

THE FORGES FOR AND AGAINST IRELAND

It is a fact worthy of note, though not often noted, if at all generally known, even by Irishmen, that not merely the vast bulk of the Irish people and the Irish race, but the majority of the civilized world including the British Empire, are emphatically in favor of the demand of Ireland for national self-government.

That Ireland's claim was strengthened by the consensus or approving sentiment of mankind was one of the points dwelt upon and urged by Mr. Gladstone in his eloquent advocacy of his Irish Home Rule policy.

Mr. Gladstone, it need hardly be said, was a scholar, a reader of books. More perhaps than any other man of his time he was familiar with "the literature of all countries."

But of course there is much more evidence than the declaration of Mr. Gladstone, authoritative as it is and conclusive as it might well be taken to be, of the world-wide sentiment against England for Ireland in the matter of her National claim.

"There is no colony more loyal to the British connection than the great colony of Canada; and the great Parliament of that central community has now no less than twice passed a resolution declaring that self-government, which was wise and good for Canada, would be good for Ireland.

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these remarkable words in notice of the sympathy and support for Ireland's claim manifested, not merely by Canada and Australia, but by the Legislatures and the Congress of the United States:

"Mr. Gladstone used to say that the opinion of the whole civilized world was on the side of Ireland. What would the Unionist (Tory) Party give if they had behind their policy and their political gospel the vote that Canada gave to us, that Australia gave to us, that the different Parliaments of Canada, and the different smaller Parliaments of Australia gave to us—what would they give, if in addition to all that, they had behind them the fact that among the forty-five States into which the great American Republic is divided, there is scarcely a single Legislature that at one time or another has not passed a practically, if not entirely, unanimous resolution in favor of Home Rule for Ireland?"

And with regard to Westminster, that is, the British Parliament, it has to be kept in mind that it is only that part of it which represents England that can be taken as against the Irish demand.

In the division in the House of Commons on Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill of 1893, a large majority of the members for Scotland and a large majority of the members for Wales, and four-fifths of the members for Ireland voted for the Bill.

"I will go one step further, and make this declaration, though it will probably surprise you—that the majority of Englishmen are in favor of Home Rule for Ireland. In England it is easier for a rich man to get twenty votes than for a poor man to get one, and therefore sometimes at the general election in England we see a majority of votes, but not a majority of voters.

"From all this it will be seen how wide-spread and influential throughout the world and within the British Empire, and even within the United Kingdom, are sympathy and support for the Irish cause. The literature of all countries, as Mr. Gladstone declared, the legislatures and Congress of the United States of America, the Parliaments of all the British colonies, Scotland, Wales, and a strong minority (if not a majority, as Mr. O'Connor thinks) in England herself—all are for Ireland and have declared themselves in favor of the claim of the Irish people to rule their own country.

That then is the reckoning and the record on the Irish side. What is the showing on the other side? What is it and who are they that are against Ireland? The answer may be given in a word or two. What stands in the way of the concession to Ireland of her just demand is the British House of Lords and the

House of Lords. Only for that House Ireland would now have Home Rule. Mr. Gladstone's bill of 1893 was passed by the House of Commons—the chamber which represents, as it consists of the elected delegates of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The electors of these four constituent parts of the "United Kingdom," through their chosen representatives in parliament, gave approval and assent to the policy and the proposal of an Irish legislature and an Irish executive government for the control of all Irish affairs.

And what is this House of Lords which thus obstructs and denies the National right of Ireland, endorsed by the sentiment and judgment of the world? It is an assembly in which Nationalist Ireland has not a single representative. The House of Lords consists of about 580 members and they are members for life. It has not a fixed membership as to numbers, because new lords are occasionally "created" and old lords die, and sometimes the title becomes extinct through the deceased lords leaving no heirs, so that the House of Lords has not always the same number of members, but usually it has between five and six hundred.

But suppose it were otherwise, suppose every man of the "Irish Representative Peers" were Nationalists, what could they do at Westminster against the solid opposition of five hundred British peers? Nothing, of course, and of course, therefore, and from the fact that they are all of them not Nationalist or Irish but British and deadly hostile to every sentiment of Irish Nationality.

How long will this be permitted to continue? How long will an alien assembly of avowed foes of every Irish be permitted to prevent Ireland from having her rights—rights that are absolutely necessary for the saving of the Irish nation from extinction? The new Prime Minister of England holds and has frequently declared that Home Rule is Ireland's right and that while it is the Irish people cannot have good government or be prosperous.

The answer to this question must soon be forthcoming. If not, the Irish leader and the Irish Party, with an organized and unified Irish people and Irish race at their back, will be able at the proper time to insist in a proper and effective way on knowing the reason why.

OUR BUCKINGHAM LETTER.

on to your coat tails and beg of you to smile on them, with whom we are disgusted. Every good, honest son of toil, who, like yourself, has earned his bread and won his spurs, deserves credit. The fact that we spoke of the Mayor as a Protestant was regarded as a mortal fault about which the considerate sycophant expressed the belief that there was no possibility of absolution in this world or the next.

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