

...the cause of freedom. In many respects the great gathering at Oxford was notable. There, on the spot where the pikemen sent England's chosen troops flying into chaff before a wintry gale, the men of Wexford added their voices to the national demand for that unity which must precede the completion of the only movement worthy of the labors and sacrifices of the heroes of '98—the independent Ireland they fought and died to obtain.

Mr. Timothy Harrington, M.P., has written an important letter to the Limerick Board of Guardians, in reference to the resolution of the latter suggesting a friendly conference between representatives of all sections of Nationalists, so as to secure a restoration of unity to the popular ranks. The letter is as follows:

I am in complete sympathy with the resolution adopted by the Limerick Board of Guardians on the necessity for union among Irish Nationalists, and I shall gladly take part in any conference among Irish members of Parliament or Irish Nationalists. If the leading members of the Parliamentary party agree to the suggestion contained in the resolution and enter into friendly conference with a sincere desire to adjust their differences and re-unite in one party I have not the slightest doubt on my mind that a few minutes conference would suffice to settle the question upon which they are really at issue. No Irish Nationalist—to whatever party he may belong—will openly advocate any other policy than that of absolute independence of English parties. If any one section or any particular member may entertain a doubt as to whether that policy may be loyally pursued, surely, a strong united party, backed up by a united people, is the best guarantee that they can possibly ask for. The resolution of your board has already done much to evoke the feeling of the country on this subject. I have strong hopes that the course they suggest will do much to secure that unity which is absolutely essential to the further progress of the National cause. I can only speak for myself personally. But if any efforts of mine can promote the object they have in view, these efforts will be readily undertaken. I am willing to work in a united party in the future as I did in the past, or give place to any new body of Irishmen who can bring about that old spirit of union and discipline and enthusiasm which once made our cause so much respected.

**ORANGE INTOLERANCE IN IRELAND.**

At the half yearly meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Antrim, Ireland, held recently in Belfast, the following resolution dealing with the Catholic University and the attitude of the government was adopted: "That this County Grand Lodge, having heard from a responsible member of Her Majesty's Government when in Belfast that some members of the Cabinet are still in favor of bringing forward a bill for the endowment of a Roman Catholic University in Ireland, we wish to enter our strongest protest against such a retrograde movement, as opposed to the best interests of both Protestants and Roman Catholics. We are convinced that it would be injurious to higher education in Ireland, and have a tendency to keep alive the sectarian bitterness of former years. Such a measure would receive our strenuous opposition."

**PERSONAL.**

The many friends of Mr. E. H. Lemay, a member of the Harbor Board, and one of the leading merchants of Montreal, will be glad to learn that he has recovered from his recent illness and will be able to attend to his business in a few days.

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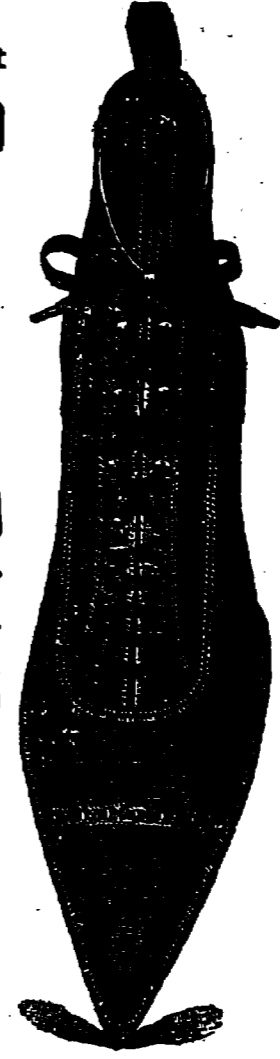
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According to the Boston Pilot, the Rev. Edward P. Spillane, S.J., of Boston College, is engaged in the compilation of a dictionary of American Catholic authors, on the plan of Gillow's dictionary. The work will not be unduly hurried, as the aim is to make it as complete, accurate and discriminating as possible.

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