

otherwise can England be converted to Home Rule. We must fight to win. I do not impute bad faith ; but I am not surprised that some think these and other excuses look very like abandonment under a thin disguise of postponement.

Such are the counsels of some, who, doubtless speak for more.

#### POSTPONEMENT TILL IRISH REUNION.

But there remains another ground more deserving of respect. For all of these, and many besides, declare that the place of any reform must depend upon its comparative urgency ; and that the urgency of Home Rule depends largely on the solidarity, energy, persistency, and, above all, the unity with which Irishmen everywhere set themselves together as one man to make Home Rule urgent, to insist and determine that it shall stand first. And they declare that in the absence of a united Irish people and party, postponement is inevitable. Now, this touches the key-note of the piece : and it must be listened to ; even though the demand for cordial unity under one leader may come with ill-grace from the Liberal and Radical Party at this moment.

#### PLACE DOES DEPEND ON UNITY.

It must be listened to ; because it is true that a cogent demand for the restoration of National Rights should have for its basis a resolute, insistent claim, both in Parliament and the country, overwhelming by its force and volume all obstacles that make for dissent, obstruction, or delay. I agree, then, that the place which Home Rule shall take depends on the unity, intensity, energy, and grim determination of us Irish. And I am not sorry. I had rather it depended on us than on any extraneous power. We, and we alone, can show that Ireland still blocks the way ; and show it we must, or we shall fail.

#### NATIONALIST ATTITUDE TOWARDS BRITISH HOME RULERS.

Sorry, indeed, would I be to speak one hard word of some leaders, or of the rank and file of British Home Rulers. They fought faithfully and well. I hope, and believe, they