

Irishmen have fought against Great Britain in every war for hundreds of years back, and God knows they cannot be blamed for having done so. The Irish-Americans look upon England with loathing, and it is mainly on account of this unfriendly feeling that all efforts to make trade and other treaties between the United States and Britain, have so far proved useless. Now if England does away completely with the present method of governing Ireland, by granting Home Rule, it will be the signal for Irishmen in every country of the world to forget the past. Those, subjects of the British Empire, will become loyal and true, those, subjects of other nations will become friends with England, and thus the great impediment to the union of the English-speaking nations will be removed.

The deadening influence upon Ireland's prosperity since 1850, has been the continual exodus of her sons and daughters to foreign lands. Before the famine, the population was over eight millions but today it barely reaches the four million five hundred thousand mark. Although steps have been taken in recent years to check this national evil, the success has been only partial. Now Home Rule is the true remedy for the evil. Irishmen will not emigrate to distant lands when they can live and prosper on their own dear soil, and when the government of their native land is just in their own hands—in fact many wandering children will return to the Emerald Isle. Ireland will be a nation within a nation, and her sons and daughters, will strive to make her glorious.

Now when emigration has ceased, prosperity will come to the land of St. Patrick. The real wealth of a nation lies in its agricultural lands, so that the more farming done, the wealthier will be the nation. According to the report for nineteen hundred and ten of the Minister of Agriculture for Ireland, "the decline in area of land under cultivation has been almost exactly in relative proportion to the decline in population." A deserted farm is a common sight. Thousands of acres of excellent wheat land have been converted into pastures, and the greater majority of farms are five, or under five acres, in area. The first act of the Irish Parliament will be to correct this condition of affairs. The deserted farms and the pasture lands will be reclaimed to agriculture, and many poor men will become prosperous tillers of the soil.

Since eighteen hundred and one, Ireland has been governed by the British Parliament. Formerly such a slight matter as the opening up of a new road or the building of a small bridge had to