FROM THE IRISH BENCHES.

United Ireland.

House of Common, Wednesday.

Once again amid those scenes where groined ceilings and stained glass, the dimness and calm of a cathedral arc overhead, and on the floor below the glare and brattle of a stock-exchange. Those scenes which the British citz n persists in regarding as the apple of the Constitution's eye, and around which a lother scenes in British politics seem but to revolve in a catellitic capacity. The British citzen is ne doubt right. When you are amid the hubbub of the L bby, you are excuse the pun) at the "hub" of the British political universe Lord Salisbury may dream as he likes about shifting the centre of the C natitution from Westminster Palace, to Buckingham Palace, from Parliament back again to the Sovereign in Council. It is as idle a dissipation of the fancy as his loyally to that queen "over the water," the Jacobite arch duchess in Munich, whom he wishes he culd see restored to her legitimate inheritance now usurped by "Victoria Guelph." Parliament is a great reality, no matter how your sense of it may be dulled by westiness towards the end of a long session, and a greater reality in the present era of newspaper and the franchise than ever. You feel this at the beginning of a session. It is the heart of the British nation. Through it course and whirl the vital currents. Here all those men, fresh from the constituencies, charged full like se many arteries with saved up passions, ambitions, purposes, which have to be brought back to the heart for new nourishment and impulse. A majority of reactionary Tories may hold possession of the access at the recent rounces. This is ment and impulse. A majority of resettonary Tories may hold possession of
the organ at the present moment. This is
natural. There must be reaction as well
as action in the circulation of the blood.
These Tories are the reflux current. Presently they will begin to move away, and These Tories are the reflux current. Presently they will begin to move away, and behind them will come rushing a rich, red atream of all that is best and purest in English life. Indeed they are already on the move, or I am much mistaken. It needs no specially sensitive touch upon the pulse to feel that Mr. Balfour is there with his limp frame, taiking of the "strong arm of the law," and holding an arm like a bent bullrush aloft by way of emphasis, and the rows of somewhat dislilusioned boys and men on the benches behind him, are not more, but much less a reslity than the mighty multitude outside the gates surging alorg with two of Mr. Balfour's "eriminals" at its head, honoring them as heroes and patriots with the greatest popular demonstration the streets of London have ever seen.

The session has a p-ned with fiery portents. Members of Parliament arrested at the doors of the House and marched through the streets at midnight with mobs at their heels. The people voting them a trium, h when the Government decrees them a disgrace. Questions of privilege, with a reactionary Government making as little account of the privilege of Members of Parliament as a Suart King. Firres encounters across the floor of the House between victim and tyrant, face to face. And withsl, 'Unable Men at the head of affairs," which, as Carlyle tells us, is the And withs!, 'Unable men it the least of affairs,' which, as Carlyle tells us, is the cause of all revolutions. These should be the tokers of violent events. And if a lioness hath not whelped in the atreets, as the fearful Calphurnia noted, yet the Westminster, broke loose the other even lag and devoured an unhappy circus herse. In the midst of it all, I see one hopeful sign that should be the presage of peace. Mr. Balfour was not cheered on taking his place A little thing, you say. No doubt. But a thing of deep significance. A feather on the wind of opinion. It means that Mr. Balfour is being found that the history and if it means on taking his place A little thing, you say. No doubt. But a thing of deep significance. A feather on the wind of opinion. It means that Mr. Balfour is being found at by his party, and if the means that Mr. Balfour is being found this, it means a great deal. You rethis, it means a great deal. You remember the talk just before Parlia member the talk just before Parlia members at the doors of the House. From the injust of the work of the members the talk just before Parlia members at the doors of the House. From the wind of the work of the members at the doors of the House. From the injust of the work of all minds — Loadon Universe.

