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Immense Sum Pledged to Cancel Cathedral's Debt.

Three hundred thousand dollars pledged to pay off the last debts of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York city, was the gift of the clergy and laity of the Archdiocese of New York to Archdishop John M. Farley on Sunday last, on the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to the siesthood.

The great cathedral on Fifth Avenue was filled to the doors when the service began. Nearly every parish in the archdiocese was represented by clergy and laity, and the open space in the rear was crowded with church members who stood inrough the long service of Pontifical High Mass.

His Grace the Archbishop officiated, assisted by the Bishop of the Diocese of New York and the clergy connected with the cathedral.

After Mass a sermon of appreciation was delivered by the Rev. John J. Kean, pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, one of the committee in charge of the celebration.

The preacher compared the work of Archbishop Farley with the work of his predecessors, who had laid the corner-stone of the cathedral, and who had carried on its construction. To the present Archbishop, he said, was the honor of seeing the debt that connected the church with the world wiped out. He eulogized the late Archbishop Corrigan, who, he said, depended upon the energies of the present Archbishop, and who had erected a tablet on the walls of the cathedral telling of his success. Then he announced the gift the archdiocese had prepared for the occasion.

"We have not forgotten the time-honored custom of bringing gifts on such an occasion," he said. "At the recent meeting of the pastors of the diocese it was decided to wipe out the debt (that still rests upon our magnificent edifice. I am authorized, in the name of the acthedral, so that the building may be consecrated next tall. In the name of the clergy and of the people, to pledge the sum of \$300.000 towards the lightfation of the debt on the cathedral, so that the building may be consecrated next tall. In the name of the clergy and of the people, to pledge the sum of \$300.000 towards the lightfation of the debt on the cathedral, so that the building may be consecrated next tall. In the name of the archdiocese of New York, I therefore offer you this sum, of which \$50,000 had already been paid into your hands.

"We earnestly pray." he added, "that Divine Providence will leave you lo

mories."

Mounting the pulpit, Archbishop Farley made a short address in reply. He said in part:

"I had proposed to celebrate this fortieth anniversary quietly, privately, as I had done during the many recurring anniversaries in past years, but the kindness of the clergy prevailed. The method in which you have chosen to celebrated this anniversary has put beyond my power of expression the feelings on my part. I feel that much allowance must be made for your kindly partiality in what has just been said but in it I recognize much that is true and suggestive. As I look back over the forty years many old faces come before me, and I feel that this is again the first day of my priest-hood. I thank God for the mirities."

Old Scottish Seminary.

minary was first broached in 1713 by Bishope Nicholson and Gordon, and its first establishment was an island in Loch Morar. The disturbance in the country caused by the rising of 1715 brought about the dissolution of the infant seminary, however, and re-establishment was not attempted till a year or two after, when Scalan was fixed upon as a suitable place in which the project might be prudently resumed. The property was situated upon the estate of the Duke of Gordón, who, being a Catholic, was anxious to further the good work. It was his influence that made the establishment possible and while he lived the seminary never wanted a friend.

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From this time on until the close of the century Scalan enjoyed a practically continuous existence and had an important influence upon the fortunes of the reviving Church in Scotland, Although laid in ashes by order of "Butcher" Cumberland after the disastrous defeat of the clans at Culloden, its vork was only temporarily interrupted and it continued to be the centre of Catholic life in the Highlands for more than 50 years. In 1799, for economic reasons, the college was removed to Acubortics by Bishop Hay. It is now little more than a memory, yet within its sacred walls were trained some of the most capable and painstaking missionaries of the eighteenth century.

DID KING DIE A CATHOLIC?

Many Incidents Point to This Possibility.

