

HOME RULE.

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There is one risk, and that is that if the controversy is unduly and unwarrantably prolonged, the demand for self-government in Irish affairs may become a demand for the repeal of the Union and the re-establishment of dual supremacy in these islands. I hope that the ship of state will be steered from that rock. I would ask you to contrast the present condition of the Irish people with what it was at the time of Swift, when the Irish ascendancy parliament begged to be admitted to the British Parliament and was refused, or with what it was at the beginning of the century immediately after the Union when Irish voters were trooped to the polls for the simple purpose of recording their votes in order to return landlords to Parliament.

TIMES ARE DIFFERENT NOW.

We have concluded that we have before us now a different state of things. Ireland has on her side the memory of vast victories earned by the sweat of labor, but really earned and recorded on her behalf. Ireland has mighty sympathies. She requires this larger and stronger island. She has obtained the suffrage of Scotland and the suffrage of Wales, and in the short space of seven years she was changed a majority of more than 200 against her in England to one third that number. She was stunted in franchise and means of representation. Now she possesses a most extended franchise with most perfect protection. Her remaining objects she has not yet attained to, but she looks forward to the attainment of them with more means in her hands. One other source of strength. She has the moderation of her demands. (Hear, hear). She has ever since 1886, if not before, but unequivocally and nationally since abandoned the whole argument that perhaps she was entitled to make on the subject of the act of union. She has asked you to save for yourselves every Imperial power. She has consented to accept the House of Commons and the universal supremacy of the Empire. In return she has asked you only that she have the management of her own affairs, which reason and justice combined with the voice of her people, I hope will soon move this nation to say soon shall be awarded her. If this is to be the end of the matter I think dispassionate men would say, the sooner ended the better; the sooner we stamp the seal which will efface all former animosities and open the era of peace and good will, the sooner done the better. But there are matters which human vision is hardly equal to penetrating.

TO END ALL DISCORD.

I must say, however, for my own part, that I will not and never can be a party to bequeathing to my country the continuance of this heritage of discord which has been handed down from generation to generation, with hardly momentary interruption, through seven centuries—this heritage of discord, with all the evils that follow in its train. I wish no part nor lot in that process. It would be misery for me if I had foregone or omitted in these closing years of my life any measure it was possible for me to take towards upholding and promoting the cause which I believe to be the cause—not of one party or one nation—but of all parties and all nations. To these nations, viewing them as I do with their vast opportunities under a living union for power and happiness, to these nations I say: "Let me entreat you, if it were my last breath I would so entreat you, let the dead past bury their dead and cast behind you former recollections of bygone evils; cherish, love and sustain one another through all the vicissitudes of human affairs in times that are to come." (Prolonged Liberal cheers.)

OF ALL THE SUPERSTITIONS that are ridiculous the most foolish is that of belief in witchcraft or fortune-telling. These things are, in themselves, sinful, and the practice of them is forbidden by religion and is contrary to common sense. To put faith in sorcerers or fortune tellers is tantamount to withdrawing faith in Divine Providence. But it is not to preach against fortune-telling that we have touched upon the subject. We were greatly amused with a paragraph that appeared under that heading in one of our exchanges last week. It is

so good that we thought well to reproduce it. There is a real moral attached to the item which would benefit many a one, if carefully studied:

"Do you believe in fortune-telling? asks a young correspondent. Yes, certainly, we do, and practice it, too. Would you like a few trials of our skill? Well, then, give attention: When a boy with black hair and eyes always tells the truth, he will be believed and respected as long as he lives, and as people would prefer to keep him alive, he will stand a good chance to arrive at old age. A girl with brown hair and blue eyes, who obeys her parents, is good tempered and industrious, will have many admirers, particularly among sensible men, and she will, therefore, be in the way of getting a good husband. If a girl with rosy cheeks and curly hair will avoid late hours, light dresses, too many nice things to eat, will take plenty of exercise in the open air, and keep good-natured, she will probably be a good-looking and happy lady, and if she obtains a good education she will be a fit wife for a peer. In all these cases the hair and eyes are of no great importance, but the other requisites must be strictly observed to have the good fortune come out right."

MAGAZINES.

THE NEW ENGLAND.

