

Sinn Fein will remind him very forcibly of his pledge at Mount Vernou, that the affairs of a people must be settled without consulting the exterior interests of any stronger power. If President Wilson is a man who means what he says, Lloyd George has indeed reason to get busy about new schemes. But the worst of his schemes is that now they will be taken in the light of past events. And the history of the past four years in Ireland, and the collaboration with Herr Carson and his pro-German army, do not furnish the Prime Minister with a certificate of character worth much in the eyes of honest people to-day.

### CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC CLUB

The eighteenth anniversary of the Christchurch Catholic Club was celebrated on Monday evening, September 2, in the Club Rooms, Wiltshire Buildings, by a social (writes our own correspondent). The president (Mr. J. R. Hayward) conducted the proceedings, and there was a good attendance of members and friends of the club. Among those present were his Lordship Bishop Brodie, Father Carroll (chaplain), and Sir George Clifford, Bart. An enjoyable musical and elocutionary programme was contributed to by Misses Mary Ward, K. Garvin, D. Nottingham, and M. G. O'Connor, Messrs. Mooney and J. Noonan. Miss K. O'Connor and Miss N. Hayward were accompanists. Mr. W. T. Ward led an efficient orchestra, which contributed much to the pleasure of the evening. Mr. J. R. Hayward, in extending a cordial welcome to all present, apologised for the unavoidable absence of Rev. Dr. Kennedy. The club, he said, deemed itself highly favored to be able to entertain so large and representative a gathering on this its eighteenth year of existence. In giving a short history of the club since its formation in 1900, Mr. Hayward paid a high tribute to the support and assistance accorded it by the late Bishop Grimes, and also by our present revered chief pastor, Dr. Brodie. The club was formed, with Sir George Clifford as its first president, with the object of having a meeting place for Catholic young men, wherein the topics of the day or any subjects could be discussed in a Catholic atmosphere, and with their fellow-Catholics. In this respect the club had achieved success, and had been instrumental in promoting a fine standard of debating ability—a feature of the club's work which had brought honor to its representatives when in contest with other bodies. To its spiritual directors, said the president, the club is deeply indebted, for in every case they have been practical and enthusiastic. Kindly appreciation was expressed of the various presidents who had capably filled that office, amongst them Mr. Eric Harper, who had been killed in the field of battle. Mr. Hayward also acknowledged the great work

accomplished in the club's interests by, amongst others, Messrs. George Dobbs, P. McNamara, and M. O'Reilly. In conclusion he thanked all present for their attendance, and hoped, he said, to see in the near future a hostel for Catholic boys as practical proof of what the club was capable. His Lordship Bishop Brodie said that his presence that evening was an expression of good will for the club. He congratulated all concerned on the club's 18 years of past prosperity, and wished it greater success in the future. The young men of the club, said his Lordship, had responded generously when called upon to go and fight for their country and thus added lustre to the name of the club and to the Dominion. The Catholic Club was fulfilling a most useful mission in training members to study the problems of the day, continued the Bishop, and he wished to impress upon them the absolute necessity of the study of social science upon which so much depends for the future of the nation. He would suggest that they invite lecturers to address them at intervals on this far-reaching subject. To find a generation of men animated by Catholic ideals, and studying economics

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