

HOME RULE QUESTION PROVES CONTENTIOUS EVEN IN BRANTFORD

C. L. H. REPLIES TO H. H. M. To the Editor of the Courier.

Sir,—Your correspondent H.H.M. replying to my previous letter on the Home Rule issue, said he feared he was somewhat tardy in his reply. However, it was not my intention to follow suit, but unforeseen circumstances which I could not well control, has prevented my replying at an earlier date, which apology, Mr. Editor, I trust all concerned will accept.

It seems difficult for your correspondent H.H.M. to understand even yet, my nationality, a fact which I think I have quite clearly explained. However, I shall overlook this weakness in H.H.M. as a natural characteristic of the party to which he belongs, for although the Asquith Government has gone to the country three times in succession, twice in the year 1910, with the Home Rule plank foremost in their platform, Mr. Balfour and other leading Unionists warning the electors that a vote for Asquith meant a vote for Home Rule, and even now Mr. Balfour has had the audacity to say had the people known the Asquith Government meant to pass the Home Rule Bill they would never have been returned to power. These are undeniable facts.

As to how I acquired my knowledge of English rule in Ireland, I would say you have but to read the history of Ireland from the pen of a reliable author, either Roman Catholic or Protestant, of which there are many. As to H.H.M. claiming a better knowledge of Irish affairs than myself because he has lived in England, his own words condemn his claim too. For instance, the Rev. Mr. Maguire, who recently spoke in Toronto against Home Rule, said he was from Ulster, had lived there 37 years and claimed to know the history of Ireland thoroughly. Still he told the Orangemen of Toronto, whom he was addressing, that the majority of the Irish people were opposed to Home Rule. Mr. Maguire therefore, is either ignorant of the history of his own country or dishonest, either of which is no credit to his profession. Of the 103 members elected by Irish vote to represent Ireland in the British House of Commons, 84 are Home Rule, even Ulster Province, where Mr. Maguire lives, sends a majority of Home Rule representatives to parliament, namely 17 for and 16 against Home Rule.

Again, just to show how little

many people living in England know about Ireland, I cite a conversation I had with an Englishman, who had only recently arrived in Brantford from England, asked him how he liked Canada, then drifted to Scotland and finally to Ireland. I said, "What kind of a country is Ireland, I suppose you have been there?" "No," he said, "I have never been in Ireland; this is the farthest I have ever been from home." Another young Englishman I conversed with, a supposedly well educated young gentleman, replying to my inquiry as to how people in England viewed the Home Rule Bill, he said they were opposed to it. I asked him what he personally thought. "Well," he said, "I don't think they ought to be given Home Rule." I asked him why. "Well," he said, "I don't know, but they ought not to have it." So much for English opinion. H.H.M. says as to Orange loyalty and treason, he would pass my reference to same with contempt, which is the only thing he can do without acknowledging the hypocritical position Orangemen have placed themselves in by their opposition to the Crown and Parliament of England in carrying out the will of the majority of electors in granting to Ireland the long delayed measure of justice, namely, the right of Irishmen to govern Ireland for and by the Irish people, while at the same time claiming to be loyal subjects of the King. E.F.A. in his reply to H.H.M.'s letter spoke plainly and truthfully when he said the worst fault he found with Orangemen, they were behind the opinion of a learned judge in Dublin who, a short while ago said in summing up the evidence in a slander suit brought against a Belfast editor by two priests who had charge of a charitable fund made necessary by the brutality of Orange Unionists who drove Roman Catholics and Protestants Home Rulers from their work in the ship yards because they refused to join the Unionist club to oppose Home Rule, thereby causing 8,000 people to be dependent on charity. The judge said in part: "Belfast, the metropolis of Ulster, is a beautiful city of some 400,000 inhabitants, but notwithstanding all this, Belfast is 300 years behind the smallest village in all Ireland." This civilization is brotherly act, this of Belfast Unionist Orangemen toward their Catholic neighbors and intellig-