The February New England Magazine opens with an excellent and eminently just description of the literary awakening in Chicago, with a commentary upon the most notable literary characters who have made their reputations in the windy city. The article is well illustrated, and contains portraits of Francis F. Browne, the editor of the Dial; Dr. Paul Carus, the editor of the Monist; General Alexander C. McClure, Horatio Nelson Powers, Benjamin F. Taylor, Eugene Field, Harriet Monroe, Blanche Fearing, George P. Upton, Dr. J. W. Foster, Elwyn A. Barron, Joseph Kirkland, Dr. William F. Poole, George Rowland, and pictures of some of the most famous literary nooks in Chicago. The article is written by William Morton Payne, and is critical in spirit, but although discriminating is perfectly impartial. Arthur Lord contributes an account of "The Pilgrims' Church in Plymouth," which will interest all who visited the historic old town. Nathan Haskell Dole pays a tribute to the memory of John Greenleaf Whittier in a poem, "Prophets." Charles M. Andrews takes his readers into a "Biographical By-Path Through New England History." Herbert M. Sylvester continues his series of pen pictures in part four of "Ye Romance of Casco Bay," dealing with "Stogumoor." Walter Blackburn Harte contributes the distinctively literary paper of the number, in a light, gossiping essay entitled "About Critics and Criticism," with Other Matters Incidental and Irrelevant."

THE NEW DONAHOE'S.

Donahoe's Magazine for February emphasizes in a most striking and significant manner the new vitality which illumines its pages and the high purpose of its present management to make it the equal of the very best periodicals in the country. The names of the contributors to this number, the timeliness and value of their contributions, and the excellent typographical setting their work has been given, all combine to make Donahoe's for February a literary and artistic treat from cover to cover. Henry Austin opens the number with the first of a series of articles entitled, "In American Studies," treating this month of the work of J. A. S. Monk; Joseph Howard, Jr. writes in his usual graphic and pleasing style of "The Catholic Prelates I Have Known." James W. Clarke, A. M., compares the English public school system with that in this country; John W. O'Keefe contributes an interesting paper on Catholic actresses which is enriched with portraits of Mary Anderson, Ada Rehan, Annie Yeomans, Mlle. Rhea, Helena Modjeska, Bertha Welby, Eugene Dignea, Eleonora Duse, Blanche Walsh and Grace Golden. The eloquent Redemptorist priest, Rev. Charles Warren Currier, is represented by a paper entitled "A Word on Monks." W. H. Tammam gives a brief but appreciative estimate of Cardinal Gibbons. Richard H. Clarke, LL.D., writes on "Catholic New York," and John O'Callaghan furnishes a timely and non-partisan paper with the title, "On the Eve of Home Rule."

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL.

There is a sparkle about everything in the Ladies' Home Journal that appeals with wonderful attractiveness to a reader, and this is especially true of its February issue. Mr. Howells has, perhaps, never been brighter in anything he has done for a long time than he is in his "Coast of Bohemia," and his admirable glimpses of girl life in a great city. Mrs. Burton Harrison tells girls a great deal they will like to know of a social code of opera, theatre and concert, in the fourth of her popular series on "The Well-Bred Girl in Society." Octave Thannet has a very happy article addressed to wives, on "That Man; Your Husband," which Vera Bernardiere supplements with interesting glimpses of the results of foreign marriages made by American girls. Ella Wheeler Wilcox tells vigorously who, in her estimation, are the "Destroyers of Domestic Edens," while Rev. T. De Witt Talmage discusses woman's tendency for curiosity in an article on "The Curiosity of Eve." Maudie Dickens' reminiscences, "My Father as I Recall Him," deepen in interest as she tells this month of her great father's love for birds, sports and outdoor life. Eugene Field has a beautiful poem, "My Valentine," addressed to his wife, while Mrs. Bayard Taylor's portrait is for the first time seen in print, with a sketch of the wife of the famous story writer and traveller.

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND HOME.

The February number of the Catholic School and Home Magazine recalls the jubilee of Leo XIII. It has as a frontispiece a copy of the most recent photograph of His Holiness, and a beautiful sonnet by W. D. Kelly commemorates the jubilee, while an article of Rev. Bernard S. Conaty relates some incidents of personal experience with the Holy Father. Very Rev. J. S. M. Lynch, D.D., gives a most interesting, though short, account of the apparition at Lourdes, which is also an anniversary of the month. "Perseverance" is the title of Major Byrne's chat to the young men. The February number closes the first year of this magazine, and the editor, Rev. T. J. Conaty, D.D., outlines the programme of work for the coming year.

