

P. O'Connor, M. P., and John Dillon, M. P. - The Influence of the Irish Catholic Vote in England - Gladstone's Home Rule Policy Insisted on for all Candidates.

THE annual convention of the National League of Great Britain was held in Birmingham Town Hall, and was one of the the history of the League. A particularly propitious sign was the absence of any acrimony in the debates, which went to show that great progress had been made on the road to complete unity in action, when unity in object was recognized. It was a business like meeting, too, there was no haukering after fade or the putting forth of particular personal striving after one great cause and the delegates were ardent, enthusiastic and earnest.

One of the things which redounds to the credit of the meeting was the respect shown to the memory of Mr. Gladstone, not only in the good words spoken, but in the debate on an amendment to Rule 14 as proposed by the executive, which read :---

Branches of the Irish National League of Great Britain as such shall take an active part in all Parl amentary elections, and in municipal and other elections where such elections are contested on political principles, and shall who is a supporter of Gladstone's Irish policy. In cases in which the previous condition does not apply, or where a difference of opinion exists among the branches, the question shall be referred for decision to the executive."

One delegate took exception to the phrase "and is a supporter of Glad stone's Irish policy," as not being suffi ciently explanatory. It was here that the President, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, said : "The meaning is plain; Mr. Gladatone unless he is a pledged supporter of the nledged himself not merely to Home Rule for Ireland, but Home Rule for Ireland holding the foremost place in the Lib eral programme." Then the cheers that reverberated through the building would have made the Grand Old Man's heart glad had he heard them. "After all," continued the President, "Mr. Gladstone was absolutely true to the cause of $Ir\epsilon$ land and of Home Rule; the last public letter he wrote was a letter to the St. Patrick's Day Banquet (loud applause), and he died as he lived, a staunch and resolute Home Ruler in the fullest sense of the word. The words 'Gladstone's Irish Policy' were inserted on the mc-tion of Mr. Biggar at the Convention held in this city. I don't know whether we could improve on the words, but if we could it would at this period be very indecorous to propose even to remove from our programme the name of the great statesman.

home; we must bide our time for the reunion of the National forces abroad. But our work comes before us without any suspense. day by day, month by month, and year by year. We hold a very important position in the political state of this country. I dare say I shall be accused sgain of exaggeration, as I have been before, if I say that the Irish in Great Britain can do a great deal towards fixing the results of the general election in many constituencies in the country. Now let it be understood what is the nature and extent of our claim. We have never most successful gatherings ever held in claimed, we have never been foolish enough to claim, that the Irish population of Great Britain holds in its hands the entire and exclusive decision of the general election in this country.

We are, after all, only two millions of the population, and it would be absurd to suppose, and it would be wrong to expect, that two millions of people could overwhelm and over-rule the voice of opinions or interests, there was the thirty-eight millions of people. We make no such claim, nor indeed have we any such desire. The basis of our position after all is that Ireland should be ruled by Irishmen, but at the same time we do not deny the claim of Welshmen to rule Wales, and Scotchmen to rule Scotland, and Englishmen to rule England. But what we do claim is this, that we have a population large in some constituencies, and small in others. which is able to exercise a certain in fluence on the decisions in these constituencies. We have in 141 constituencies in this country a certain number of Irish voters, in some of these constitu encies the Irish vote is small, in some of them it is large, but the fact which I support in each case the candidate only think is sometimes forgotten is that a small vote is sometimes able to exer cise in a particular constituency a larger influence than a large vote does in another constituency (hear.) Therefore, we can always strike a blow for Ireland even it the country at home were disunited; our blows would be stronger and better if our people at home were united; but in any case we can alwave. in the constituencies where we have a vote, see that no man gets those votes

preliminary necessi y to any genuine reunion. As long as men continue to abuse each other, to attribute to each other the basest motives, and to blacken each other's characters in the face of the common enemy it is idle to negotiate with a view to re-union. The first thing you have got to do is by some means to induce Irishmen to draw a veil over the bad and pitter past of the last seven years, to allow the healing influence of time to close up those terrible wounds which had been inflicted on the Irish cause by all those bitter controversion, and get them to come together in some good cause, so that the old memories of those hetter days when Irish Nationalists stord shoulder to shoulder against the common enemy and were always loyal towards each other would gradually arise within their minds and prepare the ground for a genuine reunion.