gent Protestants who favor Home Rule. This, coupled with the fact that during one of the artificial famine periods in Ireland, when food was shipped in from outside points and placed in the hands of the Unionists of Ulster to be distributed among the starving Irish, they fed the food to their hogs while the people by the thousands died of starvation. So much for H.H.M.'s claim of the kindness of Orangemen toward their Catholic neighbors. As to Grant's parliament being a Protestant parliament, I wish to assure H.H.M. I am quite aware of the fact. Right here let me give H.H.M. an illustration of Catholic tolerance toward their Protestant neighbors. After the Council of Unionist Members, I wish to assure H.H.M. I am quite aware of the fact. Right here let me give H.H.M. an illustration of Catholic tolerance toward their Protestant neighbors. After the Council of Unionist Members, I wish to assure H.H.M. I am quite aware of the fact. Right here let me give H.H.M. an illustration of Catholic tolerance toward their Protestant neighbors.

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on their way to prison, handcuffed together and locked in a van with armed guards, as well as armed officials on the scene. The van of a Dublin man, held up and rescued, their comrades, and while blowing the lock off the van door by the discharge of a revolver, one of the policemen inside the van was accidentally shot. For this reason, the men were named, namely, Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, Maguire and London. Maguire was pardoned because, notwithstanding all the perjured evidence brought against him at the trial, the strong public sentiment aroused against the judicial murder decree against him was so great, that the Government was obliged to give him a reprieve in the vicinity of the time, nor did he know of the rescue until it became public news, so the same perjured evidence was sworn to against Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, known as the Manchester Martyrs, who were led to the scaffold on the same perjured and false testimony. They met their death like true Christian patriots on November 23rd at 7.45 o'clock. Captain Condon being an American citizen, and by the pardon of Maguire, presented the Government with a difficult problem, and fearing conviction by false evidence might cause serious complications, he was sentenced to life imprisonment and sent to Australia, and later rescued with five other prisoners from the British guards in Australia by the Captain Anthony, a trusted and daring Irishman, on Captain Anthony's whaler boat in a most thrilling manner, without injury to life or limb; nothing very dishonourable about this, Mr. H. H. M.? As to the cattle maiming, I told you who were responsible in my previous letter. Did you ever hear of H. H. M. of Parnellism and Crime Forces, by Anderson, published in the London Times, famous as a belier of Irish history? As to Home Rule being dead, it was never dead at any time since 1880, and it is very much alive just now and soon shall be a living and thriving reality. Home Rule has the sympathy and support of the majority of all civilized nations. As to H. H. M.'s reference to its revival by the priest and the czar of Rome, as he describes Pope Pius X., the father of the present pope, as the papal bee in the Orangeman's bonnet that seems to lie at the root of the Home Rule opposition in Ulster. There is only one Ireland, but there seems to be two Ulsters just now, and they both say they will fight, but which will be wrong and which will be right, little Ulster always have been street fighters and rioters; the Ulster Protestant Home Rulers are organizing a national volunteer army to defend the King and Parliament of Ireland, they say. Against whom do they expect to fight? Carson and his Orange comrades claim to be loyal subjects of the king and the pillars of protestantism. Perhaps it is to prevent the landing of Toronto's Ulster Army.

The Memory of Orange.
The famous penal law was enforced up to 1777; in 1728, says a writer in the "Dublin Leader," a change took place, and in the interval between that year and 1794 Catholics found themselves allowed conditionally, certain rights regarding property and education, and that little of the necessary removal of the restrictions was restored to them and they were in a few respects almost on equal footing with the protestant minority, but then came the coincident in the appearance of Orangism on the stage, when the legislature persecuting laws against Catholics; the spirit of fierce hatred of catholicity strong as ever in many places, especially Ulster, found means of asserting itself in other ways. The writer notes that the first Orange Lodge was founded in September 21st, 1795 in the house of a man named Sloan in the Village of Loughadd, and quotes from the historian Plowden that the members present, all protestants, were bound by an oath as follows: "I do swear that I will be true to King and government, and that I will exterminate so far as lies in my power, the Catholics of Ireland." That this oath was not allowed to be a dead letter is shown by the doings of Orangemen as described by historians. Madden says that a persecution of the deepest dye, they would no longer allow a catholic to exist in the country. They posted up in the cabins of their unfortunate victims this note "To hell for the damned!" and appointed a limited time in which the necessary removal of persons and property were to be made. If after the expiration of that period the notice had not been complied with, the Orangemen assembled, destroyed the furniture, burned the habitation and forced the ruined fugitives to seek refuge elsewhere. This is the Orange brotherly love of which H. H. M. spoke in his reply to my previous letter; such was the progress of Orangism whose policy and traditions and records are the inheritance of the party to-day led by Sir Edward Carson and his followers, and in this connection the writer in the Leader suggests that those traditions are at the root of the opposition offered by Ulster protestant opponents of Home Rule. Many of the latter shudder at the thought of revenge on the part of Catholics for the wrongs of the past many of them believe that Home Rule would make revenge easier. The descendants of the Orange fanatics with the guilty conscience of 1795 and 1800 cannot understand the tenets of Christian charity which animates catholics to forgive not only the wrongs of a decade, but several persecutions of centuries. That is the explanation of Orange ideas of revenge by catholics' guilty conscience.

