

in a knowing manner. In more than one place, he strikes hard at England for the wrongs and insults heaped upon poor, struggling Ireland. The writer, however, not very sanguine as to the success of the Irish Party in gaining Home Rule, says: "Home Rule would probably be granted to Ireland with a willing heart, but the English rulers fear that Home Rule would mean total separation. . . . . And this an Ireland either actively or passively hostile." Under these circumstances Ireland would be a point of vantage for a foreign power in case of war with England. Hence, "it is fairly safe to say that in her present humor England would lose her last ship and spend the last shilling in her treasury, rather than concede Home Rule to Ireland." However, we think that England realizes that she has a great source of revenue in Ireland, and so she is going to hang on tight. Other contributions to this month's *World* are: "From Panama to the Horn"; "May there be a Golden Age in the Future?" by William Seton, LL.D.; "The Idylls of the Southland", and many more.

If one wishes to be abreast of the times he must read matter which is thoroughly up-to-date. The *Current History* informs us of all that is going on in this big world of ours, and we are, as a general rule, able to rely upon statements contained in it. For general information concerning live questions the *Current History* is a good instructor.

Lovers of Irish literature always welcome *The Gael* on account of its good stock of brightly written stories and articles. The February number is no exception. "Irish Pipes and Pipers" is a good historical sketch of Irish musicians. "A Soft Bit o' Mist" is good, and the poem "Knock-An-Fària," by Rev. J. B. Dollard (Sliav-na-mon), has that easy swing to it which has always characterized the pretty Irish poems of the Canadian Priest. The department, written in the original language, is well looked after.