

ambitions that humanity has endured the horrors of the past five years and the entail of sorrows they have bequeathed to the future?"

I do not know whether the statesmen at Paris will be unworthy of the trust or whether they will be great enough to grasp the opportunity that requires so little to improve and found firmly now those relations between peoples on a basis worthy of our common humanity.

But it is surely a source of hope to know that at Paris there is one man at least who apparently realises his duty and who can accomplish what he wills if only he remain steadfastly determined and true. The Machiavellis may scoff at him, but he ought to know that he has the best of mankind everywhere at his back. Let him but be bold enough to lead straight on and that respectable portion of mankind, the plain people, whose spokesman he has been and whose hearts he has won, will be ready to march with him to the realisation of their common dream.

Why should he hesitate to see that America's aims be accomplished? Were those aims not stated unequivocally from the start? Is the cause less worthy now that its triumph is in sight? Are those who oppose it now less the enemies of that cause than those who were thought lately to oppose it?

Why should any of the statesmen in Paris even seek to oppose President Wilson in having the cause of justice upheld? Have their statements not been almost as explicit as his? Have they not vied with one another in proclaiming that the rights of the weak are no less worthy than the rights of the strong? How can any of them claim the privilege of condoning wrong? Should they attempt to do so, President Wilson should boldly save them from themselves. Wrong is no less wrong because it happens to be one of their own number that is guilty of it.

Asks Nothing of England but to Keep Out.

If President Wilson should by any chance prove too weak for his trust, he will have all the less excuse, because luckily America is strong enough not to allow herself to be cheated. She, at any rate, has no need to tremble when the British lion growls his intimidating warnings to those who might disturb him at his prey. I cannot believe that the President will be weak or will allow himself to be deterred from cutting away a vicious canker at the core of the new world order by the conventional diplomatic niceties that belonged to the order which the blood of millions was shed to destroy.

But whether Ireland be heard or not—whether the statesmen at Paris come forth as the most conspicuous failures in history or not—the duty of Irishmen and the duty of all lovers of liberty is clear. That duty is to see that oversight cannot be pleaded as an excuse.

England tries to bind and gag Ireland, to throw her into obscurity as of a dungeon. It is our duty to support all who would lend a hand at losing her. We must strive at least to let in the purifying light, to show Ireland as she is, struggling ever against the slavery in which England would confine her, fighting through centuries, maintaining in blood and tears communion with all who fight for liberty everywhere—battling for it as she ever is with the foe upon her own hearth at home.

Ireland seeks nothing from England but the removal of England's interfering hand. Her only demand is the fundamental right to live her own life in her own way with no limitations except those imposed by the necessity of respecting the equal rights of other peoples.

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FAREWELL TO VERY REV. P. MURPHY

PRESENTATION AT RIVERTON.

When the Very Rev. Father Murphy made it known to his people of the Riverton parish that he was going to visit Ireland, where his aged mother is still living, and that he also wished to take a holiday for the benefit of his health, after 14 years' service among them, they felt that they could not let him depart without some tangible token of their appreciation of his great self-sacrifice; hence representatives in each part of his wide parish got to work, and the sum of £213 was collected and handed to him, that he might be relieved of all anxiety with regard to expense on his trip (says the *Western Star*). It was a very fine representative gathering that met in More's Hall on Thursday, May 29, to honor Father Murphy. Among those present were Very Rev. Father Hunt, his Worship the Mayor (Dr. Trotter), Mr. J. C. Thomson, M.P. for Wallace, and Mr. A. E. Ward. Mr. H. McFeeley, of Tuatapere, presided, and Mr. M. O'Brien, of Otautau, acted as vice-chairman.

After the chairman proposed the toast of "The Pope and King," which was duly honored, he proposed the toast of "The Guest." In doing so the chairman said:—We are assembled here to-day to do honor to one who during his 14 years among us has shown himself to be an ideal priest, a Christian gentleman, and a worthy citizen. Our parting with the Very Rev. Father Murphy, even though it be but temporary, causes us deep sorrow. During his long residence among us over this wide parish of Riverton, no sacrifice that Father Murphy could make in the interests of his parishioners' spiritual welfare was ever too much. Each year but added to the love and strengthened the bond between priest and people. The erection of churches and necessary ecclesiastical buildings looms largely in country as well as in city parishes, and let me say that Father Murphy has done all that was necessary in this respect so far as his parochial district is concerned. Since his coming to Riverton two churches have been built, and the fine convent buildings in this town, fulfilling the noble aim of imparting a Christian education, owe their being largely to the self-sacrifice of Father Murphy, whom we delight to honor to-day. In conclusion Mr. McFeeley said: I have been asked, Very Rev. Father, on behalf of your parishioners, to present you with this cheque, as a small token of their regard and of their keen appreciation of all you have done for them. In doing this, I may say that you carry with you something better than any material thing we could give you—the love and grateful thanks of every man, woman, and child you have ministered to in this wide parish of Riverton. May God in His wisdom keep you in health and strength, and send you safe back to us.

Mr. M. O'Brien said he was pleased to be present to pay a tribute to Father Murphy's work amongst them. Their departing priest had labored for 14 years assiduously in the interests of his people, and was ever ready with a helping hand to assist those outside his Church. He had worked hard and was deserving of a good holiday, and all hoped he would return in good health to carry on his noble work. Father Murphy could rest assured that the good wishes and prayers of his devoted people would be with him during his journeyings.

Dr. Trotter said it afforded him very great pleasure to be present as a personal friend of Father Murphy's and also as chief citizen of Riverton. The acquaintance of Church and Medicine was a very close one. As members of the Church and the Medical Faculty they met on common ground, that was the cause of suffering humanity. During his work in Riverton he had been closely connected with their beloved priest and his predecessors, the late Fathers Walsh and Sheehan. Speaking personally, he could tell them of the faithful work of their beloved priest, how when the call came he was ever ready to attend