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IN its fight to make the new Dublin University "national in fact as well as in name," by winning for the national language recognition as a compulsory subject for matriculation, a situation which it is within the power of the Senate to create, the Gaelic League has met opposition from unexpected quarters. At the outset, the Rev. Dr. Delaney, S.J., president of University College, Dublin, one of the constituent colleges of the new University, and himself a member of its Senate, expressed himself before a public meeting as follows. "He was thoroughly and heartily with the advocates of Irish, but would they tell the Irishman in America, and the Irishman in Australia, who sent home resolutions claiming self-government for Ireland—were they going to tell them if their sons came to the University they would kick them out? Taking into account all the effects that would follow, he could not, as a priest and a Catholic, consent to make Irish an essential."

It was mainly to counteract the effect of such statements as this, and to test the feeling of the country, that the Gaelic League called the meeting described in the previous issue of *The Review*, in a report quoted at length from "Sinn Fein," a weekly news-