

THE ARCHBISHOP AND HOME RULE

A LIE'S PROGRESS.

His Grace the Archbishop of Sydney has received the following letter:—

"Sir,—I wish to draw your attention to enclosed marking in *Irish Times*, and would like you to refute it, as such a libel appearing in such a public paper has given a painful shock to a large number of staunch Catholics like myself.—Yours, etc.,—A. J. DUFF.

Goresbridge, Co. Kilkenny, Ireland, 4/4/19."

The paragraph referred to is as follows:—

"The Sydney correspondent of *The Times*, under date of March 23, states that the Roman Catholic Archbishop, Dr. Kelly, speaking at St. Patrick's Sports, in the Sydney Show Grounds, demanded Home Rule for Ireland. He said: 'I do not mind blood, I do not mind slaughter, I do not mind revolution, as long as we get what we wish to accomplish in the cause of right.'"

The *Times* message, no doubt, originated in a misleading report in the *Sun* of his Grace's speech. The following correction by his Grace appeared in the *Sun* of March 24:—

"Archbishop Kelly writes from St. Mary's Cathedral: On reading your excerpts from our St. Patrick's Sports address, in yesterday's issue, we felt aggrieved as by an injurious misrepresentation, and especially upon two points.

"To your initial paragraph in heavier type:—

"Don't mind blood, don't mind slaughter, don't mind revolution, as long as we get what we wish to accomplish in the cause of right.—Archbishop Kelly:— you should have added this, or some similar clause:—

"Expressing the mind of ardent patriots who were not Catholics, which he deprecated at length as contrary to the discipline of Christianity, citing as an example the declarations of John Mitchel in his *Jail Journal*."

"In a subsequent paragraph, 'Don't Mind,' these very words, deprecated as extreme by us, are run into our commendation of patient and hopeful endurance, which concludes, 'It is said that the Church is against patriotism, but it is not as long as patriotism does not conflict with God-made laws.' So in your Sunlight we are set in contradiction to ourselves. You seem to have confounded a proposition set for refutation with its refutation. Why omit sentences of context without an asterisk or a hint?

"The phrase 'England must wash her hands before Ireland would shake hands with her,' had a reference which you conceal from your readers quite unfairly at least.

"The reference, contained in our reply to a vote of thanks, was to faults proven and reiterated during our address, viz.:—

"(a) Misgovernment of Ireland.

"(b) Commercial impoverishment of Ireland.

"(c) Upholding alien class ascendancy in Ireland.

"(d) Subsidising universal press misrepresentation of Irish events.

"Finally, we beg to send you, for publication if you desire it, our notes preparatory for the address, and our resume of points made after the address.

"THE ARCHBISHOP'S NOTES.

"Paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 in Archbishop Kelly's notes of his address read:—

"7. Non-Catholic patriots blame the Catholic clergy as hostile to Ireland's deliverance from misrule. The former feel no conscientious restraint upon passionate resentment, and would dare anything in resistance to extermination. Such was Mitchel.

"8. We trust by unity of action within the law of God to achieve the triumph of Ireland's national cause, as we have already vindicated the triumph of her faith.

"9. England will yet renounce her greed of commerce, her upholding alien ascendancy, and her propaganda of misrepresentation."

"To which should be added Note 3 of the reply to the vote of thanks:—

"3. When England will have washed her hands of the faults above-named—commercial greed, partisan ascendancy, and press misrepresentation—we will shake hands in national amity."

His Grace received the following letter from the editor of the *Sun*:—

"32 Castlereagh Street, Sydney,

"March 24, 1919.

"His Grace the Archbishop, St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

"Your Grace,—I have received and have published your letter referring to a report in the *Sun* of Sunday last. The omission of the last paragraph of your letter is due to the fact that one word defeated my attempts to decipher it, and without it, I could not be sure of giving the full sense of the passage.

"We regret deeply the misconstruction of your speech. The reporter who was assigned to the St. Patrick's Day engagement on Saturday has been released from further engagements with us.

"I return the notes which your Grace was kind enough to forward.—Yours faithfully,

"ADAM MCCAY, Editor."

IRELAND'S HISTORIC CLAIMS FOR FREEDOM.

In these days when mighty questions are coming before the notice of the public every fair-minded man should lend an ear to the logic and reasonableness of Ireland's historic claims for freedom (says the *Boston Pilot*). It is not necessary, or, indeed, expedient that there should be given heated views on this great matter. If the public would read the case of Ireland dispassionately it would unanimously vote independence for that distressed country. It is because it has not learned the facts that it appears to be apathetic, at times. There is much wisdom in the course that has been taken by many of our public speakers, who without passion or hatred but in calm deliberation present Ireland's woes, her wrongs at the hands of England, and paint a true picture of the terrible cruelties that the Irish have been obliged to bear for centuries. Even an understatement of the case, if listened to by impartial judges, would arouse the greatest sympathy for Ireland, and so mould public opinion that it would demand justice for her at the Peace Conference. Never was there an injustice that cried more loudly to heaven for rectification. It is because the world does not know of the heart-rending oppression that the Irish people have been called upon to suffer that it permits England to continue her merciless tactics. The movement now on foot to illumine our citizens on the Irish question has met with abundant success. Not only Catholic but non-Catholic audiences are being addressed constantly, and the effect produced by a lucid presentation of facts is startling. There are men well equipped with historical data and present-day facts who are glad to enlighten societies that wish to become acquainted with this most important question.

As men and women pass their prime
The all-eroding will of time
Break down each life-sustaining force,
And they to "aids" must have recourse.
But cough and colds through every stage
Assail from infancy to age;
And in each case relief is sure
When using Woods' Great Peppermint Cure.

Napier's
Ironmonger and
Cutler.

A. H. Wilson
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