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PARNELL!

A Crisis in Irish Affairs.

GLADSTONE'S STRANGE CONDUCT.

Statements and Counter Statements.

FRIENDS AND OPPONENTS MEET.

LONDON, Nov. 25.—A meeting of the Irish Home Rulers was held to-day before the opening of the session of the House of Commons. Mr. Parnell was present. He was loudly cheered as he entered the room.

Mr. Parnell made an address, in which he thanked his followers for his re-election. He said it was for the Irish members to decide whether he should lead them.

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THE FOLLOWING LETTER,

written Monday:

DEAR MORLEY.—Having arrived at a certain conclusion with regard to the continuance of Mr. Parnell's leadership of the Irish Party, I have seen Mr. Morley on my arrival in town and have endeavored to give him an inkling as to my opinion.

It is learned that Mr. Gladstone had an interview with Mr. Parnell before his publication of the letter to Mr. Morley and that he urged Parnell to retire from the leadership of

the National party. The publication of the letter caused intense excitement in the lobby of the House of Commons.

Mr. Parnell entered the House of Commons at 2 o'clock. The first member to greet him was Coningham Graham, who accosted him in the lobby and shook him.

Mr. Parnell, after congratulating Mr. Corbett, a Home Rule member, upon his recent marriage, managed to elude the crowd of journalists waiting in the lobby.

A casual enquiry brings out the fact that little doubt exists as to the aspect of the matter. When the party reassembles Monday it is probable Parnell will again be urged to retire by a section of his supporters.

TO CALL A MEETING

of the Nationalists. It was held in a committee room, which was carefully guarded from intrusion, a member of Parliament standing guard.

At the five o'clock meeting Mr. Sheedy adopted the same line as Mr. Lane and asked Parnell to reconsider his position.

It is stated that at the mid-day meeting of the Parnellites at least fifty favored retaining Parnell as leader.

A stormy scene occurred at the meeting of the Parnellite members last evening after the letter from Mr. Gladstone to Mr. Morley had been made public.

WAS SEVERELY CRITICISED

A majority of the Nationalist members present at the meeting last night said they had believed previous to the meeting in the morning that Mr. Parnell, after his re-election, would not take an active part in politics for a few months.

letter to the Parnellite meeting yesterday because Gladstone had requested him to consider it as confidential if he found that Parnell contemplated spontaneous action.

DUBLIN, November 26.—The Freeman's Journal, in a leading article on Mr. Gladstone's letter, says: Mr. Gladstone, in his letter to Mr. Morley in regard to Mr. Parnell's position, assumes that the Irish party is a portion of the Liberal party.

COMPEL GLADSTONE

or any other Liberal leader to submit to the Irish leaders.

The London correspondent of the Freeman's Journal says the Parnellites, although anxious to avoid if possible the catastrophe of Mr. Gladstone's retirement, are determined to remain steadfast in their support of Parnell.

After paying a tribute to Parnell's services to the cause, the paper expresses great regret at the absence in America of Dillon and O'Brien, whose opinion, it says, would have much weight.

CINCINNATI, November 28.—A reporter called on William O'Brien to-night and presented a cable-gram stating that the assembled Nationalists in London were expiating to hear from the delegates in America before the meeting adjourned.

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One of Mr. Parnell's closest friends declares that Parnell regards the movement to expel him as a radical revenge for his support of the Royal grants last summer.

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to retire. If they did not do this the Irish union would be rolled back and the ship, which was just at the mouth of the harbor, would be driven by storms into the ocean.

TRY A NEW ONE.

When the Parnellites were flocking into the division lobby to-day to vote on the amendment to Mr. Balfour's Irish Land bill there was a sudden unusual movement.

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After dinner the guests assembled in the parlors, when a surprise awaited the rev. gentleman. Mrs. McOrory placed a small table before him, and Miss McKeena entered from a side door with a paper in her hand, which she began to read to the rev. Father, and when the proper passage in the address was reached Mr. McOrory placed on the table a morocco covered box, and drew out from within its plush linings a gold Chain of rare and costly workmanship and handed it to the rev. gentleman, who received it mildly, was dumb-struck, as the matter was kept a profound secret by the lady donors, as they were determined to surprise the rev. recipient.

