

### Lord Charles Beresford on the Irish Character.

At the inaugural meeting of the University Philosophical Society, held in Trinity College, Dublin, on November 18th, an interesting speech was delivered on the Irish character by the Right Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, O.B. He said: For his own part, being an Irishman (cheers), he had very often had arguments on the other side about Ireland; and whenever he met a man worth arguing with and wanted to find out what he knew he asked him—"Have you ever been in Ireland?"—and when he invariably said "No"—he went away smiling (hear, hear). The president had quoted a saying of Lord Ashbourne, an Irishman of whom they were all proud. He (Lord Charles) begged leave to differ altogether with Lord Ashbourne. He had had to do with Irishmen all over the world, and all sorts and conditions of Irishmen, and he never met an Irishman that was "half" anything, yep (great applause). If he was a good man, he was a solid good man (cheers); and if he was a bad man he was about the best of bad men (laughter). He quite agreed with the president that they did not like being found fault with. They were a sensitive as well as a generous people. As to their being Celts the president had quoted the opinions of Mommsen and Martin, the Frenchmen. Both of them were wrong in saying that the Irish were not thoroughbred Celts; but taking them as a nation they were thoroughbred Irish. They had been conquered by many nations, but the nations had disappeared and they were Irish still (cheers). It was a curious fact that some nations remained to the end of time. In Orto, where he had been many times, he had found that the most violent Mahomedans were those who had been originally Christians. They became most violent Mahomedans and most troublesome to deal with. Egypt had been conquered many times, but they never could make anything of an Egyptian nor an Egyptian. He would take leave to differ with some of the remarks of Mommsen. He was altogether inaccurate about the military capabilities of the Irish. Whenever they were put under discipline they were the best soldiers in the world and the best sailors (cheers). They had very often won battles for other nations. They won Fontenoy for the French, and the French themselves acknowledged that, as well as the English, they were fighting there. As regarded what he said about their disposition towards leaders, Mommsen's remarks applied to a past period, but would not hold water at the present day. The Duke of Wellington was a leader, and he was an Irishman. The present Lord Wolsley and Lord Roberts were Irishmen.

Let them not have these violent political feelings. If the Irish people stood together they were perfectly irresistible. (Applause.) When they got the opportunity they managed to rule every country but their own. If they got more together he thought their best points would be to the front, and not those points for which men differed. The president also spoke about patriotism. He always thought that there were only two patriotic countries in the world—the one was Ireland and the other America, and America was only national because so many Irish people were in it. (Applause.) There was another point in which he hoped they would all agree with him, and that was that they should get more together with England, and that the English should get more together with them. (Hear, hear.) One of the first things they were required, in his opinion, in order to bring about this result, was a Royal residence in Ireland. (Applause.) He said nothing, he hinted nothing, he whispered nothing which might be in the least disrespectful to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. But he would say everything and would go beyond word of disrespect towards Governments and towards the Ministers who had prevented Her Majesty from coming to this country. (Applause and laughter.) It was not, he submitted, good for England, nor was it good for Ireland that Her Gracious Majesty had only spent seventeen days in Ireland during her reign of sixty years. (Applause.) In these days of democracy if the people wished to have royal residents in Ireland members of the Royal family would have to come (hear, hear). The president had referred to the many good characteristics of the Irish people. There could be no doubt that they got them all (laughter and applause). They were eloquent, they were plucky, (applause), and they were good humoured. In fact, they were everything that was right (laughter and applause). In conclusion, he would quote as the most effective lines that could occur to him on the point those of Moore—  
Eria, thy silent tear never shall cease,  
Eria, thy languid smile ne'er shall increase.  
Till, like the rainbow's light,  
Thy various tints unto  
And form in Heaven's sight one arch of peace.

C. M. B. A., Stratford.

At the last regular meeting of Branch No. 13, C.M.B.A., a vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. D. J. O'Connor, chairman of the board of trustees for many years past, who has rendered his resignation as such owing to pressure of business. Mr. O'Connor is a past grand chancellor of the grand council of the O.M.B.A., of Canada and one of the founders of the local branch.

A Voice—And yourself.

Lord Charles, continuing said that Sir Herbert Kitchener, another great soldier was an Irishman, and so was Sir George White, of India. Let him point to facts connected with the late gallant action fought by the Gordon Highlanders. He always took an interest in a fight in order to see if any of his countrymen were in it, and he generally found that they were. He went to the War Office and obtained the names of the killed and wounded in that battle fought by the Gordon Highlanders so gallantly, and what names did he find? Patrick Hogan (cheers). Timothy Byrne (cheers). Denis Hickey, and last but not least, the gallant piper who, when both his legs were shot through by bullets, put his back against a boulder and played to encourage his comrades to fight, and whose name he found to be Findlater (cheer). That man he believed, had been recommended for the Victoria Cross, and he hoped he would get it. He was an honor and a credit to that great Scotch regiment and to the Irishmen who served in it. As to Mommsen's remark about the Irish people not being good agriculturists in his (Lord Beresford's) opinion there was very good cause for it. He was a landlord himself. Up to the Act of 1800 it was impossible for any tenant to take an interest in agriculture. As the president had said a man would have been more or less means if he took an interest in his land before that Act. The president had also referred to their capacity (laughter and applause). He must say that with the exception of the man who was just then addressing them he admitted that their people could put enthusiasm and brilliancy into their speeches which were calculated to enrage the captivation of their hearers (applause).

A Voice—Edmund Burke.

Lord Charles Beresford—Yes, Edmund Burke. But the President also said that "Irish eloquence often leads to exaggeration." He found, however, that the meaning of the word—the translation of the word which meant that of their country was simply "the men who draw the bow," and they might take credit to themselves that they really did draw the long bow. (Applause.) Indeed, it might well and truly, as he believed, be said that this country was fittingly occupied by the Irish before the flood. (Applause and laughter.) Unhappy divisions, it was true, had existed and even now existed amongst them. (Hear, hear.)

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