
THE IRISH PROBLEM

The ancient history of Ireland, with its legends, traditions and stories of times that have merged in the past, is fascinating alike to the student and reader, notwithstanding much that is sad in its pages, and like all history is not without its lessons for those that have the wisdom to interpret and apply them. England found Ireland speaking a different language to her own, and after centuries of effort replaced it with English, without obtaining the expected result of drawing the Irish people more closely to herself. England found Ireland holding the Roman Catholic faith, and after centuries of persecution and proselytism, of religious disability and proffered advantage, was forced to recognise the utter