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The resolution was passed.

Mr. W. B. Yeats proposed the third resolution-'That this meeting subscribes to the view that the clear verdict of the history of civilised nations in modern times is that the responsibilities of self-government and the growth of political freedom are the most powerful solvents for sectarian animosities.' He said that with self-government and the growth of political freedom there would, in his opinion, come instead of persecution a new and great liberal nationhood, but if he was wrong, and if there was persecution, what then? He would tell them what he had told an old friend of his who said they would be persecuted-namely, 'It will

do them all the good in the world.'
Mr. Alec Wilson, Belfast, recalled the fact that Sir Nugent Everard presided at a meeting held in Dublin two years ago approving of the change in the King's Oath. Proceeding, he said they were expected to believe that the Catholics of the South were going to begin an outrageous system of intolerance, and also that the respectable and sensible people of Belfast were going to rise in civil war before anybody had laid a finger on them. The civil war in Ireland is over, declared Mr. Wilson, amidst applause. Civil war began more or less in the year of the famine, and more or less ended with the settlement of the Land Question. It had been said that Home Rule would bring not peace, but a sword. It seemed to him a terrible thing for anyone to make such use of a sentiment which the Founder of Christianity used for his own ministers in this world.

Mr. Wm. Doran, J.P., Ardee, also spoke, and the

resolution was passed by acclamation.

Right Hon. Edward Archdale, P.C., took the second chair, and the Right Hon. T. W. Russell, M.P., in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman, said the fight was over, and nothing but a miracle could prevent the re-opening of the Irish Parliament.

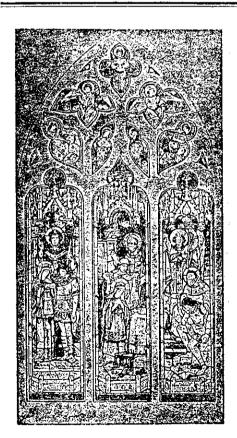
Lord Fermay seconded the motion, which was passed, and the proceedings terminated.

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