dealing between leading Irishmen to one another; and I
say that the system of intrigue, of
going round to get up resolutions.
(Great interruption, which was contunued for some minutes, during
which Mr. Harrington sat down.)
The Chairman here intervened.
It would be useless and scarcely

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Mr. Harrington, resuming, said—I know well that Mr. O'Brien's position in this matter is consistent. I know that when the Irish Party met in April, '99, to devise some means by which unity could be restored in their ranks he had not sympathy in their proceedings, and he had no belief in any unity which would include Mr. Healy. All through, at every stage of the proceedings to restore unity to the Irish ranks, so long as the effort was directed to the restoration of unity in the Parliamentary Party, he was a strong and determined, if a silent, opponent at every step. It was, therefore, perfectly consistent on his part, believing as he then believed, and as he does now, that he could not act with Mr. Healy in the Party and take the line he has taken to-day. But with all respect to-day I say that the issue between him and Mr. Healy should have been decided in North Louth. But what becomes, I want to know, of the action of the other members of the Parliamentary Party who are going to take part in this division to-day? They, Mr. Chairman, joined with Mr. Healy and electing you to the chair at the commencement of the last session of Parliament. They joined Mr. Healy in the conferences which took place in that Party during the whole of the period of the hast session, and I challenge any one to say that in those whole twelve months Mr. Healy did not act calculated to obstruct the Party. (Ironical cheers.) Having said so much, Mr. Chairman it is unnecessary for me to proclaim that I have never in Irish politics been a partisan of Mr. Healy, or a follower of his. I speak for fair play I speak for Herel-minded broad-minded action, worthy of men looking for freedom. If you, I say, if you treat an Irishman who has worked with you in the National ranks, if you treat an Irishman

West—there are numbers of men who were never partisans of Mr. Ifealy, numbers who take sides against him and condemned his actions and words, and who are not astill in favor of your policy of eviction? We made up our minds to bury these controversies; we made up our (minds to left the constituencies of the constitutional law and of constitutional representation that any body, Convention, or anybody else; should step in to bar the right of the mew Party ment of the mew Party ment of the mew Party ment of the mew Party with confidence to a Government of the first of the mew Party ment of which you had control? We made up our control we have to teach lessons of toleration and broad-mindedness and fair play to the men who differ from you in opinion, and how could we hope to win a member than go and mind his own business, and the advantage might be his and the loss yours. This is unity; this is toleration. This is how you hope to win respect for the Irish cause amongst those who differ from you in Ireland mind his own business, and the advantage might be his and the loss yours. This is how you hope to win respect for the Irish cause amongst those who differ from you in Ireland mind his own business, and the advantage might be his and the loss yours. This is how you hope to win respect for the Irish cause amongst those who differ from you in Ireland all over the globe. We heard the word of the Irish nation, not at the mandate of the Irish nation, not at the mandate of the Irish nation, not at the mandate of the Irish race of the battle if they gathered togen them in council with no better purpose than to differ bitterly amongst themselves. I don't want to deprive Mr. O'Brien of a position in Irish we have the sincerity of the position I hold (Cries of Thesian to the propose than to differ bitterly amongst the propose

Rev. John Clancy, who was loudly heered, said it afforded him no pleasure whatsoever to support this resolution. Nothing but a sense of resolution. Nothing but a sense of duty to his country would induce him to do so, but the conduct of the two men whom it was proposed to exclude from the ranks of the United Irish Party had left them no option in the matter. (Cheers.) A great deal-had been said about Mr. Healy's gentleness as a member of the Parliamentary Party. (Laughter.) Mr. Harrington might tell them that he could bear testimony to Mr. Healy's action as a member of the reunited Irish Party. What was to be said with regard to his action with refer-Irish Party. What was to be said with regard to his action with reference to the National movement in Ireland? Even if he were to admit that Mr Healy made no attempt on the unity of the Farty, they should pass this resolution in consequence of his warfare on the National movement. He would be no party to running this movement in water-tight compartments. He (Father Clancy) had in that room argued for the solidarity of the Irish cause — that there should be identity of object and aims between the Parliamentary Party and the National organization. He took his stand on these tion. He took his stand or

and aims between the Parliamentary Party and the National organization. He took his stand on these indefensible principles, and urged that if there was to be anything like union between these two great portions of the National movement, where was there room in the National army for a man who used all his talents not to forward but to thwart the National movement?

It had been said that Mr. Healy had been charged with not doing anything to help the United Irish League. But what he was charged with was with doing everything in his nower to thwart it. Assisted by his organ he, in every way worthy of assailed the programme and the methods of the League and its promoters. He need only refer to the case of Mr. Healy's lying attack /on Mr John O'Donnell. They were told there was no effort made to bring him into the League? It was the inception of the League? It was the desperate resort of the poverty-stricken people of the West for mutual protection. It united men who for many years had been estranged, but who found a common platform to save the people from extermination. Its programme was so prepared this it obtained the adhesion of men like Archbishop Croke, Dr. O'Donnell, Bishop of Raphoe, Mr. William O'Brien, Mr. James O'Kelly, Mr. Michael Davitt, Mr. Farrell, and indeed he might continue an endless litany of names, and forsooth indeed he might continue an end-less litany of names, and forsooth the platform that was broad enough for these was not broad enough for these was not broad enough for Mr. Healy. It was really like breaking a butterfly on a wheel to be piling up arguments for the exclusion of Mr. Healy. They heard nothing about the rights of constituencies. But what about the rights of the nation? That talk about conciliation meant this also, and that this unfortunate mischief to the Irish cause. that the personal position. that the personal position cause, that the personal positi the foibles and the temperament the foibles and the temperament of some of their public men, was of more account than National progress and that while the impoverishment and the depopulation of the country was going on with giant strides, they should be frittering away their time in devising means to do the impossible, to placate Hr. T. M. Healy. It would be an impossible

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task, and a task from which he shrank to go through, the awful catalogue of the crimes against National decency; and when he heard that talk about conciliation he was reminded of the reply of the witty Frenchman to the friend who was arguing for the abolition of capital punishment, "By all means," said he, "but let the assassins begin." He said—let the assassins begin. They approached this question with clean hands; they had used no poisoned weapons; they had made no war on women. Their mouths were not racked with foul charges of personal corruption against opponents, and if at long last, after years of patient waiting, they had adopted an uncompromising attitude, if at last they had drawn the sword and thrown away the scabband, it was that they might rescue the cause of [Concluded on Page Eight]



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