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Q. Did the Irish suffer on account of their religion?

A. Yes, the English banned the Catholic religion; they robbed and burned down the Irish Churches, they hunted the Irish priests for love, giving a bounty of \$10 for a priests' head. The priests when caught by order of English authority were beheaded, disembowled and quartered and the parts were exhibited in public places.

The Irish people were constrained to attend English Church services, and fined twelve shillings if they absented themselves for one Sunday. The Irish people were deprived of the right of education, the rights of property, and of citizenship if they did not accept the English religion. Moreover, the Irish people were constrained to accept the English religion in the English language, the Irish language being banned in its use to them. The English still seek to bann the Irish language.

Q. What religion did the English wish the Irish people to accept?

A. Henry VIII endeavored to impose on the Irish the Protestant religion and his pious daughter Elizabeth did likewise.

Q. Are there many Protestants in Ireland?

A. About one Millicn or one fourth of the whole is protestant in religion. There might have been many more but for the English religious teachers insisting upon giving their religion to the Irish people in the English language, which the Irish either hated or did not understand. Then too, certain Anglo-Irish teachers of the Belfast Coote type have been deemed unpatriotic, more disposed to make the Irish English in Character that to make them Christians, by which they succeeded well

in driving many open-minded protestants into the fold of the Catholic Church.

Q. Is England a protestant nation?

A. England can hardly be called a protestant nation. In politics and commercial affairs England has no religion other than allegiance to the God of Success. England allied herself with France Italy and Belgium against Protestant Germany in the late war. The English government maintains an Envoy at the Vatican in Rome, which France and Italy do not do; thus England acknowledges the temporal power of the pope. It is amusing how the Carsonites wink at this. But it is all in the game. England is a nation of traders. She is commercial first, last and always. Were it not for the British working men, England would be a soulless nation.

Q. Is this Anglo-Irish war a war of religion then?

A. By no means. But England uses religion as a camouflase for purposes of aiding her in exploiting Ireland.

Are Protestants and Catholics In the War

Q. Do Irish Protestants leave the whole fight against England to the Catholics, and take no part in the defense of their country against this imperious and unscrupulous foe?

A. The Catholics being more numerous, and upon the whole more opposed to England have suffered most and have borne the brunt of the battles. But many brave and noble minded protestanats have stood and do now stand with the Catholics in defense of their country; these believe more or less in Sinn Fein—which is an Irish phrase for Self-Reliance. In the past as well as now many Protestants have proved