The Memory of Orange.
Home Rule is the only cure for Ireland's ills. Under Home Rule strife will disappear and peace and prosperity will run throughout the land.

The Manchester Martyrs.
Just a short line re. H. H. M.'s remarks about the Fenian murdering the policeman. Here are a few lines of history bearing on this subject. In the year 1867 while Kelly and Desney, two Fenian prisoners, were

Redmond, brother of John E. Redmond, Irish Nationalist leader, succeeded after 14 times, to have the Bill repealed and succeeded too, in having the government subsidize the industry \$30,000.00 per year for six years. This incident is but one of the many small acts of parliament passed by a Unionist government, killing Irish industries in favor of English manufactures, but space will not permit enumeration in this letter.

Religious Belfast.
At the recent Presbyterian Assembly in Belfast, one of the ministers present, the Rev. John Gale, gave this bit of knowledge as an eye-witness: "Not long since, on a Saturday night, I spent some hours in and around some streets along the Shaw-kill Road, Belfast, from Agnes St. up, and was shocked as I never was shocked before with the widespread and awful drunkenness of the Protestant district, where religion of some sort is a matter of everyday interest. I came home with my heart down in shame, for the condition of much that goes on in the name of Belfast Protestantism. If the people were more sobered from all undue pride in our city." Those people are all against Home Rule; they are of the Protestant ascendancy element, who object, pretending to be persecuted, and as to their own belief that Irish Catholics are not fit for self-government, as to their own fitness, there can, of course, be no doubt, judging from Rev. Mr. Baley's evidence.

The Devil's Own Lie.
Mr. E. L. MacNaughten, a Protestant from Claire, spoke plainly and strongly at the Dublin meeting of protest, against the Home Rule Bill. He dealt with the charge of persecution and oppression of Protestants under Home Rule, which accusation, as an Irishman and Protestant, he characterized as "the devil's own lie." This is just what it is, and the liars know it. They are knowing liars; they know that Catholics in Ireland have never been persecutors of Protestants or of any creed. They know that they cannot give a single case of persecution of Protestants by Catholics in Ireland. Mr. Joseph Devlin has repeatedly in the House of Commons and out of it challenged them on this point, and there has never been a reply. They could not give one case, yet they stick to the devil's own lie.

Wendell Phillips in a New York speech once said that after three hundred years of misrule, England forfeited her right, if ever she had any, to govern Ireland. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, if there is any portion of my correspondent's letter I have not answered, it is because I fear it would be imposing too much on your valuable time and space. My aim has been not to write a lengthy letter, but to be as plain as possible, consistent with a fair explanation of your correspondent's questions and charges, and trust my letter will bear me out in this respect.

When Home Rule actually becomes law, as it surely shall during the next session of Parliament, then the glad hand of fellowship of the Nationalists of the south shall, as now, be extended to the Ulster man of the north; then, indeed, shall every Irish man and every Irish woman, worthy of the name, rejoice to know that Ireland is a nation once more.

Finally, in the words of Abraham Lincoln: "With malice toward none, and charity toward all," including my friend, H.H.M., and his range colleagues in the interest of Irish justice and a square deal for all, I remain, sir, Yours sincerely, C. L. H. Irish-Canadian Home Ruler

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Rev. A. E. Lav district, president, opened by singing "ian Soldiers," followed by Rev. Brandon, his opening remarks gathering together. Dose of emphasis world was for Ch district was only denunciation. The the world would the units working year the member

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