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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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## FOR UNITY.

The Great Irish Race Convention Denounces
Faction.

THE CRITICAL STAGE.

A Magnificent Debate and an Admirable Decision.

HONORABLE EDWARD BLAKE

ets with a Grand Ovation—His Sacrifices for Ireland A Scene of Enthusiasm in Honor of the Canadian Statesman Dinner by Mr. Hugh Ryan.

Denis. Sopt. 1. The critical stage in the Irisii Race Convention was reached early on the second day upon a motion understood to have been moved in the interest of Mr. T. M. Healy. Mr. Healy did not attend that Convention humand: him to takend that Convention humand: him to a tend to the condition of the control of the control and been expected for notice had been given that a prominent southern price would move for a committee of arbitration representing the three contonding parties, and ten of the foreign delegates: and that this committee should wait upon the three leaders and endeavor to draw up a platform upon which all could unite. This was an extraordinary move. The Convention. and been called by the Healytics as well as by the followers of Mr. Dillon, and Mr. John Redmond had been invited to see to the representation of his faction at the national gathering. But because Mr. Healy and Mr. Healy health was a sake the motion as originally written and thus defeat the end for which it was called. The idea was on the face of its cabend that the motion as originally written and heal defeat the end of which it was called. The idea was not been paintil to any spectator who was inthe better than the motion of the pre

was then passed unhalinously:

"Seeing that divisions amongst Irisl
Nationalist representatives paralyse to great extent their power of serving freiand
cast discredit on the country, and tond to
alienate the support of the Irish Race and
to destroy their confidence in the efficacy of
Parliam tarry action, we record our firm
conviction that it is of the first importance
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of reusion." The onthusiasm having abated Hon. Edward Blake alood up. This was the signal for another outburst. The cheering and applauding was kept up this time till sheer exhaustion caused it to stop. The morning paper had announced from The Toronto Globe that Mr. Blake, in consideration of his pledge to the Irish Parliamentary Party, had declined the judgeship in the Judicial Committee of the Imperial Privy Council tendened to him by Hon. Wilfrid

Laurio If the great Canadian states man wished for a demonstration of Irish gratitude he certainly get it when he stood up to address the Convention. He spoke with more fire than I have over heard him. more than I imagined into capable of, and soveral times he brought the Convention to its feet cheering wildly. He said

him capable of, and soveral times he brought the Convention to its feet cheoring wildly. Its said:

Gentlemen of the Convention, the happy unanimity with which, after exhaustive debate, the first resolution has been carried encourages me in the hope that the second resolution may meet the same result. Appliants You have already resolved with reference to those Irish Nationalists who are divided from the great organisation which summoned their convention, who are divided from the Party, and in the country from the majority of Irish Nationalists. You have already unanimously resolved to extend to them a cordial and genorous and frank invitation to enter and move into coperation with you in the sacred National cause (hear, hear). Required a summer content of the great stationary of the content of the great stationary of the same result of the great station of t

fluid himsolf confronted day after day with an absolutely now situation (hear, hear). It was my misfortune at one time to lead a party echoers, and i have often said to my friends. "tentiomen, will consult you whenever I can upon what I forceast to be the future, and that you should aliant my responsibility doe asious may arise when no provious consultation is possible, the notion of the provided and that you should aliant my responsibility doe asious may arise when no provious consultation is possible, will do my lest according to my judgment, and then I expect you will stand by me as loyal me facing the energy whether in the flank or in the rear, and if upon the whole you think I am met worthy of your confidence then contributatial mordinary political parties, and a rude upon which I myself have acted, while, I say, that is the rule a set of recland produced in the provided and the provided a

Party because of those dissensions which we deprecate—
A Voice—Sexton tloud cheers.

At Jilako—Mr. Sexton said this (loud-heers).—'A united Irish people, a united Irish passe was lost. The graup principles had been uppressed the Irish cause was lost. What were they: Let me recall them to your minds norver. The first was hint the Irish cause, the cause of Irish liberty and the fortunes of the Irish cause, the cause of Irish liberty and the fortunes of the Irish people, is supreme in its demand for downly interest and the Irish cause, the cause of Irish liberty and the fortunes of which we had no other cause of overy irishman, and no other cause of overy irishman, and no other cause and no other cause of overy irishman, and no other cause and on other cause of overy irishman, and no other cause and other cause of the Irish cause is the Irish cause of the Irish cause is the Irish cause is this code of fundamental and obedience. The fourth and final principle in this code of fundamental and indispensable principles of the Irish cause is this—that the ponalty for the breach of this solemn pledge is exclusion from public life (cheers). I say if these principles had been suppressed the Irish cause was lost. These principles were challenged; they were attacked and they were defended and they were defended and they were maintained; they have been maintained and carrier the was principle in this solemn plot in the Million and Irish cause was his in the Irish cause was his in the Irish cause was his in the Irish cause was the Irish cau

clous to Iroland, spont is a and laughter. True it is, speak ing of those upon whose then natural verting—the separated min of the control of

to his electors, he said:—

"It is not to be imagined how much of service is lost, from spirits full of activity and full of energy, who are presented by the service that of energy, who are trushing forward to great and capital objects, when you oblige them to be continually looking back. While they are defending one service they defrand you of a hundred. Appland us when we win, console us when we fall, choer us when we recover. but let us pass on, for God's sake, let us pass on.