That was the policy which I have always had in view, and I now confidently ask you or any Irishman to whom the words I am now using to you may penetrate to look back on the condition of Irish politics two or three years ago, and compare it with the present condition of to day, and say have you not seen during the last year signs of a better time for Ireland and a gradual disappearance of those scandalous scenes and that disgraceful language which was filling th hearts of the Irish Nationalists through out the world with bitterness and derpair. We see in Ireland to day and have seen, thank God, for the last six months or a year, men who had for seven years been parted into two separate camps, who rarely met and hardly ever exchanged words except words of bitterness, now join together to celebrate a great national appiversary, and I will venture to say-at least such is my hope -that if that celebration goes forward in the spirit in which it is now progress ing, those men who have once more come together under the influence of mighty memories and great associations will not part again to set up rival camps.

It has been asked: What practical outcome, what do we look to as the pracpravity--The Dilemma of the Knights of Pythias.

NEW YORK, June 16.

Truly the which of life in a city like freater New York is one round of phanasmagoria. The old Beronic saving that truth is stranger than fetion falls dat, for it is ever so much strapeer. The ald days of Cant. Kydd have developed into the mist of traditional memory, and still we have river pirates who boldly land and plunder. Then packages of dynamite are found in old pasteboard bexes in old and respectable mansions a considerate magistrate lets go a des pondent altempted seicide, a veteran makes a will, compelling his meurners to smoke pipes striped with red, white and blue ; an oyster stew is shown to be tatal trem promaine pois ming; the St. Regis Indians are on the point of rising ; an adop ed orphan robs dis foster father ; a counterfeiter's family is supplied with sustenance by the officers i the law; a Spaniard whose intentions were declared years ago may not becoma citiz in of the United States: rich an rety women turn mirses for sailors. Knights of Pythias are informed that i they go to war their insurances lapse All these things and a great many mere if the stories were told in detail would provide material for several novels as striking in their way as the latest study of humanity by Mrs. Humphry Ward, which just now is the talk of the critics, and which, as on every occasion which offers, gives opportunity to the anti Catholic writer to use up other people's literature in antagonism to the Church. But of this particular subject more in

We have all heard of death happen ing in the event to save numan life But here is an instance where Mrs. Mochstein lost her life in attempting to save a pet black and tan dog from being run over. At Ardsley station the super intendent's motor car, which is a mod-ern engine and car combined, struck her as the was reaching after her pet dog. She was badly lacerated, and died almost immediately. Her husband, who is a weaver in the Chauncey Tapestry, faint-

another letter.

vents were armed, and probably would have captured the intuitiers had not a burglar alarm rung and fright-ned them away. They fled towards the > and with the men and degs of the McGregor house in pursuit. The pursuers were ; med by servatits from the homes of James M. Constable, Henry M. Flagler and other residents of the Point, and the party searce of until daylight when it tracked the meves to the water's sign and found they and equilates per out in a smedi cont. Every window some first flor of the Metiregor house was tried with pumpies before a with with the drying room on the east site was opened. There were prints of bote test on the sills of the windows and to doors sere strewn with matches. The men hud collected almost a wagon loof d beory, consisting of silverware, costdeliers, candelal ra, brie a brace pair (ings and heatloonis, valued at thousands of dellars, but, we recharged to leave the greater perion of it because. Some o meanieles where broken in preversioned others tested with send to see reach to ch walter. Mr. and Mess Metor relate their loss at about plane, but nears the heirk over, which have been reled t them through several de ades, can never be replaced.

Coarles & kineon, a consterleiter, wes optured with bis complete opparatus of Siturday at Vin-Land. He had been detected passing bogun five cent pieces. and a may of the spurito s cold was formed in this passes which. When the eillicers dreve to his farm they found the wile and children starving. They immediately drove five miles and obtained provisions, still holding the man in cus tody. While he was on his way to prison Atkinson said he was for ed to the crime of counterteiting by the crick of hungry little months. He appears well educed ed, and says he came from New York city, being induced to buy five ser s of land for a farm in Atlantic county. The flicers who behaved so burnancly were Marshals Mathis and Fowler.

Two years ago J se Diuz d B james, a Spaniard, declared his fittention of becoming an American citz n. This charge for domestic baths-tp to the week he applied for his second papers at present 10 per cent per annum for each Jersey City. Judge Blair was object to bath in a house has been charged," refuse the application, as the U ited

Some Other Interesting Note: on Compolls News.

Loxpox, June 4.

