

ests of the people, without regard to the old organizations and their regulation issues, would command the hearty sympathy of those who look at things from our point of view. But its objects would be the repression of faction, the punishment of corruption, the administration of government not in the interest of any party or section, nor of any class, whether artisan or millionaire, but of the whole nation. A movement of this kind would have life in it and a future. We congratulate the Nationals, if the statement is true, on the departure from public life of Dennis Kearney. Far be it from us to misjudge any man who stands forth to plead the cause of labour or the poor, merely because he is rough or even violent. The world too often slumbers over injustice and needs a rude awakening. But this man's speech bewrayed him. Never did love of mankind clothe itself in such language. Could he have got the upper hand, he would simply have set the torch, in the spirit of reckless hatred, to a civilization which, with all its imperfections, is the most just to those who toil and the most hopeful that the world has seen.

—Some Americans appear to think that the struggle in Ireland is for national independence. It is true that the landlords are regarded by the peasantry as aliens, and historically, at all events, are so. But the struggle is essentially agrarian. Any one who has watched the course of the Home Rule party must know that the political movement is very weak. Its feebleness and the uncertainty of its aim were betrayed when, for lack of such leaders as great national movements never fail to produce, it was fain to take up with so questionable an adventurer as the late Mr. Isaac Butt. Its special object, if it can be said to have one, is now completely merged in the agitation against rent. For our part, we have more than once avowed that if national independence were possible for Ireland, a patriotic struggle would command our sympathies. We thoroughly accept the Liberal principle of justice among nations: we do not