

between Ireland and Great Britain! Irishmen all over the world have only to look on this picture and on that,—Germany, in her relations to Poland, and England to the Ireland of to-day. The Irish cause is lamenting the loss of one of its stoutest champions, the late John Redmond; and in the course of an address delivered to the Irish League the other day in New York, on the occasion of his death, Mr. T. P. O'Connor praised his former leader's attitude to the war, adding that any Irish American who failed to support it would be a "traitor to his adopted land." The Irish in the United States are putting aside their secular grievances in order to make common cause with their fellow-citizens. It would be well if Irishmen in Ireland and elsewhere were to resolve to follow that example.

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Is Teutonism curable? The question is of vital interest, for "God is the avenger of sin and not of nature," and if the Hun is really hunnish because he cannot help himself we shall have to count his quality amongst things inevitable, like mosquitoes and measles and many other things we could well do without. A reference to the *Germania* of Tacitus might seem too academic for this column were not the psychology of the German matter of present concern. We read there how the Chatti, anticipating the international morality of the modern Prussian, overwhelmed their good neighbours the Cherusci, law-abiding folk doubtless and believers in plighted faith—for Tacitus describes them as *boni æquique*, and is not *jus* the *ars boni et æqui*? These good-natured people, like the law-abiding nations of to-day, learnt to their cost that *inter impotentes et validos falso quiescas*. The most striking parallel, however, is seen in the claim of the aggressors to make a morality of their iniquity. *Ubi manu agitur, modestia ac probitas nomina superioris sunt*; or, as we put it to-day, "God is on the side of the big battalions." It would, perhaps, be impossible to establish an ethnological connection between the modern Prussian and his ancient prototype, but the per-