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On motion of Colonel CLEMENTS, seconded by WM. HUMPHRIES, Esq., D. L., J. P., the chair was taken by Capt. COOTE, High Sheriff.

The CHAIRMAN called upon the Rev. Mr. Moore, to open the proceedings with religious exercises. The 100th Psalm was sung, and prayer offered up, after which

The SECRETARY (Robt. Graham, Esq.) read the following letter of apology:—

“House of Commons, May 18.

“DEAR SIR—I am very sorry that it will be out of my power to be present at your proposed meeting at Cootchill in favor of the Irish Church owing to the necessity of my remaining in town at this busy period of the Session. I hope that my sentiments on this question are too well known in the county for it to be necessary for me to express them on the present occasion. Wishing your meeting every success, believe me, very truly yours,

“H. ANNESLEY.

“To R. Graham, Esq.”

Letters of apology were also read from John Madden, Esq., J. P., Belturbet; Rev. E. B. Whyte Venables, J. P., Redhills, Cavan; John

W. Gamble, Esq., Newtownhamilton; Samuel Shaw, Esq., Cavan; and John H. Adam, Esq.

The CHAIRMAN then came forward, and said that it was with pride he met such a large and important meeting as he saw assembled there that day. (Cheers.) He disclaimed all feeling of hostility to his Roman Catholic countrymen, and pointed out at considerable length the issues raised by Mr. Gladstone's resolutions, which he characterised as a bid for place. He showed very conclusively that the tithe rent charge was not borne by Roman Catholics to any large extent, as the landlords paid about eight-ninths of the whole. He thought that it would be much better for Mr. Gladstone to turn his attention to such practical questions as the purchase of Irish railways, and getting a Royal residence in this country, instead of acting in the manner which he was doing. (Cheers.)

Colonel CLEMENTS, D. L., J. P., moved the first resolution. He was very happy to see such a large meeting, whose object was not to produce ill-will against Roman Catholics, but to defend Protestant truth. He thought it was not only the interest, but the duty of all denominations to unite, and to endeavor by every lawful means to prevent such measures as were being brought forward in the House of Commons. He would read the resolution:—

“That this meeting is of opinion that the union of Church and State ought to be maintained, as affording the best means for the promotion of religion and morality amongst the people, and as important alike for the welfare of the State and for the efficiency of the Church.”