Great rough as of throughout the Catholic Concession or Butain, but spectally as even in the casex ported Brath of the above Bow hand Hugh I when McDonese Lesser and Abercleen. westleden sund a star May, at the r sidence of his brate in the Arenbishop. of Einburgh, it does and Gordens-Ubrithenth, 119 of supported from and manimum of states a state developed. wante ma wines necessarily his withgrawel from clive dupt. He was 58 version at the solution of a man of splendic physique es susseration the creatispy. If was to should the late Areas M. D. Bace, or Glenatadale, and t nearly get one of the most in creating and hencryble commons in Scotland -Greed his uncesters, hnown as Alexunder the Seventh, of Glemaladale, to k in Lenve part in the cause of Prince Charite in 1745, He followed the Prince's fortures to the Let and at Culladen was Maper in Claur crale's regiment and was wherely wounded. He was consecrated Bishop of Aberdeen in October, 1890, and leaves betind num a splendid record of mis eight years of episcopal labor. His body lay in state for two days in tre Cathedral at Etinburgh, which was draped, darkened and converted into a compelle ardente-on the third day a grand R-quiem Mass was study, at the cless of which the remains were conveyed to Aberdeen for interment. * *

The Soarsborough Town Council has shown what can be done by a public body unencumbered by long established point-stock proprietorial rights. Find--

ng that the water rate levied yielded a on sometial profit, it has decided " to forego for the future any additional

Then it was that such an example of unity of purpose was given as could not fail to encourage every worker, for there was not a solitary dissentient voice when the motion was put.

In opening the proceedings, Mr. T. P. O'Connor said :--

Our countrymen both here and elsewhere hold their opinions strongly and fervently, and are in the habit of giving expression to these strong convictions of theirs in strong language, and we had some of those characteristics at our meetings. I am glad to say that as time has gone on our meetings have steadily increased, I think, in order, decorum, and self-restraint, and that our gatherings can now compare in those respects with the gatherings of any other body of men in the world. (Hear, hear). Now, the absence of proposals for changes in the rules, I think, marks two things. In the first place, we have succeeded in getting the rules by discussion and consultation into a form which is generally, if not universally, acceptable, and in the next place it shows what to my mind is an advance in political education.

We have passed through a year which has been exceptionally trying for our p ople, and, therefore, for our organiza tion. It is our pride and our boast that our organization depends for its existence and its support on the masses of the people, most of whom are engaged in daily labour for daily wage. I regard that as a very sound and satisfactory basis for a political organization, because whatever difference of opiniou there may be occasionally among leaders, whatever lukewarmness and apathy there may be among the professional classes of the Irish people, the masses have always remained staunch and true and resolute in the persuit of national aims.

Mr O'Connor next referred to the de-

Irish National cause.

In conclusion, Mr. O'Connor expressed the teeling that faction and disunion, which, like ferns, must take their course and reach their crisis, are gradually hecoming exhausted, and the National League of Great Britain was now in sight of the time when once more it could go forward with the encouragement and with the advantage of an united Irish party and an united Irish people.

Mr. Farley, of Manchester, read the report, which was immediately adopted. In substance it said :---

The executive submit the usual statement of accounts. The receipts from the branches during the year are as follow :--Members' cards, £715 4s 11d ; registration, £332 2s 1d ; demonstrations, £168 11s 2d ; Parliamentary Fund, £201 3s 9d; evicted tenants £S1 17s 3d Parnell Family Fund, £1; Distress Fund, £135 19s; sundries, £3 9s 5d; total £1,659 7s 8d. It will be perceived that the annual income is below that of some other years. This occurs partly from the prolonged lock out in the engineering trade, which involved a large proportion of our people, especially in those large centres in which the organization has always found its most effective and zealous support. Our people, besides, have had large demands upon them for assistance to the funds in Ireland for the relief of distress and for the evicted tenants, and have nobly and generously responded to those appeals. It should be added that, though the organization shows a higher vitality than any other Irish organization, it has not escaped the influence of the apathy produced by faction and dissension. There is reason to hope that the evil passions which have produced this dis astrous state of things, and have almost wrecked the Irish cause for a generation, are fast giving way to better and healthier feelings. It is the desire of everybody connected with this organization to fitly celebrate the anniversary of the heroic struggle of '98 by once more combining the people in a united effort for Irish freedom.

