

famine, why don't the English Government divide some of the Irish-English Clergy Reserve fund? In the disestablishment of the English Church in Ireland, it was necessary for the Government to set apart a sum of money to purchase this right and provide for the disestablishment. In the course of events *a la Alabama*, the fund set apart turned out to be more than was really needed. But as all the ministers then disestablished have not died, matters cannot be closed up. But there is to all appearances money lying idle. Invest it in public works, says one; another says, distribute it among the poor. Now, why this anxiety to have some of this Episcopalian fund? Why not ask St. Peter's to divide some of its latent and idolatrous wealth? Queen Victoria contributes a few thousands to the Irish relief fund. Then the Communists and Catholic soreheads cry shame on her for only giving so small a sum. Who is this queen? A Protestant mother. Gentlemen, reserve your breath till you find out how much the lion-hearted Leo, the Pope, will give. Remember that Pope Pius died worth more in personal property than the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India possesses. Let this Catholic hypocrisy be unveiled. Let the people who are so priest-ridden know it. Let us at this timely juncture of the Irish drama introduce a new act that shall expose this hierarchical deception. Ireland is suffering. She has suffered before, and will again unless the people in the South and West change their religion, or make a radical change in the one they have. It is a pity, it is a burning shame, that Ireland should be crushed to the earth in poverty, as she has been, and is, by Rome and England. I am well aware that it is impossible for England to be as liberal with Ireland as she desires, for while two-thirds of the people are slaves to Rome, it would be impolitic to trust them with more liberty. Irishmen, free yourselves from Italy, if you want national liberty. Then the one-third or Protestant portion do not want self-government imposed upon them. The men of Ulster prefer to be under England's rule, with all their political disabilities, than to be under Rome, which of course they would be if Ireland became independent. A compact two-thirds Catholic majority would leave little chance for the political freedom of the one-third, especially so in a religious sense. Besides, there are many good Catholics who prefer their present relation to England rather than independence and the consequent rule of Rome.

Another queer and very interesting feature of this Irish question is that the Pope and the Roman hierarchy in Ireland are not in favor of separation from England. To this statement a few parish priests are an exception. Any movement looking to armed resistance and separation