

the moment an extinct volcano. He had not the magnanimity to help the triumph of a hated rival even in a cause to which he was no less deeply pledged.

The ground taken by the Government was that the House should refuse to submit to the dictation of an armed assembly. Notwithstanding a magnificent speech from Flood...

"When the news of the defeat and the humiliation was conveyed to the Volunteers it is possible they would have taught a useful lesson to the contumacious Parliament if they had had a leader who could rise to the occasion.

"Flood, to test the sincerity of the Parliament of Great Britain, introduced his Reform Bill backed by petitions and resolutions from all parts of the country. It was rejected more ignominiously than before.

"A difficulty occurred between the Parliament of Great Britain and Ireland, with respect to a commercial treaty with Portugal, which was got over by a backdown on the part of Ireland. A later conflict ended differently.

"In the year 1788 George III. fell sick or went mad; historians differ on the point; but it is quite certain that he could no longer discharge even the ornamental duties of a King.

"The question mattered not one pin's point to Ireland. She was no more concerned than the weeping player in Hamlet with the misfortunes of Hebeba. The Regent, either as Prince of Wales or as sovereign, was not a personage to awaken enthusiasm or sympathy.

"An acute crisis was thus created between the two countries. The Regency of Ireland was declared to be distinct from the Regency of England; the golden link of the crown was broken.

majority Party and was defeated by a majority of one. When, however, the report of the Committee appointed to draw up an address in reply to the speech came up for consideration, the Government were defeated, the vote being 105 for the address and 111 against.

"The motion was carried, the members rose to withdraw, when the speaker, Mr. Foster, himself a strong opponent of the Union, anxious, no doubt, to give the fullest emphasis to this declaration, in an evil moment requested Mr. Ponsoby to write out the precise terms of his motion.

"The opposition was paralyzed. A single sentence plausibly conceived and uttered by an unreflecting respectable fool decided the fate of the Irish nation. It offered a pretext for timidity, a precedent for caution and a subterfuge for wavering venality.

"The amount expended by the Government to procure a majority has been stated at £3,000,000 exclusive of twenty-nine new creations add twenty promotions in the Irish peerage, together with English peerages conferred on 6 noblemen, on account of Irish services, at this juncture.

"In addition to the foregoing the sum of £1,200,000 was paid under the Bill authorizing compensation for disfranchised boroughs, the total number of which was 84."

"The Bill, as might be expected, encountered no opposition in England. On the 2nd of July it received the Royal Assent. The ancient Parliament of Ireland had ceased to exist."

"The Bill was rejected by the overwhelming majority of 170 to 50. Grattan fulfilled his threat (made during the debate). He and his friends retired in a body from the House and at the dissolution they refused re-election.

relations of the two countries. He then goes on at page 278: "At first sight it seems almost incredible that a Parliament which, though brilliant in the extreme, was at the same time unrepresentative and corrupt, could be capable of such splendid service to the country.

"With all its imperfections," he said, "its temptations and its corruptions, it was potent for good. Because its members sat in Ireland, because they sat in their own country and because at that time they had a country; because however influenced, as many of its members were by places, however uninfluenced, as many of its members were by popular representation, yet they were influenced by Irish sympathy.

"The Home Rule policy formulated at the Rotunda Conference (held in 1873 under the presidency of Isaac Butt) has been ever since the policy of the Nationalists of Ireland. It differs essentially from the old policy of Repeal. By Repeal, as has been already said, separation is necessarily implied. Home Rule repudiates separation. By the acceptance of Home Rule the Irish people for the first time abandoned their claims to an independent Parliament and stator to the Union.

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Largely for this reason we have tried to give, as a rule in Mr. Bodkin's own language, so much of the substance of this work as will enable our readers to form fairly clear ideas of the constitutional history of Ireland up to the establishing of Grattan's Parliament.

Converts to the Church are as a rule a sensitive class of people. Their coming into the Church has perhaps caused them much anguish and suffering and even the positive loss of former friends.

DECADENT NATIONS

The nations are opening their eyes to the fact that their very existence is being menaced by racial suicide.

To find a remedy for the sad state of affairs some of the German sociologists have been puzzling their brains. The result of their investigations is made known in the resolves of the Mitgar Society recently in convention at Jena, Germany.

They have made the wonderful and alarming discovery that the only remedy to check the falling birth rate and to regenerate the decadent nations is to establish a polygamy. And to prove the contention the society intends to establish a colony where polygamy will be practiced.

There need be little fear of that Germany has not lost its sense of decency. And it can be expected that the partial attempt to further this uncivilized propaganda will end with the jailing of all the polygamists.

Sad as the affair is, it is interesting as showing the faculty of grasping with the problem scientifically. These so-called scientists would make of marriage a stock farm or rather a kennel where children would be littered like puppies.

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Again there need be little worry over the Eugenists. They may talk a great deal, but it is all talk and nothing more. It is bound to have as little influence upon the propagation of the race as the refusal of those ministers in Chicago to marry those who are unable to give a clean bill of health.

The whole difficulty comes into the domain of religion. Race suicide is due for the most part to sins of immorality. Unlawful restriction of the family by sins of prevention is at the bottom of it.

And so it is not scientific twaddle that will remedy matters but rather a sense of sin. Regard for the laws of God, for the laws of nature which he has established: seeing these sins of race suicide as they are in reality works of iniquity will alone redeem those who pursue their lusts and refuse to assume personal responsibility.

Said Mr. Paul Leroy-Beaulieu, discussing the situation in France: "It is necessary that our statesmen should at once abandon the absurd and odious war of a century, and practically for the last fifteen years, against our country's traditional beliefs."

In other words he might say, "Listen to the Catholic Church. She tells you that race suicide is a sin, a mortal sin, that damn the soul, and it is only by being convinced of that, and of the awfulness of the command of God to respect the laws of nature that the world will be freed from this impure blot."

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