

stitution to suit their own needs, the Mother Country acknowledged their claims, and gave them the right of responsible government.

The British ideal has stood for more than British benefit alone; it has served as an inspiration and a model to older, as well as younger civilizations, in their work of regeneration as in the case of France, America and Austria-Hungary.

The English preceded the French in setting up a revolution, but unlike France, England reinstated her lawful prince. Thus reviving a reverence for authority and precedent, she linked herself to her legitimate past, and with time wrought out an ideal of government, well fitted to endure the trials of tide and time.

But though a nation's material strength may decline, ideals perpetuate themselves by means of national creative talent, which seeks to preserve them through art in its various forms.

After Napoleon defeated the Italians, he crowned his victories by plundering the centres of Italian art, and carrying to France their greatest masterpieces of genius, presented them to his country.

The history of Ireland illustrates the lasting influence of national ideals, in a country that has been deprived of all material wealth.

Ireland has seen her native government uprooted, and she has ever sacrificed the priceless gift of learning to live in possession of her dominating ideal, the pure, consoling, unshorn truth as delivered to her children, in the holy teaching of St. Patrick.

Year after year the Irish people have, for the sake of their religion, left their homes and country and, with sad, though hopeful hearts, sought freedom in countries far from their native shores.

In these lands of their adoption, they and their descendents have been able to follow their ideal. Now, in the new world, those sincere, believing men adorn the highest places in church and state. Their upright character, and love of knowledge and refinement, have won for them the respect of all people, while their hatred of vice and dishonor, has checked the inroads of the Atheist and Socialist, in their efforts to destroy the religion and peace of nations.

The present working of British politics clearly indicates that Ireland's long struggle for Home Rule, through her representatives in the British Parliament, has at last been successful, and in a very short time it will be officially declared.

The unity of the Irish Party in purpose and action, during