

to the Craigs and Carsons of the North, who said they in Royal Meath were intolerant. Mr. Kellett's grandfather was a Protestant gentleman, and in the old times did many good acts in the neighborhood that would not be forgotten. Royal Meath was not bigoted, as was seen by its people making choice of John Martin as their member in preference to the representative of an old Catholic family, Mr. Plunkett, and in later years of Parnell and Pierce Mahony. They had four Protestants on the Council, and he hoped they would add a fifth in the person of Mr. Kellett. The chairman said he would also propose a Protestant—Mr. William Shackleton. Mr. Harte seconded Mr. Shackleton's co-option, and he was declared elected by nine votes to seven.

AN EFFECTIVE ANSWER.

As a Protestant Nationalist, Mr. Swift MacNeill, M.P., has replied to Dr. Horton in the *Times*. He quotes O'Connell who, writing to an Irish Protestant and Dissenter, said: 'I hate bigotry of every kind, Catholic, Protestant, and Dissenter.' But for Protestants the most effective part of his answer is that in which he recounts his own experience of the tolerance of his Catholic fellow-countrymen. For a quarter of a century he has represented in the House of Commons South Donegal, one of the most Catholic constituencies in the British Empire. At his first election for it he defeated a Catholic Unionist by a thousand votes. The authorities of the National University of Ireland have placed him and several other Protestants in positions of trust for the teaching of their students. They have given him the office of Clerk of Convocation, one of the duties of which is to act as assessor to the Chancellor, the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Catholic Archbishop of Dublin. Mr. Swift MacNeill's treatment by Irish Catholics is the same as many other Protestants have met with. When Protestants voice their sentiments on public questions the Catholics of Ireland are as just and generous towards them as they are to their own co-religionists. If they do not elect Protestant Unionists to political positions it is for the same reason that Unionists refuse to elect Liberals and Nationalists.

IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN GOODS.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Cork Industrial Association, the Lord Mayor of Cork said it sounded almost incredible, but it was true nevertheless, that this island of barely four million inhabitants imported annually foreign-made articles to the estimated value of £65,000,000. To make their people contented at home their first duty was to provide remunerative employment for them at home. Sir Bertram Windle said the Irish Trade Mark had succeeded in wiping out hundreds of persons who traded upon the Irish love of national emblems and names to impose upon their inferior goods under some taking caption which might lure Irish money from Irish pockets into their own.

WANTED NOTHING BUT EQUALITY.

At a large and enthusiastic meeting of Enniskillen Nationalists under the auspices of the local branch of the United Irish League, Father Tierney, who presided, in the course of an able address, referred to the cry of intolerance raised at the present time by the Unionists. He pointed out that in Fermanagh there were 36,000 Catholics, while the total non-Catholic population numbered only 29,000, and yet the Catholics in the employment of the County Council of Fermanagh, on which there was a majority of Unionists, received only £156 per annum, while non-Catholics were paid the enormous sum of £3400. The Nationalists did not want to persecute anyone, but they wanted equality, and they would be satisfied with nothing less.

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People We Hear About

The German Reichstag elected Dr. Spahn, the Centre Party leader, President; Herr Scheidemann, Socialist, First Vice-President; and Herr Paasche, National Liberal, Second Vice-President. Owing to the election of a Socialist as First Vice-President, Dr. Spahn resigned.

The Hon. Laurence O'Loughlin, who has been appointed Speaker of the South Australian Parliament, has spent more than half of the twenty years he has been in politics on the Treasury benches. He is 58 years of age, is a native of South Australia, and was educated by the Christian Brothers, Adelaide.

At the annual dinner of the Catholic Association in the Hotel Cecil, London, Sir Charles Santley contributed to the musical programme, his appearance being greeted with prolonged applause. The veteran artist, whose 78 years have hardly commenced to tell adversely upon the wonderful voice which has delighted decades of music lovers, contributed 'The Rosary' (Nevin) and 'To Anthea' (Hatton). In response to persistent applause Sir Charles sang 'Simon the Cellarer' with surprising vivacity.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the distinguished London journalist, whose articles in the *Speaker*, the *Daily News*, the defunct *Tribune*, and the *Morning Post* have attracted much attention, is a fervent Catholic and was originally a French citizen. He is now only in his 42nd year, and some little time back he undertook the editorship of *The Eye Witness*. To-day he is one of the ablest essayists in the English language. He is also a member of the Catholic Education Council, and for four years sat as Liberal M.P. for South Salford. His wife is an American, and was Miss Hogan, of San Francisco.

The daily paper (remarks *London Tablet*) which speaks of Mrs. Mary-Rodney Morgan (who has died at Berne, aged 94) as the 'last of the heroic English nurses who did such great service during the Crimean war,' has passed over two English convents. The Convent and Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth at St. John's Wood has in the venerable Mother Mary Joseph Stanislaus a survivor of the English Sisters of Mercy who accompanied Florence Nightingale to Scutari; and Mother St. George, at the Convent of the Faithful Virgin at Norwood, still well recalls the day in 1854 when she left that house of her Order at Bishop Grant's urgent request for volunteers to reinforce the Sisters of Mercy, Irish and English. Mother Stanislaus is 89, and Mother St. George 84.

At the anti-Home Rule meeting in Sydney some of the speakers made the usual charges about the disloyalty of Catholics. This drew from Mr. M. Meagher, Bathurst, a letter to the daily press, in which he said: 'I have no intention of entering into a discussion on this subject with any of these gentlemen. Few, if any, Catholics would be so foolish. But, sir, with your permission, I should like to point out that at the recent Coronation of the King of England most of the important offices were held by Catholics. Let me give a few instances: The Earl Marshal of England, the Duke of Norfolk, who was director-in-chief of all the events in connection with the King's crowning, is a Catholic; his three suffragans of the Herald's College, Messrs. Everard Green, Edward Bellasis, and Ambrose Lee, are Catholics. The Chief Commissioner of Police, Sir Edward Henry, is a Catholic. The artist-supervisor of the decorations on the Royal route, Mr. Frank Brangwyn, A.R.A., is a Catholic. Mr. John H. L. Bacon, A.R.A., who was commissioned to paint the Coronation scene in the Abbey, is a Catholic; while the music of another Catholic, Sir Edward Elgar, had a conspicuous place in the ceremony. And, by the way, three out of the five overseas Prime Ministers present were Catholics. All these "Romans" must have practised a mighty amount of mental reservation on the question of loyalty, in order to obtain this distinction.'