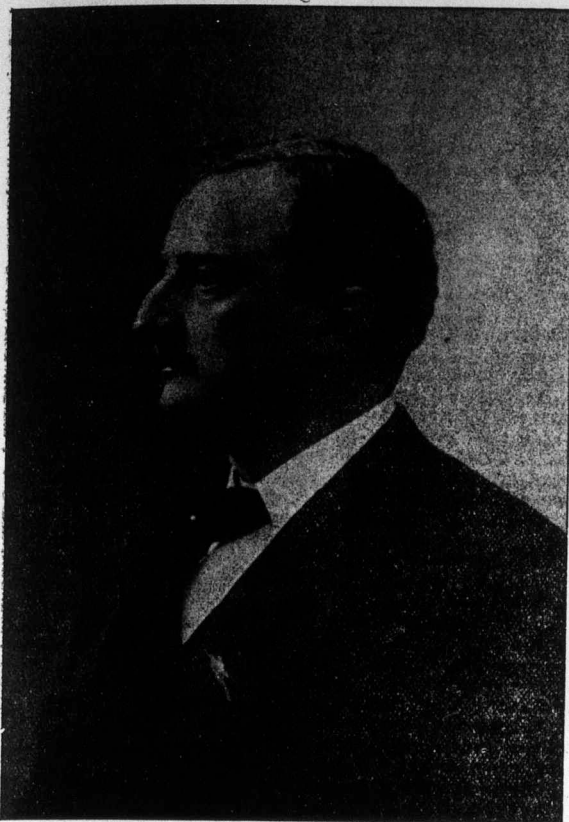


Ireland's Struggle Now!



MR. JOHN E. REDMOND, M.P.

IN A RECENT SPEECH Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, reviewed the work of the past year. He said, he did not think it would be necessary for him to do more than briefly refer to some of the most important incidents which had marked the progress of their movements during the past year. Broadly speaking, he thought they could claim that that year had been one of steadily reviving hope and confidence in Ireland, and of steadily increasing strength and power. The position of the popular organization was far stronger to-day in point of numbers, discipline, and courage than it was twelve months ago.

The Irish party had also been tested by a long session, which was full of unceasing industry and successful effort on their part. It was the bare truth, therefore, to assert that their cause stood higher and that the prospects of their country were brighter than at any time within the past ten years. Humanely speaking, nothing could effectually lessen the steady and persistent pressure of a united Ireland, represented in the House of Commons by a body of united and independent members. The very fact that English political parties to-day were shrieking expressions of hatred to Ireland was proof enough of itself of the revival of Ireland's power. For his own part, he was quite confident of the future of Ireland, if the country remained united, and that the immediate future would bring redress of many grievances and would witness a large step forward in the direction of national self-government. They could fairly boast that they were the only political party who could look back on the past year with pride, and to the coming year with hope and confidence.

TWELVE YEARS AGO the generosity of the people was, as many thought, exhausted by the appeal which had been made for a general election fund. That appeal was met with the utmost liberality, and immediately afterwards they were obliged to make a second appeal to the generosity of the people in order to provide a fund for the constant and steady attendance of the whole Irish party in Parliament. That appeal also had been successful, and he had to report that the Parliamentary fund for 1901 produced the magnificent total of \$53,400, subscribed by their fellow-countrymen.

To Ireland ... \$40,000
In Great Britain ... 10,800
In Other Countries ... 2,600

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From an analysis he was able to declare that every county, every parish, subscribed to the fund, and that, having provided adequately for the continued presence of practically the whole party in Parliament during the last session and the necessary individual expenses of a great political party, they had still to their credit at the opening

of the new year the handsome balance of \$10,000. He did not believe that any political party in these kingdoms could make the boast that it had been conducted on such strictly economical lines, and he thought they had something to be proud of. They were now at the commencement of a new year and a new session, and the necessity would be increased ten-fold for a constant attendance of the Irish party in Parliament. No man could foretell what might occur in the political world during the next few months, or what crisis might arise, and the full attendance of the party was, therefore, absolutely essential, and one of the resolutions to be submitted would ask for the inauguration of a Parliamentary fund for 1902. He might express his own individual opinion that the Irish party could not adequately perform its duty unless it had at its disposal from \$50,000 to \$60,000 a year, and he was perfectly convinced that the collection they now desired to inaugurate would be as successful as the previous one.

