



THE IRISH QUESTION.

The subject of Reform for Ireland is at present engaging the attention of the English House of Commons, and if a solution is to be wrought out, if the question be not abandoned as one beyond the power of British statesmen to settle, we may fairly conclude that employment has been forced upon them which will occupy their minds, and exercise their ingenuity for some time to come. They see before them not a mere colony, but an integral portion of the British empire, seething and bubbling in some parts into insurrection, the commotion being kept up by the fires of revenge, and a burning desire to emulate the traditional or historical heroes who loved their country with such intense affection that their names have been enshrined in her poetic lore and immortalized in her annals. And even where they cannot see open rebellion they may behold disaffection like a contagious pestilence spreading over the land, and carrying with it ruin, desolation and decay. About one-fifth of the entire population are the Hebrew dwellers in this Egypt of affliction; they escape the plagues; they have light in their habitations while the others groan in darkness. It is not to be supposed that all who are disaffected are really Fenians; on the contrary, there are many who long for an amelioration of their social condition that would never think of taking up arms to obtain it. But Fenianism is an outshoot of disaffection, an ugly excrement that has grown out of it, and causes much annoyance. It is disaffection run mad, a malignant type of a disease that affects perhaps four millions of people. When the reforms for which the more moderate among the dissatisfied crave have been granted, then Fenianism must expire for want of sympathy. It demands a complete separation of Ireland from England, and legislation in Dublin by Irishmen for Irishmen.—It is useless to speculate upon what the result of granting such a demand would be, for Ireland never will be separated from England so long as a bayonet gleams in the hands of a loyal soldier. But there is only a small proportion of the Irish people who entertain the extravagant hope that they can break the chains which bound Ireland in the union seven hundred years ago, or that these will be voluntarily loosed. Imaginative as Irishmen are the majority of them are possessed of minds more under the control of the reasoning faculties than to permit of their indulging in such a chimerical supposition. It is thus that Fenianism must die, if the milder form of disaffection on which it now preys can be eradicated.

tenure. This is one of those quarrels in which there is a fault on both sides. Many of the landlords refuse to give leases, and the tenant tills on and makes his improvements not knowing the day when the caprice of the owner may deprive him of his occupation, throw him homeless on the world, while another reaps the fruit of his labour. Were such a state of things general it could not be expected that Ireland would be progressive. But all the farms are not let under an uncertain tenure like this. Many have leases for twenty-one years; some for a much longer period, and improvements made, of whatever nature, will in nine cases out of ten repay the labor fully within the term. It has been found that when long leases are given there is a mischievous tendency towards a division of land among families, until the fractional parts become so many little plots on which men work and starve. Here is the point at which the Irish people themselves are at fault. There is a land hunger among them, and land they will have, regardless of the rent charged, or the known whimsical or tyrannical disposition of the landlords. No matter how ill one person may have been treated by the owner of the property he has been cultivating, no matter if the rack-rent has wrecked his hopes and constitution there are dozens to be found ready to occupy the place from which he has been ejected, and take their chance of living or starving. Mr. Bright's plan of Government buying the lands of absentees, and allowing the tenants thirty-five years to pay for it, and thus become the owners themselves, will not be effectual unless they allow leases for that period on very low terms, or put into the hands of the tenantry the means of cultivating the lands more effectually, and making much more out of them than they can do at present.

If the Government have resolved to assist the struggling poor of the Emerald Isle, there is no more effectual way of doing it than by thinning their numbers. Send them from a country where the population is redundant, and the land scarce to one where the inhabitants are comparatively few, and where wide fields that the plough has never touched may be had almost for the asking. Let them spend their money in this manner, and if emigration be not sufficient to drain off the surplus, so that those who remain may live above starvation, let them promote and encourage manufactures, and allay the land-hunger, which is one of the most mischievous sources of Irish discontent. But we believe that emigration will do more for Ireland and Irishmen than all that Parliament can accomplish in an age, if it confine its efforts towards the adjustment of differences between landlord and tenant.

The Famine in Algiers.

A letter from Algiers, in the *Voyage de Cherbourg*, gives most heartrending details of the famine among the Arabs. The writer says:—At Creansville I have seen from 150 to 200 of these poor wretches, scarcely covered with ragged barnous, eating the leaves of the aloe plant, the roots of the dwarf palm, and the filthy fragments abandoned in the streets. I have seen natives coming down from the mountains with asses laden with dates, robbed of all in an instant by these famished Arabs. The latter I have seen cudgelled unmercifully by Europeans in order to make them desist, and yet they received the blows without seeming to feel them rather than give up a single date. At Relizanne I noticed squatted on the foot-path, with their backs against the wall, some Arab children, the oldest of whom could scarcely be more than four. When I say children I make a mistake; they were only skeletons. Their arms and legs were, in the most rigorous meaning of the words, no more than bones and shrivelled skin. On looking at those poor little things, so frightfully shrunken, one was at a loss to know by what effort they could stand on their feet. I bought a dozen pound loaves, and distributed them to the starving children, but this was scarcely done when I was surrounded by a score of Arabs vociferating for a share. Only with great difficulty could I get out from the midst of the poor wretches, the numbers of whom rapidly increased, and had it not been for the assistance of some Europeans, I do not know what might have become of me. Scarcely had I got clear of the crowd when I saw them fall upon the children and snatch away the bread which I had distributed. At Oran, in the middle of the city, in front of the Hotel d'Univers, I witnessed the most disgusting of spectacles. Every evening there is thrown out of that establishment the remains of the kitchen—damaged leaves of salad and other vegetables, the entrails of fowl and game, and filth of that kind. Well, on the evening I speak of, I saw a dozen Arabs fighting with the dogs of the neighbourhood over this offal.

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