Councillor Boyle, of Manchester, made a speech which was one of the features of the meeting. In speaking of arranging a basis of reunion, he said :-The leadership of Mr. Dillon had raised the party to which they were attached. so as practically to leave it the only party remaining. By the natural course of events he believed reunion would take place, not by negotiations so much as by the other party decaying and falling away (hear, hear.) Mr. Dillon, by his leadership, concentrated patriotism, and absolute abnegation of self, and his desire to see the cause of Ireland prospercreased subscription, owing to the labor ing; regardless of this individual or that, No man seek; troubles in England, the Spanish diff and his known honesty of purpose in seek God first.

tical outcome of these '98 celebrations To celebrate a national anniversary is a very good thing and a very wholesome thing for every nation, but it brings no practical political result. My answer to that is this, in the first place it proves that the old spirit is alive, the nation still demands its rights, and I believe it will do a far greater thing than that. It has brought us together in Ireland on a Nationalist platform; and as l have stated already my taith in the realization of national unity again is based on the fact that for the purposes of the '98 Centenary all sections are pulling together as one man once more. Those are really the forces to which I look for national reunion. At the same time I heartily accept and support these resolutions. The first of these resolutions, which has been passed unanimously, declares that we are independent of English parties. We have always taken that position, but I think it would be a wholesome thing to reaffirm the position for the sake of those who, owing to misrepresentation, are still more or less influenced by the conviction that I am in some way tied to the tail of the Liberal party, a position which I never occupied, and which, with the help of God, I never will occupy as long an I live.

The next resolution is that there can be no alliance with either of the British parties which does not place Home Rule as the foremost item in their programme, I stated that in the House of Commons this season, and other sessions on behalf of the Irish Party. Some of the Liberals did not like it, but those who were honest Liberals did like it, and came to me afterwards and thanked me for stating it frankly for the benefit of those who want to run away from Home Rule. If they want the Irish support the Liberals have got to toe the line and put Home Rule in the forefront. If they think they can get on better without the Irish support, as some of them do, I have told them privately, as I have done publicly, "We can get on quite as well without you as you can without us. We don't want to quarrel with you, if you stand by the old policy we will stand by you, -if you like to try another policy you can do so as soon as you like as far as we are concerned. We presume our old position on the floor of the House of Commons and are quite ready to treat with any party willing to do justice to Ireland.' CONCLUDED ON PACT EIGHT.

The cheerful alacrity with which a young man will guide his girl toward a milliner's shop window before they are married is equalled only by the marvel lous skill with which he will steer her away from it after she becomes his wife.

No man secks his best who does not

ed at the sight, as did also all the women on the superintendent's motor car.

Another story of unlooked for death comes from Caniden, N.J., and will like ly go on the records as another victim to that subtle and mysterious maiady known as ptomaine poison.

Alfred Hirst, of Jenkintown, Mont comery County, Pa., died in the Cooper Hospital. An oyster stew which he ate caused his death. Hirst, who was an athletic man, about thirty years cld, entered the hospital complaining of violent pains in his stomach. H-said he had taken an oyster stew a little while before. He could not tell where the restaurant was located.

The doctor gave him a strong emetic. and the oysters were thrown from his stomach. He soon felt relieved and went away. He returned in an hour. however, and complained that he felt as though he was burning up inside. Evi dently he was in agony. He was put to bed, and seemed to be relieved by the medicines administered. A nurse called the resident physician at daybreak, and said the man was dying. Before the doctor reached his bedside he was dead. Coroner Lippincott and County Paysician Jones held an autopsy. They found death was due to promaine poisoning. The body is at the Camden morgue.

A peculiar will has been left by one John Kipp, formerly an inmate of the New Jersey Soldiers' Home. He directs bis executors to expend \$100 in preparing his body for burial \$50 for music, \$50 for a head and foot stone and for the outside box for his coffin, \$16 for beer for the mourners, \$15 for pipes and tobacco, each pipe to be decorated with red. white and blue stripes, and \$50 for carriages He also directed his executor to have him buried in the Weenaw ken Cemetery, and to place this inscrip tion on his headstone : "John Kipp, Sergeant Company A, First regiment, New York artillery, born March S 1822 "

Among the St. Regis Indians, as they are called here, there seems to be trouble brewing, which the autho ities at Albany will have to attend to, the Tribe having a reservation in Fig. klin County. According to Chief Joseph Wood, the young bucks are spoiling for an outbreak. The difficulty is caused by a change in the Indian law that was pass ed through the Legislature last winter providing that the chief shall be elected by popular vote instead of following the tribal custom of succession by lineal descent. Chief Joseph brought the first news of the trouble to the Capito', when he came down with his interpreter to and much dissatistaction over the see if the Governor could not do somecustoms of the Trib ?.

