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## NOTES OF THE WEEK.

Mr. T. W. Russell, M. P., the Liberal Unionist member for South Tyrone, who withdrew his support from the Government on the announcement of the proclamation of the National League, has issued an address to his constituents. He opposed, he explains, Mr. Parnell's bill to reduce the rents, because the Government had promised to appoint a commission of inquiry, and that since then the report of the commission had convinced him of the necessity of a revision of rents. Tenants, he adds, must not be compelled to pay impossible rents, and the landlords must realize that a purchase scheme will have to be brought forward to put an end to the existing suspense.

The chivalrous silence maintained by Mr. Gladstone under the taunts and insults of his quondam colleagues, has only served to manifest the more conspicuously his natural nobleness of character. Close upon the heels of Professor Tyndall's coarse tirade against the aged statesman came another, and a second, attack from the Duke of Argyle, a former Liberal and colleague. To this Mr. Gladstone has written a short reply. "The Duke of Argyle," he says, "is an old friend, whose attacks I prefer bearing silently. I do not excuse tyranny, but I wish to have the National League dealt with legally and not by the arbitrary decision of the Viceroy or Chief Secretary for Ireland."

Mr. Gladstone's acceptance of the invitation of Mr. Sexton, M. P., Lord Mayor elect of Dublin, to visit the Irish capital on the occasion of his installation, emphasizes the affiliation of the English Liberals with the Irish Nationalists. During the coming recess, about thirty Parnellites, it is understood, will make a stumping tour of Great Britain, enlightening the English and Scotch electors on the question of Home Rule, while a delegation of English members on the other hand will go to Ireland to assure the Irish people of the continued sympathy and

support of the Liberal party. The presence of the Liberal leader in Ireland at such a time will mark, it may be said, a distinct epoch in British politics.

As a specimen of the entertaining drivel talked by the emissaries of Protestant proselytizing societies anent their work in Rome, the report in the *Mail* of Tuesday, of the proceedings of the Ministerial Association of Montreal, is fairly good. A Mr. VanMetre, who, needless to say, was soliciting aid, spoke strongly against the Church of Rome, we are told. He spoke of the efforts of the Bible Society to have Bibles printed; of how, in one instance, a building was secured within the shadow of the Vatican, and how the Gospel was printed there amid the hallelujahs of members of the Society, which were probably heard by the Pope, who was powerless to prevent them. We wonder if the good Mr. VanMetre ever heard that extraordinary story about a cock and a bull?

Replying a few days ago to an address presented to him by the people of Tipperary, Mgr. Persico, the Papal envoy to Ireland, as if to dissipate any doubts there might be remaining as to the true purpose of his visit, assured them that his presence among them was but an evidence of the Holy Father's deep and affectionate interest in Ireland. The Pope, he said, loves Ireland, knows her sufferings, and feels the deepest sympathy with her people. He had been sent to tell them of that love and sympathy, and further that the Holy Father intended to do a great and real good for Ireland. And when the Pope raises his voice, he added, the potents of the earth will listen reverently, because it is a voice never heard save in the cause of truth, and the interests of justice.

Notwithstanding the menacing presence of troops of soldiers and dragoons, the proclaimed meeting of the National League at Ennis, County Clare, on Sunday last, passed off without disturbance, and without anything transpiring of a character to afford the Government any justification for its action. Following the course suggested by the *London Daily News* and leading Liberals, the promoters of the meeting were content to protest by formally assembling, adopting their resolutions, and on being called upon to do so, quietly dispersing. The assemblage numbered ten thousand, and was addressed by three of the delegation of members of the House of Commons present, from their carriages. After speeches had been delivered by Messrs. Sullivan, Stanhope and O'Brien, a divisional magistrate, heading a troop of hussars, rode up and ordered the meeting to disperse within five minutes. He was handed by Mr. Stanhope, who, by the way, is an English member, a copy of the resolutions adopted by the meeting, and informed that the proceedings of the meeting being legal, if a collision occurred between the troops and the people, he, the magistrate, would be held strictly accountable. The members withdrawing, the crowds quietly dispersed. The resolutions presented the magistrate, and approved by the meeting, demanded Home Rule, declared adherence to Mr. Parnell, thanked the Liberal party, denounced land grabbing, and pledged resistance to the proclamation of the National League.