

HUMORS OF ORANGEMEN

The Peculiar Attitude of the Adherents of the Order towards the Pope Still Holds Sway.

The Enthusiasm of the Loyalists Said To Be On the Wane.

"In Orangeland," is the title of a very interesting contribution in the Westminster Review, from its Irish correspondent, and as it makes very instructive reading we reproduce it.

As I rattled along the streets of Belfast in a cab from one railway station to another, I looked casually through the window, and saw writing on a wall, "No Popery here." "At last," thought I, "I am in the home of Orangedom."

I met an American. He said, "Why I thought all the Orangemen were dead and buried, and that these stories about 'To hell with the Pope' were mere survivals of a past era. But I was standing at my hotel—the Ranfurly Arms—at Dungannon a few days ago and a man suddenly dashed down the street, shouting, 'To hell with the Pope!' I expected a row, but though the man kept shouting away, no one seemed to mind. The race was not broken. I was disappointed." Some one subsequently observed that if he wanted a row he ought to attend a meeting of the Irish Parliamentary Party.

A Protestant Episcopal clergyman of enlightened views preached a sermon on Christian charity in the County Armagh—an Orange stronghold. He had an overflow audience, who did not in the least expect such a sermon, and a large part of the congregation were assembled outside the church quite oblivious of what was going on within. The clergyman referred to the Orange Society, and spoke of the impiety and folly of the cry (raising his voice as he pronounced the words) "To hell with the Pope!" The moment the words, "To hell with the Pope!"—pronounced at the highest pitch of his voice—were out of the parson's mouth, a ringing cheer broke from those in the churchyard. They had heard no part of the sermon except the old familiar words, and in a delirium of delight at what they conceived to be the fact, that the Pope was "getting it" within, cheered themselves hoarse with joy.

"Hello! hello!" cried a telephonist in Belfast, calling out to his friend at the other end of the wire, and using this mode of expression, instead of the stereotyped "Are you there?" "What is he saying?" asked a comrade, who was with the friend. "To hell with the Pope!" was the answer. It was impossible to associate the sound "hell" with anything but the Pope.

To do Orangemen justice, they are as ready as anyone else to tell and to laugh at good stories about Orangemen and the Pope; for the Orangeman is an Irishman after all. Nor does he care to scrap for England. At the present moment he is indeed thoroughly out of humor with his old ally. He fought for England. He held Derry for England. He saved Ireland for England. And he has spent his life cursing the Pope. And what has it all come to? It was bad enough when the arch-fiend Gladstone disembarked the Church and declared for Home Rule. But what is Orangemen to say to the precious "Tory" Government, with a majority of 150, and the Anshelgel Salisbury at its head, who deliberately proposes to hand over Ireland to Satan by establishing a Popish University?

The Orangemen agitated against Home Rule. They went in brigades to England. They held the fort in 1886 as they held it in 1690. What is their reward? A "Catholic University."

"We shall fight this question as we fought Home Rule," said a distinguished Orange leader to me a few days ago. "We shall rouse the country. We shall rouse England. We shall teach the Balfours not to trifle with the liberties of the Protestants of Ireland."

Your Correspondent: "But Trinity College itself seems to be in favor of a Catholic University. Why, its member—Lecky—is supporting the Government proposal."

Orange Leader: "Yes, Lecky made a speech proving that there was no necessity for a Catholic University. Then he said he would vote for it. Trinity College is afraid of itself, and thinks that if a Catholic University is established, its own endowments and constitution will be safer."

Your Correspondent: "But whatever may be the reason, it is an awkward fact to have Dublin University favoring the scheme, and to have its member in Parliament cordially supporting the Government."

The Orange leader nevertheless said his party would fight, and would appeal to England. Orangemen gave Gladstone a taste of its quality. It would now give the Balfours a taste of its quality.

It is pathetic to see how the Orange Party cling to England despite England's determination to treat them with contempt. The truth is, they cling to England because they are afraid of the Pope. When the Tories were fighting Home Rule they used these poor, honest Orange enthusiasts. Then there was to be common ground between the Protestants of England and the Protestants of Ireland.

"Uster (which so far as England is concerned simply means Orangemen) would fight, and Ulster would be right." The English Tories lighted the torch of religious fanaticism in Protestant Ireland, though as a matter of fact these very same Tories were playing with Home Rule a few months before. Orangemen were helped—if I mistake not—with English Tory money. Orangemen was told that Tory England would save them from the Pope. And now these very same Tories fling Orangemen to the winds and declare, in defiance of Orange opinion, that the Pope shall have his University in Ireland.

"Do you believe in England?" I asked my Orange friend. "It is hard," he answered. "England thinks only of her own interest in Ireland. When English-

men resolve to pass some Irish measure, they don't ask, 'Will this be good for the Irish Catholics, or will it be good for the Irish Protestants, will it be good for landlords, will it be good for tenants?' They simply ask, 'Will it be good for us?' Catholics or Protestants, landlords or tenants in Ireland may go to the wall, according as it suits English interests. What does this Government care about establishing a Catholic University in Ireland? They don't do it because they think it just. They don't think about justice at all. They believe they can stave off Home Rule if they can only get the Catholic Bishops on their side. They want to bribe the Bishops by giving them a Catholic University. They don't ask what effect it will have ultimately on the country. They want to get the Catholic Bishops on their side now, and for that purpose they are ready to fling us over. They abandon their friends for their enemies. And their policy will fail. The Bishops will remain Home Rulers after they get their University. "I am for the union of all Irishmen on some common ground. We have common ground on the financial question. England has robbed us all. Why do we not unite to obtain financial justice? The Catholic University is a herring across the track. The financial question would bring us all together. That is what we want. Catholics and Protestants want to know each other, to understand each other, to trust each other. And now we have a common ground, and we do not take our stand upon it."

