

## REORGANISATION OF THE UNIONIST PARTY

**I**F the present pace is maintained the Government will easily beat all records for attempting hasty and experimental legislation. The performances of Lords Grey and Melbourne in the thirties and of Mr. Gladstone in the seventies of the last century, will be entirely surpassed. But in 1841 and 1874 the country cried stop in no uncertain tones, and there are already signs that people to-day are tired of this reckless driving. Hasty legislation in detail from principles loosely expressed in "mandates" does not satisfy either those who are supposed to have given them or those who doubt their existence.

It seems clear, therefore, that the Unionist party will be called upon at some not far-distant date to assume the direction of affairs and to place them on safe and steady foundations. For this reason it is necessary to organise the party at once, to agree upon a plan of campaign and to educate the country as to its meaning. The Central Office and the National Union have come to an agreement so that the party can set to work in harmony and unison. It is absolutely necessary that the leader should lead and equally so that his supporters should follow cheerfully and contentedly. It is, therefore, imperative that the means of communication between the two should be improved so that the party may know where it is going and the leader may estimate with what degree of enthusiasm he will be supported. The Unionist