

expediency, instead of one of perfection, so Irishmen must pay the penalty of division in receiving a solution that is rather a workable compromise than an ideal settlement. It puts all on an exactly equal footing in the result however, so the end is truly democratic though the means may not be.

In the day to come, which is now dawning in fire and blood, when race and creed no more shall part, those who have faced and overcome common danger and endured common hardship, will be drawn together in the spirit of common brotherhood and finally settle on broad lines the questions that now divide and perplex and trouble us. Our present duty towards this is expressed in an old Irish cry, **Faugh a ballagh**, or **Clear the Way**. All that can be said for my solution is that it is the best present conditions permit, and the need for action is pressing.

ED. HARPER WADE.

Quebec, June 1, 1917.