

achieved except through self-government. Self-government cannot be obtained except by effecting such a change in the relative positions of Ireland and England as will render the former country the subject no longer of the other. This political change cannot be effected by mere agitation or petitioning, but must depend on the employment of physical force. There can be no sufficient force created for this purpose without unity and organization among nationalists themselves. In order to perpetuate the organization in Ireland, it is necessary that it should be sustained by the Fenian Brotherhood of America, which is able to re-organize it as often as the power or arts of the enemy create confusion in its ranks. Proudly accepting this mission, the Fenian Brotherhood, strong in the unity of its central administration, conceals neither the names of its members nor its objects, but proudly bears aloft the glorious banner of the cause, until such time as the leaders of the Home Organization shall be prepared to unfurl it defiantly upon Irish soil.

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