

independent Ireland as Ireland has to-day in the United Kingdom. The present position is not generally understood, especially in the United States and the Dominion, where the general impression prevails that England refuses to concede to Ireland such management of her affairs as Home Rule would give. Nothing could be further from the actual truth. The Home Rule Bill was passed by England, Scotland and Wales with the concurrence of the Nationalist Irish members against the protests of the Unionist Irish representatives, and over the veto of the House of Lords. Nothing prevents the Home Rule Bill being put into force but dissension amongst Irishmen in Ireland. The feeling evoked in England, which had the support of the late Lord Roberts, was not at all against Home Rule for Ireland, but solely and altogether against the coercion of Ulster.

Coercion has been many times tried in Ireland with the sole result. of further alienating the people. There is no reason to believe that the coercion of Ulster, were it possible, which it certainly is not, would result more happily than the coercion of Leinster, Munster and Connaught has done. Conciliation has been tried again and again,