A Presbyterian Nationalist—the son of an eminent divine—said that the Orangemen were the best friends of the Pope in Ireland. They kept alive Protestant bigotry, and by so doing helped to keep alive Catholic bigotry too. The Orangeman's idea was that Ireland was simply a bit of England, instead of being a distinct nation—a suggestion which, however, my Orange friend repudiated. "And how," he said to the Presbyterian, "did you become a Nationalist?" The Presbyterian answered, "By reading books on Irish history in my father's library. And I cannot conceive how any man who reads Irish history, who reads England's treatment of the Irish, can be anything but a Nationalist."

Orange Leader: "Well, what does Irish history come to? Simply this, that the Pope brought the English in. That was the beginning of the business." A Catholic Nationalist, also present, broke in: "Well, one thing is clear, the greatest humiliation inflicted on England by the Irish was inflicted by Protestants—by the Volunteers of '82."

Orange Leader: "Yes, they brought England to her knees, which is the only way of getting anything out of her."

Let the complacent Englishmen who cackle because a sprinkling of Irish loyalists throw their hats in the air for the Duke of York, and because the masses of the people act with sense and courtesy, grasp this fact. Were it not for the Pope—or rather for the insane view taken of the Pope by the Orange Party—England could not hold Ireland—except on the Cromwellian basis—for four-and-twenty hours, unless on the terms of the Irish themselves; and these terms would be Legislative Independence.

When the Protestants were in the ascendant they won legislative freedom from England. And but for the Papal "hobgoblin" they would unite with the Catholics to-morrow to win it again.

THE IRELAND OF TO-DAY.

A Buffalonian Who Spent Nearly Two Months There This Summer.

Gives His Impressions as Contrasted with a Decade Ago—Improved Condition of Tenant Farmer and Laborer—Better Food, Better Clothing, Better Homes—Famine in Certain Districts.

The following letter, addressed to the editor of the Catholic Union and Times, Rev. Father Cronin, will do much to dispel, what appears to many Irishmen, a scandalous statement that Ireland's population is liable to be famine-stricken at any time through the failure of the potato crop. We give the letter in full:

The prominence given to the Irish famine question in the public press and in recent issues of the Catholic Union and Times, and in response to your kind invitation, leads me to write you this letter, so that all interested may know that while a crop failure would be very harmful in all parts of Ireland, in my humble opinion the day is past when it can bring the famine and desolation usually pictured, save in a few of the more remote and mountainous districts along the west coast.

During a visit of seven weeks in Ireland this summer, I was much pleased to notice the improved condition of the whole people as compared with what it was ten or a dozen years ago. The farmers are fairly prosperous, the co-operative and other systems of the creamery factory having done much to bring this about. By improved machinery the quality and uniformity of the butter has been constantly improved so that the Irish butter is again successfully competing for top price in the London and other English markets. The price paid to these factories this summer (June, July) for first-class brands reached twenty two cents per pound. In former years I have known the best quality of butter then produced by the Irish tenant farmer to be sold for twelve to fourteen cents per pound during those same months. Good cattle and horses are also bringing high prices.

The rents, too, have, in the majority of cases, been reduced in the land courts, and though the price of labor has increased seventy-five per cent. within these ten years, the bulk of the farming articles are comfortable. I arrived at these conclusions from information given to me by a large number whom I met and also from personal observation in visiting their homes. Their dwellings and farm buildings show an improved condition and in the matter of agricultural machinery they are becoming quite up-to-date with their American brother, using a large number of implements imported from this country. The scarcity

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of labor and the higher prices it now commands have happily brought about this condition. The country storekeepers and the city merchant share alike in this improved condition, and I have been informed on all sides that for the past four years there has been a steady growth in the prosperity of the country as a whole.

I have refrained from mentioning until the last—the most important element in such an letter as this—the condition of the laboring masses. I ought perhaps Americanize that expression and make it "the laboring classes," because the "masses" are not there. The most deplorable thing in Ireland to-day is to see the thousands of ruined cabins—roofless and tenantless—a painting in real life of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village."

The emigrant ship has only too well played its part; and of the nine millions who once peopled her green hills and verdant valleys, less than one-half that number now remain, and to make it still more pitiable, it is the youthful, the energetic, the hopeful, and largely the best of her people whom Ireland has been called upon to sacrifice on the altar of emigration. Will those who have left her ever forget to repay the debt they owe her? Let us hope they will not.

The condition of those who remained has largely improved; the mud-walled cabin, with the sometimes warm and comfortable thatched roof, but also many times more often leaky, broken-down and miserable hovel have both almost gone—and small is their loss! The better of the thatched cottages (not cabins) are still numerous, but modern laborers' cottages have been erected by the thousand throughout the country.

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Of the political situation I may speak some other time, if I have not now too long trespassed on your valuable space, and in so doing sinned beyond forgiveness.

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7. H - - - - X - A city of Canada.
8. N - A - A - A - Noted for display of water.
9. - E - E - - E - One of the United States.
10. - A - R I - A city of Spain.
11. H - V - - A - A city on a well known island.
12. S - M - E - A well known old fort of the United States.
13. G - - - R - L - A - Greatest fortification in the world.
14. S - A - L - E - A great explorer.
15. G - L - F - - - - One of the United States.
16. B - S M - - - K - A noted ruler.
17. - - - G T O I - Another noted ruler.
18. P - R - U - A - Country of Europe.
19. A - S T - A - I - A big island.
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