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imously join. Mr. Balfour has been hanging around the Speaker's chair waiting for the acceptable moment. It has arrived at last, he thinks. We see him coming out of the clear-obscure under the reporters' gallery and emerging into the tlare. Now for it! He lan guidly makes his way amongst the knees of his collegues. He is in full view of the whole House. What! No "reception" as yet—no sound but the buzz of several bundred tongues talking Mr. Balfour paused near the despatch bux to give the storm time to break forth. Still, no storm. Not a cheer even! All the House has seen him. The Irish benches to a man are eyeing him and his party curiously. What must have been Mr. Balfour's feeling at this moment! Only the buzz of talk in his ears. He makes one, long-legged drive towards his seat, whisks up his coat tall peevishly, and collapses on his spinal column. The buzz goes on uninterrupted as if he were Hughes-Hallett, the seducer of his wife's step-daughter, sitting just behind him, whom the virtuous Tory Party are cutting dead. Presently Henry James slinks gracefully up the floor, and Mr. Balfour's party give him a cheer. And if Mr. Balfour wants to know what a real cheer is like he hears it in a moment when the Irish Leader, looking bright and eager, if still somewhat thin, moves up through the Irish benches to his familiar place—a cheer that has love and relief, and pride and confidence in it. And in yet another minute he has the pleasure of hearing a universal roar of welcome from the whole Opposition side of the House. It is the "receptien" of the evening. It is for the Grand Old Man, who looks ten years younger than he did last Session, who has a glow on his cheek and a gardenia in his button-hole, and who is greeting his friends in the front bench with the sportiveness of a schoolboy after the holidays. No wonder Mr. Balfour's temper was so sour in the speech which the willy fencing of the G. O. M. drew out of him, that Mr. Mor ley's most effective retort was to ask if that were the temper in which the right h

why were the Tories so glum? Why were they not in the uproarious high spirits of last Session? Why did they not give Mr. Balfour his "reception?" I opine it is because Mr. Balfour is being found out. Balfourism plus Salisburyism no longer, I fancy, suggests to them visions of the Tory milennum. Coercing the d——d Irish and insulting their leaders was pleasant at first. But it did not appear to be getting them any foradder. The Irish did not appear to budge. And the Morley and Ripon demonstration proved that even opinion in Ireland which had not hitherto been Nationalist was revolted rather than pleased by Balfourism. In England it was gaining no votes, but, on the contrary, was getting up a lot of a bad feeling. Coercion was evidently not the thing, and about this Balfour style of coercion was there not something very shabby and paltry after all? Thus are thing, and about this Balfour style of coercion was there not something very shabby and paltry after all? Thus are reasoning many of the Tory Party, and with this feeling there is a growing misgiving that the brave Mr. Balfour is a traud. That is why he was not cheered when he entered the House, and that is why I count his cool reception such a propitious omen. The seconder of the Address (Colonel Duncan, a far more important man than the nonentity who Address (Colonel Duncan, a lar more important man than the nonentity who moved it) never said a word about Mr. Balfour's Coercion Act or the references to it in the Queen's Speech.

nable fortress when he choose, though it was surrounded by twenty-five constabulary men, and Mr. Githooly, whom the constabulary had been four months trying to arrest without success, though he addressed public meetings almost every week, were by their presence in the House living proofs of the incompetency of Mr. Balfour as an administrator and of his Royal Irish bludgeonmen as a detective force Mr. Balfour avenged himself by arresting them at the door of the House. But it is hardly compliment ary to Mr. Balfour's judgment as a stateman that he should allow his spite to furnish such a commentary on his Gov ernment that it was only able to lay hands on these gentlemen when they turned up to discharge their duties in Parliament. If I were asked to name the quality

If I were asked to name the quality which specially marked Mr. Parnell's speech in moving an amendment on Monday night I should say it was a far seeing and tranquil contempt of present hin drances. He stood quietly erect, hoking away beyond Mr. Balfour nervously twitching in his seat, and the puzzled lord behind him, as if his eye were fixed on a future day of power which nothing can now postpone. He spoke of present things and present opponents in a low musing voice, as if he only considered them to see how they could be made use of, not for present needs, but for the needs of the coming day. Old Mr. Smith is going to brieg in new rules of procedure to deal with obstruction more drastically than ever. "Very good," says Mr. Parnell, "we shall help Mr. Smith with those new rules, and even go further than he proposes. They will be very u eful to us presently to put down Tory obstruction to the Home Rule Bill." At this Mr. Smith grins uneasily. "As for us," continues the quiet voice, "we have done with obstruction. Our cause has got beyond that stage; we want to see you at legislation, that you may have an opportiunity of making an exhibition of yourselves as constructive statesmen." To show what miserable higglers for mere place he knew them to be, he thought it worth a few minutes to tell for the first time the full story of the Carnarvon negotiations. "I don't know," he concluded, "what Lord Carnarvon's views on Home Rule may be now. He is at liberty to assert what he likes about that. But when he was Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and a member of the Tory Cabinet, and was discussing the details of a Tory Home Rule Bill, his views and mine were absolutely identical." Then Mr. Parnell added another revelation of that period, which the House heard with a painful shock Lord Carnaryon had dealared his intention to cal." Then Mr. Farnel added another revelation of that period, which the House heard with a painful shock Lord Carnarvon had declared his intention to liberate the Crossmaglen prisoners, he having examined the evidence and being of ording that they were wrongfully con having examined the evidence and being of opinion that they were wrongfully convicted. 1. rd Carnarvon left office before he could fulfil his intention; but, though another Tory Viceroy has succeeded him, those innocent men still remain in jail. Truly a "terrible commentary," as Mr. Parnell styled it, on British Rule in Ireland. The Town benches while there Partell styled it, on British Rule in Ireland. The Tory benches, while these revelations were going on, were a sight for a philosopher. With a dumb, bovine wonder they listened to this man of mystery with a horrible misgiving. I am sure, that far more secret and damning things were known to him, and would be brought forth one by one with cumulative effect according as it suited his opportunity. Mr. Parnell bestowed some notice on Mr. Balfour. I have never seen a man make another look so smal and so silly as this political giant made this pigmy coxcomb, who thinks the art of eneering is the art of being great. It was the quintessence of contemptuous irony. Mr. Balfour, like all men of his type, is supersensitive to redicule. He politively writhed. The eneer died away and a scrowl took its place. He clasped and

