

## PROPHETIC WORDS

## The Patriotism and Self Sacrifice of the Irish People About to Be Crowned With Victory.

At the convention of the United Irish League in the Lexington Ave. Opera House, New York, Mr. John E. Redmond delivered the following remarks, which we feel and trust that the trend of affairs in that long oppressed land will render prophetic: SUCCESS BEYOND ALL HOPE.

John E. Redmond, at the great meeting tonight, said:

"We met with success when we came to Boston two years ago and the result of that success is that we are far on the way to the goal of self-government and have made greater advances than had been made in 15 years.

"We came back to you not as men whose prophecies have not been merely fulfilled, but far exceeded. The strength of my position now is that the promises I made have been exceeded and we have made more substantial advance than we ever imagined in our wildest dreams.

"Ten years from now landlordism will have ceased to exist, and we have come to America now to aid us in our fight for home rule.

"It has been said that our movement is an aggressive movement, but the fact is that the land question was looked upon as valuable only in clearing the path for home rule. So far as we are concerned it has never been an aggressive movement, but we have worked for the abolition of landlordism, which made home rule impossible.

"All of you now, I ask you, will concentrate your efforts on home rule. Home rule is our one platform, and on that single-plank platform we will stand.

"The day of bitter hatred is past, when orange and green quarreled. And we can tell Great Britain that no alliance is possible with America and can never become an accomplished fact until the American nation has seen to it that justice has been done to Ireland.

Mr. Redmond again referred to Lord Hugh Cecil's advocacy of local self-government and pointed out that it was only a matter of hours or days until Ireland had her parliament restored to her.

In the course of his address Mr. Redmond referred to those who disagreed from his views. He was interrupted by a voice crying out: "To hell with the Clan na-Gael and the Orangemen."

There was great confusion at once, but Mr. Redmond retorted:

"To hell with no honest Irishman. My friend says 'To hell with the Clan na Gael. Far be it from me to tolerate such an expression. The Orangemen are Irishmen—mistaken Irishmen—I think; but still Irishmen. Shall we drive them from Ireland. I say no. Educate them. Parnell said that Ireland could not afford to lose a single son and that is true today.

'INDEPENDENCE IN ANY HONORABLE WAY.'

Following the treasurer's report came that of the auditors and others, and then M. J. Ryan of Philadelphia presented the report on the platform of the United Irish League as follows:

"Assembled in our second annual convention, we, the delegated repre-

sentatives of the United Irish League of America, speaking for millions of our race, renew our pledge of allegiance to the cause of Irish national independence under the popular title of home rule. By home rule we mean the right of Ireland to have a parliament of her own, the sole legislature thereof, and dependent on the will of no body of men other than the executive and chosen representatives of the Irish nation assembled on the soil of Ireland.

"We assert the right of the Irish people to secure their independence by any honorable method, 'by work or word, by voice or sword,' as circumstances may dictate or opportunity may offer, but we fully admit their right to choose their weapons in the battle for liberty untrammelled by dictation from any outside source, realizing that the people on the firing line of the fight for nationhood are the best judges of the policy to be adopted in their struggle with the wealth and power of England.

"We earnestly appeal to our kindred here and everywhere to sustain them with a generosity worthy of the glorious renown of the Irish race and of the cause to which they are unalterably devoted.—Boston Globe.

Dogma is the platform of mediocrity —Katharine Mabley Corbett.

Conservatism, I believe is mainly due to want of imagination.—Grant Allen.

The religion that fosters intolerance needs another Christ to die for it.—Beecher.



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