

land — in the far off penal settlements of Australia and and the West Indies, the Irish settler of Hindostan, of the East Indies, of Southern Africa and of South America, united their several mites till vast sums rolled into the treasury of the Association. But result of results ! The head committee at Dublin was the nerve-centre of a mighty political system whose ramifications penetrated to the uttermost extremities of the earth; and O'Connell, blessed above all his predecessors, beheld what to none before him was it given to behold—Irishmen of Erin and of the greater Erin beyond the seas, united as one man beneath the common banner of " Penny Rent." Now at length was his witness ready.

The next step in his plan, as already indicated, was to secure as assistant counsel, the nations of the earth. To France, the land of chivalry, whither turn as though by instinct the eyes of every people that seek their liberty, to France did O'Connell now turn. He caused Shiel, a master of the Gallic as well as of the Anglo-Saxon idiom, to write to the Parisian Press articles on the Irish situation. Soon Paris was a blaze with excitement as the gifted Irishman laid bare the atrocities of English misrule. Then distinguished Frenchmen visited Ireland to investigate for themselves and their testimony rang through the length and breadth of France. The press of the other continental countries, from mere commentaries on the articles and the testimony in question, proceeded to the serious discussion of the Irish question and finally to denunciations of England's policy towards her sister Isle. Now France, " the hereditary friend of Ireland," sends large contributions to swell O'Connell's agitation-fund. Germany, the mother-land of the Angle and the Saxon, Germany the mother-land of Luther, raises a voice of encouragement to the down-trodden Catholic Celt, and the hand she proffers in friendship is filled with welcome gold. From Spain, from Italy, from Austria, comes the same substantial aid. All Europe is aroused. The nations of the earth stand pointing the finger of reproach and remonstrance at proud Britannia—O'Connell's assistant counsel await the opening of the trial.

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