THE LEAGUE'S PROGRESS. — Speaking of the manner in which the League progressed Mr. Redmond said:—

He found that they were commencing the new year with a total number of branches of 1,230. Mr. Wyndham had stated that there were not more than forty branches of the organization in existence. Everbody, of course, was aware of the fact that that was a ridiculous misstatement. He had the most careful inquiries instituted and careful lists of the various branches made, and he was prepared to stake his personal credit on the statement that there were 1,230 paying and working branches of the United Irish League in Ireland. The United Irish League also had taken root in America, and had been established on a broad and firm basis. The first president was Colonel John Finerty, of Chicago, whose name carried weight with Irishmen all over the world, and the provisional executive consisted of representative Irishmen almost all over the continent. At the request of that executive they were sending out two other delegates to assist in the work of organizing branches, and he expected before the end of the year to hold a great convention to put the movement on a firm basis. From that movement Ireland would be able to count on the steady support of practically the whole Irish race in the great Republic. The success of the movement in America would, however, depend absolutely on the success of the movement at home; if there were any signs of laxity or backsliding, then they could expect nothing from America, but if they continued to present a united front to their enemies, if they made this movement a dangerous movement to the enemies of Ireland, and if it was conducted with spirit and courage, then (he said) that the more they did at home the more would be done for them by their brethren in America.

Gov. Altgeld's Death.

The news of the sudden and almost tragic death of former Governor John P. Altgeld, at Joliet, Ill., on the 11th instant, spread like wild fire over the whole of America, and created considerable astonishment. After delivering one of his fiery and enthusiastic speeches, into which he evidently threw all his energies, a fit of illness seized him, unconsciousness followed, and death ensued. While it is not for us to judge of the departed public man, nor would it be at all becoming to do so under the circumstances, still we cannot refrain from considering his unexpected death—in the hour of excitement and zeal, and in a moment when his whole soul was bent on the attainment of another worldly success, as very illustrative of "uncertainty of the hour," and of the importance of those safeguards of Faith and of grace whereby the Church hedges in from all catastrophes the children that obey her behests. Apart from this reflection we need but give a brief summary of the dead orator's career:—

John P. Altgeld was born in Germany in December, 1847. His parents brought him to America when he was three months old, and he grew up as an ordinary American boy in the Ohio town of Mansfield. In 1863, when 16 years old, he gained entrance to the army of the union as a private and remained in active service to the close of the civil war. Later he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1869. He was always a democrat, and in 1884 was a candidate for congress, but failed of election though he ran ahead of the regular party ticket. In 1886 he became judge of the Superior Court of Cook County, but suddenly resigned in 1891. Next year he was nominated for governor and was carried into power on the crest of the wave which landed Grover Cleveland in the White House for a second term.

There are 3,200 men in International Bricklayers and Masons' Union No. 21, and it controls every contract for masonry work under way in Cook County. The present scale is 50 cents an hour for an eight-hour day. This has not been improved in fifteen years. During that time carpenters have advanced from 27½ cents an hour to 47 cents an hour, structural iron workers from \$2.25 a day to \$4 a day, plumbers from \$2.50 a day to \$4.40 a day, and other trades proportionately, with Saturday half holidays. The masons want an increase from 50 cents to 60 cents per hour, and are determined that they will accept nothing less than 55 cents per hour.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Francis Ryan, rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, born at Newfoundland, 1844. Died at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, Saturday, March 8, 1902.

Hark, friends, a noblesoul has passed away,
The vital spark of a loved one has fled,
The Angel's voice has called from us this day,
A true friend, now numbered with the dead.

A holy priest has yielded up his trust,
The Loving Master has bid him come,
He has left us, and is gone to join the Just
His day of toil, of labor, now is done.

Of talents the brightest and the most choice,
That man could possess here below,
Admired by all, true wisdom in his voice,
His charity set his heart all aglow.

A pastor, heroic, true at every turn,
Upon the altar how nobly he stood,
For him to-day how we all deeply mourn,
Even his presence inspired us with good.

The young he loved like his Master above,
For them what noble sacrifices he made;
O children of St. Michael's, show your love,
Place the choicest flowers upon his grave.

A great patriot, through his circle of years,
For him all classes and creeds are weeping;
The dirge of a people is heard by their tears,
For that dear honored priest who is sleeping.

Like a star taken from the heavens grand,
When its brilliancy most we're admiring,
His name will be echoed throughout the land,
He has joined the more fervent aspiring.

Then farewell dear Father, your work is o'er,
Forget not those you have left behind;
You're at rest on the Bright Celestial Shore,
Where happiness and joy we all will find.—R.I.P.

R. J. LOUIS CUDDIHY.

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The general committee was as follows:—

Representing the County Board, Ancient Order of Hibernians—M. J. O'Farrell, president; John Butler, vice-president; Wm. Gilchrist, treasurer; Wm. G. Teare, secretary; Jas. Bennett, James Buckley, James Rowan, Alex. Hunter, Wm. Rogers, Phil. O'Meara, Allan P. Tobin.

Representing St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society—D'Arcy Scott, president; John Daly, secretary; D. McD. Renihan, Jos. Lyons, John Casey.

Representing Division No. 1 A.O.H.—M. H. O'Connor, J. Bergin, J. Walsh, W. H. Higgerty, J. J. O'Meara.

Representing Division No. 2, A.O.H.—Dr. A. Freeland, S. Cross, John Hanlon, M. J. Dodd, M. J. O'Connor.

