

Neill.....I find him a man of high character..... He looks a little tired, but there is no hatred in this man. As we talk, I learn to like him. We discuss ends and means. I am in front of a lofty mind, sincere, creative....."

Arthur Griffiths and Eoin MacNeil—alike devoted self-sacrificing and fearless—are the outstanding leaders of Sinn Fein, while de Valera is the popular idol in the Irish Republican movement. The latter with Count Plunket, Joseph MacGuinness, Lawrence Ginnell and William Cosgrave are elected Members of Parliament, pledged to sit in none but an Irish Parliament. Every constituency contested by Sinn Fein upon its new platform has been won by them. As each new seat falls vacant they claim they will contest it, while Redmondite and Unionist politicians agree the Sinn Feinidhe will carry practically all the seats in Nationalist Ireland.

Parnell went to London, and his downfall was plotted there. The new leaders remain at home with the Irish People. Together they are moving on—proclaiming as they go Parnell's doctrine that no bounds may be set to the march of a Nation, pressing forward to liberty.