

paper published in Dublin. Dr. Delaney's attitude was vigorously condemned on all sides, the Rev. Dr. O'Hickey, of Maynooth, making a particularly strong and outspoken statement on the subject. The United Irish Societies of New York passed the following resolution:

"We characterize this statement as anti-National, calculated to mislead the public by misrepresentation of the feelings and wishes of the Irish in America, and an improper presentation of the attitude of Irish Catholics and Irish priests everywhere, and we sincerely hope it will not have any influence in the decision of the question at issue. The Irish in America can obtain for their sons a much better education in American colleges than they would be likely to receive in the new University in Dublin, and neither their National traditions, ideals nor pride of race would be in danger in any American institution of learning. The only reason Irish parents in America would have for sending their sons to finish their education in Dublin, or elsewhere in Ireland, is that they may there imbibe the glorious ideals and traditions of the race through the study of Irish history, literature, and poetry, and master the language of Patrick, Brigid, and Columcille, and of the great missionaries and scholars who stemmed the tide of ignorance and barbarism that was sweeping over Europe in the early Middle Ages. We protest against Rev. Dr. Delaney's assumption of the right to speak for the Irish in America and his implied slur on the Irish language as a useful factor in the training of youth. We emphatically assert that it is the spirit which characterizes his utterance that, more than any other cause, has contributed to the enormous losses the Catholic Church in America has sustained through the defection of the descendants of Irish immigrants. The slavish catering to English ideals naturally results in preference for the English religion, and we call on the people of Ireland to see that the new University be made a seat of genuine Irish learning and a citadel of Irish Nationality. If it is to be otherwise it should be repudiated by all that is National, manly, and self-respecting in Ireland."

Events have since moved rapidly. To quote, for the sake of its concise summary of the situation, from the hostile and anti-Irish London Times, January 22:

"On Tuesday the Standing Committee of the Irish Roman Catholic Bishops adopted a resolution in which, while expressing their sympathy with the cultivation of the Irish language, they deprecate the attempt to make it a compulsory subject at all examinations, general and professional, in the new University. They profess to look forward to a time when the study of Irish will flourish in the