The following cable despatch to the Irish world is of interest:
Protestant England is greatly agitated by strange and persistent reports crediting King Edward not only with having leanings toward Catholicism, but actually having died in that faith. Various circumstrances gave color to the reports died in that faith. Various circumstances gave color to the reports. There is no doubt that he steadfastly declined in his last illness to see the (Protestant) Archbishop of Canterbury. That prelate meets this comment with the retort that he never asked to see the King. He unquestionably tells the literal truth but the fact remains that each time the Archbishop called at the Palace word was carried to the King, but he took no notice of it.

WHAT THE TABLET SAYS.

partiality in what has just been said but in it I recognize much that is true and suggestive. As I look back over the forty years many old faces come before me, and I feel that this is again the first day of my priesthood. I thank God for the privilege of these forty years. How grateful should I be for all that I have been permitted to do.

"What has been said of my devotion to Catholic education is true, but very little credit is due to one who has come after the three who have preceded me. We have passed through the fight for the principle of Catholic education, until now our former most bitter enemies are ready to take us by the hand.

"I thank you not only for what you have done to-day, but for the past, and your hands filled with gifts is but another evidence of the lilelong devotion you have showed to the authority God has placed above you.

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Another incident that has now come to light helps as to the King's Catholic faith. It is said on what seems to be excellent authority, that on the Thursday preceding his death the King was visited by a throat specialist who, in order to facilitate his examination, asked him to loosen his collar so as to leave the breast free.

The King reluctantly permitted his chest to be bared for that purpose. As he did so the doctor and attendants saw around his neck a scapular. All being Protestants. they did not at first recognize it, but in speaking of it to others, they learned that it was a scapular such as in -worn by devout Catholics. It had been sent to the King by a num and had been worn by him for considerable time.

Cork's Enthusiastic Reception.

Greatest Demonstration Since the Days of the Land League.

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The remarkable demonstration which marked the arrival in Cork on May 21 of John E. Redmond. John Dillon, Joseph Devlin, Richard Hazleton, and the party of Nationalists who accompanied them from Dublin was the herald of the defeat which awaits the combined forces of Factionism and Unionism when the next general election affords the awakened Nationalism of the City of Cork an opportunity of measuring strength with them. It was a great event, and it will doubtless prove an historic one.

The Nationalists of the city had marched to the station long before the hour at which the train was expected to arrive. The enthusiasm was almost frantic. The carriage in which the distinguished visitors were travelling was soon besieged by a cheering, surging mass, who shouted their welcome in the unmistakable characteristic of the Cork accent. In the meantime the torch lights were lighted, and when the honored guests emerged from the platform to the enclosure which connects the platform with the Lower Glanmire road a remarkable sight met their view. Five hands led the marchers, amidst a scene of intense enthusiasm, to the Victoria Hotel. Vast crowds assembled at various points along the line of parade and volumes of cheers everywhere greeted the distinguished visitors.

A GREAT DEMONSTRATION.

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At the Cork market on Sunday afternoon nearly twenty thousand people occupied the famous enclosed space, with no roof but the sky to welcome the leaders. Through the gates the people poured in as if they would never stop. It was like some great river that had been confined to its banks, and had then suddenly flooded with irresistible, force and spread a level expanse. For nearly three hours the vast gathering stood, listening and predering, the eloquent words of the Chairman of the Irish Party and his colleagues. At the Cork market on Sunday

JOHN REDMOND'S SPEECH.

OF HOME RULE.

That declaration enabled us to support the Government in the elections in England; and every victory won by them in that election was a victory won for the cause of Home Rule for Ireland. And the result of that action is this—it is sometimes lost sight of in Ireland—that for the first time in the History of the Union a purely British majority of over sixty was elected in fayor of Home Rule. Now, when Parliament met, our task then was to see that the other great pledge of the

was a pledge that the Liberal Government would not retain office unless they had guarantees which would enable them to destroy the Veto of the House of Lords. We recognized at once that the destruction of the Veto meant the concession of Home Rule for Ireland; and our first business was to insist that the spirit of the Albert Hall speech should be carried out; that the Veto controversy should not be postponed; that it should be taken on in the House of Commons before the Budget; that it should not be complicated by the consideration of questions of reforming the constitution of the House of Lords; and that immediate guarantees should be asked from the throne as soon as that immediate guarantees should be asked from the throne as soon as the Lords rejected the Veto resolutions, and further, that if these guarantees were refused, the Government should either instantly dissolve

THE BUDGET AND IRELAND.