Pirates may seem an out of date ex | bers who have joined the army :pression to use just now at the end of

States statutes prohibit the naturaliza tion of a native of a country which is at war with this country. The apply and was very much disappointed at the result of his application. He is a steneg rapher, and lives at Jersey City.

A sad case of youthful depravity is illustrated in the conduct of Charles Foster, only fourteen years old, who ap peared in the Criminal Court on Satur day. Young Fester ran away from the home of his adopted parents, and, if his own story is to be believed, is one of the worst ingrates ever born. He told his story in Court. He said he was left an orphan and was adopted by Captain Sherlock F. Martin, of Company 5, Fourth Cavalry, U.S.A. Three years ago Captain Martin's house in Dana, Ill., burned down, and Mrs. Martin was sericuely injured, while Martin was made blind. Captain Martin received \$3 000 insurance on the house. Being Hind, he entrusted young Foster with his checks. He always proved honest until about a month ago, when he cashed a check for the last \$100 in the bank and skipped with the money. He went to San Antonio, Texas, and thence to New Orleans, where he tell in with the Naval Reserves He went with them to Port Royal, N.C., left them there and went to Philadelphia, where detectives got on his track.

He could get no employment and wanted to die, is the pathetic story of Henry Martin. He is sixty years old and is homeless and was arraigned in Jefferson Market police court on the charge of attempted suicide. He said he had walked to the city from New Rochelle and had been unable to get employment for some weeks. He had jumped into the North River, thinking it just as well to drown as starve. Magistrate Wentworth was merciful and discharged him.

The Knights of Pythias are not feeling particularly happy over the fact of naving voluntered, for according to the Herald their insurance policies have been nutlified.

There are many Knights of Pythias in the army now encamped at Southern points or about to start for Cuba. News that their insurance policics had been made void reached these volunteers recently, and they have been writing home to enquire about this strong damper that has been placed on their patriotism. Many of the Knights were unwilling to believe that such a course had been de cided upon by the officers of the order, matter exists among members who have thing to prevent interference with the not gone to the front. Following is the customs of the Tribe. Control, nullifying the policies of mem-

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A correspondent of the Daily Tele-graph specially sent to write up Rome, its reople and institutions, enlightens the readers of that paper with the following characteristically abound reference to the Flavian Amphitheatre. He writes: "It the centre of that gracy platform, when Mastai-Feretti was Pope-King, stood a tan black cross, and round its b rders were ranged the twelve stations' (!) of the Passion, at each of which pious touriets were wont devoutly to kneel and pray, thus gaining absolution for past peccadillocs and indulgence for in ure traitties." As he was giving absolution at all, says a Catholic paper, he did well to give it on a grand scale-not only for past sins but for these to come-and all for praying before 'the twelve stations of the Passion.' He has outdone the gentleman .. ho described the acolytes as entering from the sacristy "bearing clucifers and tburifers," and, indeed, is as humorous as the paper which some time ago assured the public that Mr. T. P. O'Connor "invariably wore a sprig of shillelagh in his button-hole."

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The Welsh Vicarate has been raised to the position of a Diocese under the name of Menevia, which will gladden the Catholics of Wales. Dr. Mostyn be-comes the first Bishop of the new diocese, which embraces all Wales with the exception of Glamorganston. This fact indicates that Catholicity is thriving in the old Principality.

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The new ambassador to the Porte in Euccession to Sir Philip Currie, Sir Nicholas O'Connor, as his name implies, is an Irishman and a Catholic. Sir William White, the last ambassador but one, was also a Catholic. Sir Nicholas has had a good training in the ways of Eastern Courts, having held the position of Agent and Consul General to Bulgaria for five years.

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The Lord Mayor of Dablin, with the Lady Mayoress and their daughter, attended High Mass at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday, the 29th May. His Lordship and party, accompanied by his official suite, the sword and mace bearers, and other civic functionaries, drove to the church in full state, the Lord Mayor wearing his full regalia. The distinguished party occupied special seats in front of the altar and after High Mass formed in the procession, which included His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop. On leaving the church every mark of respect was paid to the party by the large crowd which had assembled.

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The Catholics of Manchester walked in solemn procession through the principal streets of the city on Whit-Friday.

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