Miss McKeena, who pinned the beautiful address, also read it with much poetic grace and effect, as follows:—

Rev. J. J. McGrade, C.C. Omagh:

REVEREND FATHER.—Permit us, a few of the ladies who have had the happiness of meeting you since your arrival in our city, to express the great pleasure it affords us to encourage and assist you in the laudable undertaking with which you have been entrusted.

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that I too was to become the recipient of a similar gift. Such kindness on your part shows how strong are the bonds, and how tender the religious sympathies that bind to Faith and Fatherland the seaward-bound Gael, when the presence of such a poor representative of the Irish priesthood as myself should have awakened those emotions as have found no nobler expression in the presentation of this costly gold Chain. In return I can only say that I shall always cherish the memory of those kind friends who have not only extended me their hospitality but given me this rich gift.

What return can I make to the Lord for all He has rendered unto me? I will take the Chain of St. Patrick and call upon the name of the Lord; I will call upon the name of the Lord and shall be saved from my enemies.

C. M. B. A.

The Grand President, Dr. McGrade, has issued the following circular with reference to the open letter of Branch 21, Thorold, published in the FREE WISCONSIN:—

To the Members of the C. M. B. A. in Canada.

Office of the Grand President, Ottawa, Nov. 17th, 1890.

MY DEAR BROTHERS.—The open letter of Branch 21, Thorold, addressed to me, calls for some remarks.

I may say, Brothers, that any discussion, just now, of the relations between the Grand Council of Canada and the Supreme Council is premature. I would ask, therefore, that branches do not discuss the matter or anything connected with it.

Branch No. 1, C. M. B. A., Windsor, Ont., at a meeting on the 20th inst., unanimously passed a resolution with reference to the issuance of the following "open letter":—

TO JOHN A. MACCALL, Esq., LL.D., President of the Grand Council of Canada.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Branch No. 1 of Windsor has the honor to acknowledge with pleasure the receipt of the Branch No. 1 of Thorold, at a meeting on the 20th inst., and to state that the same will be forwarded to the Grand Council for their consideration.

As a souvenir of this, to us, most memorable visit, we beg your acceptance of this Chain. It has been our earnest desire to present you with some little offering which would in future years recall to your memory the pleasant hours which we have spent together.

We hope that our choice will meet with your approval, and that each day, when fulfilling the sacred functions of your exalted calling, your hands shall hold our gift, with precious recollections of the Heavenly Visitation, we, your distant friends, will not be forgotten in your prayers.

Accept also our best wishes for your happiness and success. Through the long journey you propose taking may you always meet with friends as kind as those whose honored quest you have been on this hour.

Mrs. P. McOrory, Mrs. Alexander Scarbett, Mrs. Thomas McKenna, Mrs. P. Murray, Mrs. M. Kavanagh, Mrs. James McOrory, Mrs. P. Moynagh, Mrs. John Kavanagh, Mrs. Thomas Mullin.

Montreal, Nov. 26th, 1890.

The reverend gentleman said in reply:

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Serious Charge.

Four boys have been arrested in Montreal, on a charge of incendiarism in connection with the recent burning of the High school.

Solitons for the unrelenting.—Above the anthem of the celestial choir Jews have heard, or feebler cry; a wail which the forces of the upper sawtooth of His redeemed ones cast at the feet of our Father, here, fighting in the field of battle, weeping in this vale of tears.

The points which were reserved in the case of Arthur Day, the Niagara Falls wife murderer, were argued at Toronto on Wednesday. The Chief Justice rendered judgment dismissing the objections to the conviction, and holding that the admissions of the prisoner to detectives while in custody were admissible as evidence. The conviction was consequently confirmed.

The petition against the return of Mr. Richard Tooley, a member of the Provincial Legislature for East Middlesex was dismissed yesterday.

Mrs. Rolph, widow of the late Hon. Dr. Rolph, of 1877 rebellion fame, died at Cincinnati last Friday, at the age of 78 years. Her funeral took place at Toronto on Monday.