We, no doubt, would have been glad to get some further concessions on the Budget, because, remember, even when there was a majority of three hundred against us in the House of Commons, we got pretty large concessions on the Budget last session. We would have been glad to get more; and, let me tell you, would have succeeded in getting more if we had been let alone. ting more if we had been let alone. The whole responsibility for not getting further concession rests upon those who came over to this country and made speeches here which had the effect of making it impossible for the Government to make any concessions at all; but as soon as it became a question for us between the Veta meaning Home Fulls on it became a question for us between the Veto, meaning Home Rule, on the one side, or the defeat of the Budget on the other; we did not hesitate for a moment; we carried out the pedge we gave to Ireland, and we subordinated the Budget to the interests of Home Rule. To have done atterwise would, in my opinion, have been to betray Home Rule. Rule

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tional aspect it is impossible for us to regard the demise of the British Sovereign in the same way as it is regarded by the free people of England.

NO RETREAT AND NO COMPRO-

Now amongst our reasons for regret is the inevitable pause which has arisen on the onward march in the Constitutional crisis. That pause must be momentary only, the Liberal party and the democracy of England have burned their boats upon this question. For them no retreat is possible on the essential issues of this fight—no compromise is possible. To retreat or compromise would be for the masses of the English people themselves to barter all the principles of public liberty in their own land. The Government must advance firmly and promptly on the lines of Mr. Asquith's recent speech in Parliament. I say here that so long as they do, and no longer, they will receive our enthusiastic support in Parliament and out of it,

NO SILENCING OF HOME RULE.

There is on this point a wide chasm of difference between our critics and ourselves. I have tried to understand their policy, and it seems to me that they think we ought not to have asked for the Albert Hall declaration because it was emberrassing to Mr. Asquith and the Liberal Party. They seem to think we should have agreed to silence on the question of Home Rule, that we should have agreed to the abundonment of the Veto and guarantee policy, and should have confined ourselves entirely to endeavoring to make a bargain whereby—now mark make a bargain whereby—now mark you this, because this is the high-water mark of what they themselves thought they could have got—that we ought to have confined ourselves to making a bargain whereby one-fifth only of the proposed additional taxation under the Budget, which would have amounted to less than \$400,000, possibly between \$300,000 and \$350,000, should be taken off Ireland, and that in return we should abandon for the present, for this generation, in fact, all the hopes of seeing Home Rule in action. make a bargain whereby-now mark I confess I was unable to under-

a speech made the other day by William O'Brien. In that speech Mr. O'Brien made this declaration. He said that Home Rule was now more impracticable than the formation of an Irish Republic. Now I say for anyone who believes that statement an Irish Republic. Now I say for anyone who believes that statement, I can quite understand the policy of abandoning all hope of abolishing the Veto and the dropping of all mention of Home Rule, and endeavoring to gather what small crumbs of Home Rule we could from the British Parliament, although let me say for myself that if I believed this statement it would be a conclusive argument to me not to go on looking for the crumbs, but to abandon the Constitutional movement altogether. But we don't believe that statement. I don't believe that statement. I don't believe that statement. I believe that Home Rule is more practicable now than ever it was; I believe the chances of Home Rule are better than ever they were. For my part—and I speak for the Irish Party, too, we absolutely refuse to put upon one side and destroy the chances of Home Rule for a generation for any material gain which might be offered to us, large or small, real or imaginary. That is our policy, and we put it boldly before our fellow-countrymen, and for my part I am quite convinced that it has the sanction and the enthusiastic support of the overwhelming majority of my countrymen. anyone who believes that statement

JOHN DILLON'S SPEECH.

when we decided to come here on the urgent invitation of the people of. Cork we were told that we were coming as invaders. Well, I should like to ask you, after the scenes witnessed in the streets of Cork today, who is the invader of Cork? We came here alone trusting to the people of Cork, and our trust was not placed in vain, for I venture to say that, since Mr. Parnell entered Cork, there never was witnessed such scenes as that witnessed in the streets of Cork last night and today at this great meeting.

