

tion of a majority of the Irish members.

The Home Rulers press for the immediate putting into force of the Bill, or a binding guarantee that it will be enforced after the war, alleging that the present delay and uncertainty are driving Home Rulers into Sinn Fein associations, an assertion that the recent by-election confirms. The Unionists of Ulster declare they will not have Home Rule, as they would be a helpless minority under the heel of the Nationalists were it established. With the present franchise they certainly would be under their rule and governance, and no protective guarantee or assurance of fair, kindly and considerate treatment can reconcile them to accepting that position, either as a permanent or initial one.

The Nationalist Home Rulers want one Government for an undivided Ireland, which they as the majority would evidently control, but are careless, as they always have been, respecting representation at Westminster, except as a means of advancing their views in connection with Ireland. Were Home Rule once in being there would be no reason to fear the interference of Irish members in connection with purely English, Scotch or Welsh legislation.