Connell case, out pegging Feggy Dillon's.
He made a laughing-stock of his attempts
at Coercion, by comparing them with
Mr. Foater's. "There was a man," he
exclaimed, and he said these simple
words in such a way that he could have
uttered no more withering comment on
Mr. Foater's successor. He even gave to
Mr. Balfour a nickname, which out to
stick to him as long as Mr
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name of the self-glorifying attorney, in Mr. Balfour a nickname, which out to stick to him as long as Mr Balfour is worth nicknaming. The name of the self-glorifying attorney, in "Great Expectations." "This only jaggers of a Cuief Secretary, all the rest being cagmagera," says Mr. Parnell "Compared with Mr. Forster's coercion, his is like the stratch of a cat compared with the blow of the paw of the British lion." Then in an impressive passage he pointed out the change that had come over Irish politics since twelve years ago, when he first entered public life, and when nine out of every ten men despaired of constitutional action and believed in physical force, whereas to day this proportion is reversed. "Ah, believe me," he said, "and our people know it, the puny efforts of the right hon, gentleman are not going to put back the hand of Irish progress."

On Tuesday Sir George Trevelyan resumed the debate, and we had some of the usual buffouncry from Colon-1 Saunderson and the usual vilences and rancour from Mr. T. W. Russell. Both of these worthies were ably answered by Mr. Clancy, who gave "the only jaggers" as well about the roughest time he had during the evening. Mr. Clancy has greatly improved as a speaker, and his masterly and crushing array of facts were presented with an eloquence which secured him the close attention of the whole house.

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Sunday evening the R-v. J. C. Street delivered a lecture in the Church of the Scould Congregation, Rosemary street, Be fact, Ireland, on the subject of the 'Pope's Jubilee.' Referring to the recent ceit braitons at Rome, Mr. Street said it was a great assembly of the Roman Catholic Caurch, and on that occasion, and in that wonderful temple, the most magnificent of all Constendom, there were to be found not only representatives of the Catholic Courch and on that occasion, and in that wonderful temple, the most magnificent of all Constendom, there were to be found not only representatives of the Catholic population. Continuing, he said, whoever liked might deap the fact, but nevertheless the fact still remained, that whatever else the Pope of Rome represented. he represented the great majority of the Contatians of Carlete dom. They, Protestant, would not compare in number with the Roman Catholics who were represented in St Peter's in Rome. They might hold their Protestant councils as they liked, they might hold a gathering of the Church and a gathering of the Church and a gathering of all of them, but neither in number nor representation could they compare with the gatherin, at St. Peter's in Rome, it could not be held, therefore, to be a matter of no importance to them or to him. The Sovereign Pontiff ruled over a Caurch the most Catholic in the sense that its people were the most numerous and it was the most universal. They and he desired to belong to the Catholic Church, they and he desired to be in cluded in that vast and comprehensive body, and that desire of their—perhaps it was that kept them outside the Roman Catholic Church that they desired to belong to that Catholic Church, they and he desired to be in clude all in it, yet such as it was, they could not help seeing it was an effort of a vast number of persons to seek for what was universal, and therefore it was alguifficent for the well beding of the people, if the people is a post of the world welfare, that she has held back it, and it is presented to

overheard one say of her, "By heaven! she's painted!" "Yea." retorted she, indignantly, "and by by heaven only!" Ruddy health mantled her cherk, enthroned on the rose and illy. Yet, this beautiful lady, once thin and pale, with a dry, hacking cough, night sweats, and slight spitting of blood, seemed destined to fill a consumptive grave. After spending hundreds of dollars on physicians without benefit, she tried Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery; her improvement was soon marked, and in a few months she was plump and rosy again, the picture of heal hand strength.

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