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Ho goes on to say—"Gontlemen, we must not be poerial, with those who uses not be poerial, with those who are to be poerial, with those who are of a nice and jealous those who are of a nice and jealous onour, they who think everything in omparison with that homour to be dust not ashoe, will not bear to have it soiled not impaired by those for whose sakothopake a thousand sacrifices to preserve it musculate and whole." Now, if I right ye acte the spirit of this gathering, a pirit with which I highly sympathies ou are against entering into the squain letting of the property of the spirit of the source is not enter. You have heard onough and to enter the country of the spirit with whee heard onough and to enter the poerial will not even go ever the boad-roll of hees accusations. I have the or a dozen in the seas excessions, I have the or a dozen or the or a dozen the seasons.

in the forefront of the battle have been wounded—wounded also through the sides of Iroland in days goine by and which have culminated in a course of negativing all party discipline, those who called for the abolition of the committee voting against its abolition through the committee of the party discipline, the who called for the rive and progress of the Irish National Federation, decrying it and trying to paralyse it those who called for party meetings systematically refusing to attend and help the diluberations of the party, those who called and progress of the National Convention re-

Let us, then, united bury All our idle feuds in dust. And to future conflicts carry Mutual faith and common trust, Always he who most forgiveth In his brother is most just."

if our professious—genuine and sincere—are not accepted, if the platform which we have taid before you is not agreed to, shall this movement collapse?

Shall we lay down our arms—shall we, of the majority, confess ourselves beatten? No, a thousand times no tcheers.

Shall you abaudon the ship, or shall you condeavour to organize a crew? Any tolerable statution must end by mutual agreement and good will, as, under the Providence of Uod it ought to end. If not no; then how? By the same steps which have vanidated that principle of unity and discipline to-day to which the first paragraph of the resolution gives adhesion. Such were the genuine conditions which satisfat the terms of the Irish National Parliamentary service, and which shall give Iroland an army which, though somewhat reduced in numbers, shall at all oversite being the proposal the closing paragraph of this resolution deals. You are asked to instruct and to strengthen the hands of the Irish Party in a contingency which we cannot leave out of count. We trust and hope in the state of the trish Party in a contingency which we cannot leave out of count. We trust and hope in the shall stall over the feet of the stall the stall with these skills and hope in the shall stall over the feet of the stall shall be to the stall shall be to the stall shall be found necessary to the establishment of unity and discipline in their own ranks in accordance with the resolution of this

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which was in the following terms, was carried unanimously:

That we recognize as the essential element of the existence of an effective Irish Party the hearty co operation and eleceful sub-relusation of each individual in carrying out the party policy, as settled after free discussion) by the judgment of the greater number. That while we are glad to observe that our grave juestions there have been but few intelligible differences of opinion in the Irish Party, and none difficult of reconciliation by reasonable men willing to agree, we toost strongly condem those public disputes regarding minor questions of persons and tactics which have so gravely impaired the power of the party. We solemnly call upon every man belonging to the Irish Party, in answer to the prayers of our people ai the world over, to forget old differences, to sink personal foolings, and to set for the future as good comrades and fellow soldiers in the spirit of this resolution, and in the support of that party unity on which the fact of Iricalan so largely depends. We ask the Irish Party k takes such steps as may in their judgment be found necessary to the establish ment of unity and discipline in their own ranks, in accordance with the resolutions of this Convention; and wassure them of our unfailing support in the execution of this centurial task.

second day was made by Mr. John Dilloo: but on account of spose I reserve it for another letter. I will conclude this by a reference to the anoceastic handles are referenced by the another letter. I will conclude this by a reference to the anoceastic banquet given by Mr. Hugh Ryan to Hon. Edward Blake on Thursday ovening September. 3rd, at which all the foreign delegates and the Irish leaders were present. A considerable amonate of comment had been caused by the fact that no one came forward to welcome the visiting delegates to the capital. This was owing to the jealousy of the factions who had determined to keep away from the Convention. Had anything been done in the way of a welcome the press of Mr. Healy and Mr. Redmond would at once have raised the cry that the viriting delegates were but creatures doing the bilding of Mr. Dillon. Neither Mr. Blake nor Mr. Ryan was willing however that the recklessaces of the factional spirit should stand between friends, and in return for the bauquet given by Mr. Blake before the Convention Mr. Ryan gave almost at the close of the gathering. The Bishop of Raphoe, the Gouvention as the best Mr. Hyan, the guest of the orening being on the right hand. Mr. John Dillon, Mr. Michael Davitt, Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. Swith McNeill and other distinguished and brilliant chairman of the Convention the results of the Irish race in the glorious cause of Fatheriand, all the speakers gave expression to the right shand. Mr. John Dillon, Mr. Blake before the Convention Law of the Convention of Mr. Ryan's hospitality will remember the dimner as one of the billon; copperation there were not specifies; but on this occasion, the Convention being over and an historia exhibitor the formation of Mr. Ryan's hospitality will remember the dimner as one of the billon; copperation of Mr. Ryan's hospitality will remember the dimner as one of the bills or; expression in the distormance of the Convention Research of the Convention Research of the Convention Research of the Convention Research of the Conve

Mr. Dilon, too, spoke with impressive arnestness of the later history of the struggle. He declared that the canswould have died at the time Mr. Blake destricted his many continued with the destricted himself with it had not the great sacrifice of the Canadian states man been made for it at that factor moment. Mr. Bake's connection with firsh politics since had been one serie of sacrifices; and, added Mr. Dillon perhaps the only componsation he has received is the love and gratitude in which the leaders and people of Ireland Mr. Davitt, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. O'Connor myself and the others, held him, and it which his last man will ever be held it

"There is," said Mr. Dillon, "no "There is," said Mr. Dillon, "no question of leadership or jealousy be tween the guttomen whose names have just mentioned. (diadly would pledge myself to follow Mr. Blake, o any of the others, as they follow me to day. The chairmauship of the Irisl Party is no bod of roses; and well d

we know it. "Spoothes were made by Mr. Davitt, Mr. T. P. O'Counor. Mr. Costigan and some others of the visiting delegates, and when the party separated it was with the consciousness that the evening would be remembered as an historic