

Another Protestant Patriot.

DR. TANNER said.—I feel very proud that it has been afforded me the great pleasure of being present here to-night once more to listen to William O'Brien (hear, hear). I feel proud at being able to speak to this great audience of the man by whose side it has been my greatest pleasure to stand, winning the great victory, winning the crowning fight that at last made the four provinces of Ireland united in the one great cause for which every Irishman worthy of the name in the past has striven and hoped, and what is the dearest wish of the Irish race to-day, and has accomplished the one goal—the unification of our people to make our country a nation once again (loud applause).

MR. O'BRIEN wound up his remarks in reply, by saying: "I say this, and I say it in the presence of this great audience of Corkmen, that if England is wise enough to rise above her prejudices,—to rise above her guilty fears, and strike an honest and an honourable treaty of peace with the Irish nation, I do not hesitate to say that the men who were and who are and who will ever be the most irreconcilable to English rule in Ireland, and who would be most ready to resent and resist it to the death—*that they may possibly be found to be the men who would be the first to welcome and the staunchest to stand by any honourable settlement* that might bring peace and industry and happiness, combined with freedom and national independence, to our native land." (great cheering).

The proceedings then terminated.