Sub-committees:—
Ways and Means Committee—M. J. O'Farrell, chairman; Jas. Rowan, W. H. Higgerty, M. H. O'Connor, Allan P. Tobin, Alex. Hunter.

Music Committee—Phil O'Meara, chairman; Alex. Hunter, James Bergin.

Resolutions Committee—M. J. O'Connor, chairman; M. H. O'Connor, S. Cross, John Daly, D'Arcy Scott, John Casey.

Badges Committee—Dr. A. Freeland, chairman; James Bennett, John Daly.

Reception Committee—D'Arcy Scott, chairman; Dr. Freeland, Jas. Buckley, J. J. O'Meara, W. G. Teaffe.

Invitation Committee—John Hanlon, chairman; W. G. Teaffe, secretary.

The order of the procession was: Grand Marshal.

Band.
St. Bridget's Court, C.O.F.
Bayswater Court, C.O.F.
St. Patrick's Court, Hull, C.O.F.
St. Paul's Court, Aylmer, C.O.F.
St. Joseph's Court, C.O.F.
Emerald Court, C.O.F.
Capital Court, C.O.F.
Branch 159, C.M.B.A.
Branch 94, C.M.B.A.
Branch 28, C.M.B.A.
Band.

Irishmen in general.
St. Patrick's Literary and Scientific Society.

Band.
Hibernian Knights, Montreal.
Division No. 2, A.O.H.
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Officers of County Board, A.O.H.
At St. Joseph's Church Rev. Father William Murphy preached an appropriate sermon, taking the life of St. Patrick as his subject.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.—

At St. Patrick's hall an enthusiastic gathering of Irishmen took place at the conclusion of the parade.

Strong resolutions for the formation of a branch of the United Irish League and expressing sympathy with the Home Rule movement were adopted amid applause.

Mr. M. J. O'Farrell, chairman of the General Committee of Arrangements, presided.

President D'Arcy Scott, of St. Patrick's Society, introduced the motion favoring Home Rule, in a spirited and eloquent speech. He moved, seconded by Dr. Freeland, the following resolutions:—

Whereas the Irish of this fair Dominion, in the full and free enjoyment of all the blessings that flow from a responsible form of government, have ever been a loyal, prosperous and happy people, justly proud of citizenship in this great dependency of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen, and

Whereas our fellow-countrymen at home although they have on so many occasions given signal proof of their fitness for self-government, yet remain deprived of that priceless blessing which His Majesty's subjects in almost every other part of the Empire enjoy, and

Whereas in view of the rising sentiment in favor of a federation of all parts of the Empire on a uniform basis of local self-government, the growing necessity of decentral-

ization of the vastly increasing volume of legislation in the Imperial Parliament at Westminster; the marked success that has attended the recent introduction of elective municipal bodies in Ireland, and many otherwise changing political conditions, we are assured that the time has arrived when the long struggle for Home Rule must issue in the establishment of a complete system of responsible government for Ireland.

"Be it therefore resolved that the Irishmen of Ottawa assembled on the occasion of Ireland's national festival place on record our entire sympathy with the Irish Nationalist party in their renewed efforts to secure within the lines of the constitution such a measure of self-government as we ourselves enjoy.

"Be it further resolved that while recognizing the patriotism and Parliamentary genius of the Irish leader, John Redmond, and placing our entire confidence in him and his colleagues, in their efforts to secure Home Rule, we desire particularly, to express our admiration for a great and distinguished fellow-countryman, the Hon. Edward Blake, for the lofty spirit of patriotism he has displayed towards the land of his forefathers, and the invaluable service he has rendered to the cause.

"Be it further resolved that copies of these resolutions be given to the press and forwarded to John Redmond, M.P., and Hon. Edward Blake."

The resolution was adopted amid applause.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. J. J. O'Meara and carried:—

"That whereas the United Irish League, in the words of the constitution of the first club of United Irishmen in 1792, 'is constituted for the purpose of forwarding a brotherhood of affection, a communion of rights, and a union of power among Irishmen,' irrespective of religious differences, and has for its objects the securing of self-government for Ireland, the obtaining of the land for the people of Ireland instead of allowing it to remain in the hands of absentee landlords, and the developing and stimulating of her agricultural and industrial resources.

"And whereas great benefit has already accrued to the people of Ireland from the formation of branches of the United Irish League throughout the Empire.

"Resolved, that the Irishmen of Ottawa in general meeting assembled hereby establish a branch of the United Irish League in Ottawa, to be known as the Ottawa branch.

"And that Dr. Freeland be appointed temporary chairman, and James Bergin temporary secretary of the said branch, with authority to call a meeting at some future date for the election of officers and the completion of organization."

Speeches were also delivered by Hon. John Costigan, Ex-Ald. Devlin, Mr. Hughes, M.P., (Prince Edward Island), Dr. MacCabe, D. J. McDougall, Dr. Dowling and F. B. Hayes. The resolutions were unanimously adopted.

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