

mond, and the Independent Nationalists, led by William O'Brien. The Home Rulers ask for Provincial Home Rule, on somewhat similar lines to the home rule of the Province of Quebec or State of New York. The Separatists want separation and independence, such as the Southern States once aspired to or at least such home rule as governs the relation of the Dominion to the United Kingdom. In what proportions the Nationalists in Ireland are at present Home Rulers or Separatists is uncertain, or how far the Irish members at Westminster are now really representative of the people that elected them, but John Redmond still has the loyal support of the Nationalist members who form the great majority of Irish deputies in the House of Commons. Recent developments may have the happy result of bringing Home Rulers and Unionists closer together, or even induce them to earnestly endeavour to find some way of bridging over their present differences with a view of joining forces in a Coalition Government, composed of the leading men of both parties, united to oppose the Separatists, whose procedure, if not promptly checked, threatens to end not only in rebellion but anarchy. If ever there