Now, of, the Irish Party I deliberately say that there is not a party in the world where there is more freedom, where there is a chairman who invites greater liberty of debate, where there is better order and better humor, and when the debate, which is full and exhaustive, ends and comes to a decision, to the outside world they were one man.

UNION OF LANDLORDS, UNIONIST AND FACTIONIST.

Mr. Redmond has alluded to our
policy on the Budget. We were
told in the House of Commons,
amidst the sneers and the jeers of
Tory members and the carion crows
from Ulster, that we dare not-Mr.
Redmond, Mr. Devlin and myself,
face a meeting of our countrymen in
any part of Iraland after we had betrayed our country, sold our country, we were told. I saw a black

IS STAYED.

Sovereign Forces Tories and Liberals to Hold a Conference in Secret.

King George V. has surprised his

King George V. has surprised his Ministers by his views on political matters. At their first political interview this week he notified Premier Asquith that every effort should be made to settle the great controversy between the House of Commons and the House of Lords. The new King's plan for settling this tremendously important question was to bring about a conference between the leaders of the Government and those of the opposition. It developed that he had communicated these plans to Arthur Balfour, the leader of the Conservative party. Balfour was nathur Ballour, the leader of the Conservative party. Ballour was naturally eager to adopt any expedient which promised delay, and temporary cessation of the Liberal agitation against the Lords.

The conference will be held. Those attending it will include four members of the Liberal Government and an equal number of representative.

tlement or compromise, but both sides vie with one another in pre-tending that the death of King Edward has so overwhelmed them that all party rancours and rivalries are stilled for the moment.

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row and chastening the bitterest political feeling seethes, and each side is using all its skill to manoeuvre its opponent into a false position. There can be little doubt that the Liberals have most to lose by the proceedings, whatever the outcome of the conference.

CONSERVATIVES SNUB PREMITED

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The feeling against Premier Asquith in Tory circles is so bitter that last Monday, when he landed at Troon on the Clyde from the Admiralty yacht with First Lord of the Admiralty McKenna and sought to play a round of golf on the famous Troon course, permission to play was refused because the Premier and Lord McKenna were not formally introduced by a member of the club. Troon is noted for its exclusiveness and the secretary of the club is confident that the Tory managers will approve the affront he put upon the Liberal Prime Minister.

Pilgrimages to Ireland.

The latest American enterprise is The latest American enterprise is an invasion of Ireland to the catching tune of "Come Back to Erin." When first the idea was mooted in Washington it was regarded as a good joke, but the smart tourist agent who conceived it is now able to boast a booking list of about 20,000.

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For the most part Irish and Irish Americans, many of them living in the Western States, will be afforded the opportunity of visiting Ireland at specially low rates.

The first contingent, numbering over 500, has reached Queenstown, and during the next few months Killarney and other favored spots will be pleasantly engaged making out their bills, not in Saxon shillings, but in American dollars.

Irish Christian Brothers Received

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Electric Light for Palestine.

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Advices received indicate that yet another is to be added to the list of generating stations for electricity depending upon water power. A company having its headquarters in Paris is engaged upon a project for supplying Palestine with electricity for lighting, heating and cooking purposes. The power is to be obtained from the River Jordan, where it falls 700 feet between the waters of Merom and the Sea of Gallies, and the generating plant is to be set up on the west bank of the river and connected with all the principal towns of the country.