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sees the storm coming, and has just begun to make ready for it by initiating a new plan of self-government.

Then there is the great question of Irish Home Rule. But that will not be the immediate aim. It is likely to be made a part of a great system of local self-government, by which, under the name of Devolution, Parliament will be relieved of most of its local business, and local legislation will be thended to by small local parliaments, we for Scotland, one for Wales, perhaps two for Ireland, and two or more for England. Devolution is Home Rule writ large and Latin. But that will have to be studied



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and worked out with care, and will take time, probably after another election and another mandate by the people. For this election is not carried on any real positive programme of principles, but on a negative one.

The most prominent, if not the principal question has been that of free trade versus protection; and the people have decided that they will have no change of policy. So this election has not decided what the people want done, but



WILY WILLIAM. He runs with the hounds and holls with the hares. — Brooklyn Daily,Eagle.



THE GREAT FREDERICK AND THE LITTLE WILLIAM. William II.: "I have taken every opportunity to hoist myself up to his height, but I fear I shall never equal him." —La Silhouette, Paris.

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