Jagson says some fellows never seem to have gained ground till they are buried.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.

THE SOLICITOR-GENERAL HONORED

St. Ann's Young Men Present Hon. Mr. Curran With an Address—An Eloquent Reply.

The second evening's entertainment given by St. Ann's Young Men's Society, Tuesday night, was even better and more successful than the first. The hall was again crowded to its utmost capacity, a large number of prominent persons being present. Among them were noticed Solicitor General Curran, Alderman Nolan, A. Finn, Jos. Clarke, Rev. Bro. Arnold, Rev. Father Strubbe, T. J. Quinlan, M. Curran, P. J. O'Reilly, J. Johnson, and a number of the Redemptorist Fathers.

Mr. P. T. O'Brien again occupied the chair and the first part of the program was similar to that of the first evening. Mr. T. M. Jones took the opportunity of Mr. Curran's presence to get off a joke to the effect that he was describing a handsome cabinet for sale in a furniture store to a young lady. He very cleverly brought in all the names of Sir John Thompson's cabinet ministers, winding up by describing it as one of the finest and strongest ever produced.

Mr. P. T. O'Brien then stepped on the platform and after a few graceful and appropriate remarks, read the following address:

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.
Montreal, February 14th, 1893.

To the Hon. J. J. Curran Q. C. M. P.,
Solicitor General of Canada.

Hon. and dear Sir: The members of St. Ann's Young Men's Society take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your elevation to the high position of Solicitor General of Canada. Well do we know that the road to such prominence which you have attained is encumbered with obstacles, and abounding with pitfalls for those who traverse it, but your ability and sterling worth enabled you to overcome the one, while your high moral character has guided you in evading the other.

Your powers of mind and the noble sentiments that ever have been your guiding star are a credit to Canada, to our own Ville Marie, to the religion you have ever defended, and last, but not least, they are a credit to that dear old land across the sea, the land of heroes and scholars, the land of the Currans.

In the pursuit of the many and arduous duties pertaining to your exalted position, we trust and we feel that you will derive pleasure from the knowledge that wherever you may dwell, whether in our own fair city or elsewhere, you will ever retain your old place in our hearts and be held in the highest estimation by the people of old St. Ann's.

In speaking thus we voice the sentiments of all in the parish and we shall pray Heaven that you may long be spared to your dear family, to our country and to us.

(Signed on behalf of the society.)
P. T. O'BRIEN, President.

The reading of the address was received with hearty applause, and Mr. Curran made an eloquent and interesting address in reply to it.

He thanked the audience for their royal reception and for the address. He referred to the importance of the business that was being transacted at Ottawa, and the consequent difficulty he had experienced in being present. When he told Sir John Thompson that the reception he was to be tendered was in St. Ann's ward he had replied, "Why, that is the Holy Land. You have got to go of course." The growth of the society was touched upon and the assistance it had received from the Redemptorist Fathers, a number of whom were present. Mr. Curran spoke somewhat diffidently of his own political preferment, and said there was no position in the country to which Irish Catholic young men could not now aspire. He had partly opened the door for them to the Cabinet Council of the Dominion of Canada. A brief reference was made to the Home Rule bill which was now introduced into the British Parliament by Mr. Gladstone. He said there

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was hope yet evidently for poor old Ireland. He concluded by again thanking the society for their address and the citizens of St. Ann's ward for their kind reception.

The remainder of the program was then proceeded with, every part of it being as well, if not better, rendered than on the previous night.

Great credit is due Mr. P. J. Shea, the organist of St. Ann's Church, under whose direction the choruses and songs were arranged, and who acted as accompanist in a very successful manner. The results of the two evenings' entertainments are so favorable that a large balance will be added to the treasury of the society.—The Herald.

HOME RULE FUND.

Senator Murphy, treasurer, forwarded to-day an instalment of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., in aid of the Irish Home Rule Fund. This amount is the proceeds of meetings held in St. Patrick's and St. Ann's parishes.

Meetings in the remaining parishes will be held in due season.

Subscription since our last to the Irish Home Rule Fund: Frank J. Hart, \$20.

"Isn't your wife afraid to drive that horse?" "Not at all. It's the people she meets who are scared."

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