

he must look to England; and he will save time by looking in at the English police courts, at the Old Bailey, for instance. He will learn of the shaming of English traders, men of solid substance and sound repute, for trying to palm off upon their English clients English goods as made in Ireland. He will find that what, only a little while ago, was almost a bar-sinister in Ireland is an honorable pedigree in England. The English need not to be awakened and exhorted and bullied into buying Irish goods; the English public is more anxious to buy them than the English traders are to sell them; the public will have the Irish goods, and traders are driven to pretending a virtue when they have it not. 'Irish goods' are made in Birmingham or in Bermondsey, Irish poplin, Irish linen with a good weft of Virginia-cum-Manchester cotton; Irish eggs are laid in Southwark backyards; there has been much Cork butter that never had the chance of getting the true blas; Donegal homespuns are spun in very unhomelike dens by 'peasants' from Poland. And so on through a long list of goods; for (said counsel in the latest case of fraudulent labelling) 'the name of Ireland excites a certain amount of interest in the minds of the people of England, and it is an advantage to the defendants to deal with Irish goods.'

### Mr. Redmond: Master of the Situation

Now that the Irish Party hold the fate of the Liberal Government in the hollow of their hand, great interest centres in the person of the Nationalist leader, Mr. John Redmond, M.P. Here is a character sketch of him by the *Mail* Parliamentary Representative:—'Mr. John Redmond has made himself a power by steady, persistent work, an iron will, an unflinching devotion to the cause which he considers right. The son of an Irish member of Parliament, he was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and was afterwards called to the English and the Irish Bar. He became a clerk in the Vote Office of the House of Commons, but he gave this up in 1881 to represent a constituency in his native country. Elected for New Ross, he left the Vote Office to take his place on the floor of the House. He began with a record, for on his first day at Westminster he made his maiden speech, created a scene, and was suspended before the clock struck twelve. He was in the twenties then. Now his feelings are just as passionate, but his methods are more effective.

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'From the day he entered Parliament Mr. Redmond has always been a prominent figure in the Nationalist Party. His chance came at the Parnell split. He stood by Parnell, led the little party which remained faithful to him, and finally was selected to guide the destinies of the Nationalists as a whole. This is no easy task at the best of times, and the way Mr. Redmond has held his followers together, in spite of sectional strife, is a tribute to his power not only as a politician, but as a leader of men. It is his impenetrable self-restraint which has helped Mr. Redmond to attain his present power. He organises, he directs, he controls. He is a master of Parliamentary strategy. He knows how to play the waiting game, but he has not wasted the time he has spent in waiting. Many years he has utilised in moulding his impulsive and high-spirited party into a united whole, looking forward to the opportunity which time was sure to bring. True, he has struck incidental blows, and struck them shrewdly. He has demonstrated that, perhaps beyond any other leader in the House, he knows how to make the best of opportunity—when to remain silent, when to move.

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'He has been described as an orator. That, perhaps, is hardly correct. He has a clear, forceful, but rather hard voice, his words are well chosen, and he always makes his meaning luminously clear. But there is no quality of appeal in his words, and it is difficult to imagine him stirring the emotions of an audience. His personality tells because it is evident he knows what he wants, and means to get it. But he has no power of persuasion over a gathering. He is inferior in this to some of the younger members of his party, notably to Mr. Kettle. The House of Commons likes Mr. Redmond. He comes of good stock, and even in his fiercest moods one does not forget that he is an Irish gentleman. He hits hard in debate, but he is always courteous, always tactful, and dignified. Organisation and opportunity have been the two things in his

mind for a generation past. Now his hand is on his sword, and he is looking to the decisive conflict before him.'

## DIocese OF DUNEDIN

On Sunday next the members of the H.A.C.B. Society will approach the Holy Table in a body at St. Patrick's Basilica, South Dunedin.

On Sunday last there was Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Joseph's Cathedral from the last Mass until Vespers. In the evening there was the usual procession.

Last week the altar boys to the number of thirty of St. Joseph's Cathedral, the Sacred Heart Church (North-East Valley), and St. Patrick's Basilica (South Dunedin) were taken for a trip to the Taieri Mouth. They were accompanied by the Rev. Father Coffey, Adm., Rev. Father O'Malley, Very Rev. Mgr. O'Leary, and Rev. Fathers Corcoran and D. O'Neill.

His Lordship the Bishop returned from a visitation of the southern part of the diocese on Monday. On Sunday his Lordship administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 59 candidates at Riversdale. During the previous week, accompanied by the Rev. Father O'Neill, of Winton, he visited Lakes Te Anau and Manapouri, and was greatly delighted with the beautiful scenery.

After a stay of ten days in Buenos Aires (says the *Southern Cross* of January 7), Rev. Dr. Cleary said farewell to his new friends and left for Rosario. While in Buenos Aires he was the guest of Mgr. Ussher. He had a long interview with the Minister for the Interior, for whom he had a letter of introduction. He will visit Cordoba and Mendoza, and will proceed to Chile, Peru, Bolivia, etc.

The report of the Christian Brothers' Association Football Club, presented at the annual meeting held on Monday evening, contained these clauses:—The committee thanks members for the enthusiasm which they evinced during what may be considered a most successful season. This enthusiasm was shown by the regularity with which members of the various teams attended the practices held during the week, as well as by the large number who went in for a thorough course of training in the gymnasium. Under the able instruction of the coach (Mr. Jack), members derived considerable profit, and have learned to appreciate the finer points of Association football. The Second Grade team took a prominent place in the Cup fixtures, and had the honor of winning, after a splendid contest, the Five-aside Championship Tournament. The Third Grade team, composed mostly of players new to Association football, tied with Northern as premiers for the season 1909. The Fourth Grade team, though not so successful as the others, held a respectable position in the Cup fixtures. The club's financial position is sound, a small credit balance remaining over from last year. The smoke concert, held at the end of the season, was a pronounced success, the club members and visitors enjoying themselves to the full. It pleased the committee to present to Mr. Jack, in recognition of his services to the club, a watch and handsome framed photo of club members. The committee takes this opportunity of returning thanks to the Referees' Association for the consistency with which it provided referees for matches, and to the press for the generous treatment it gave to club reports.

Judging by the demand for tickets there will be a record attendance at the St. Patrick's Night concert, which, in view of the undoubted talent of the artists engaged, will be the most successful entertainment of its kind held here for many years. The engagements include Miss Violet McIntosh, who, since her arrival in Dunedin a short time ago, has won high eulogium in all quarters for the natural beauty of her voice and the artistic sense of interpretation which characterise her singing, and there is little doubt that her first appearance at a St. Patrick's Night concert, when she will contribute 'Kathleen Mavourneen' and 'The Irish Emigrant,' will establish her a firm favorite with the audience. Mrs. R. Hudson, jun., will make her re-appearance after an absence of some years, and those who remember the felicity of her treatment of the Irish national songs will notice with pleasure that her name is once again on a St. Patrick's Night concert programme. Mr. James Jago is perhaps the most popular vocalist who has taken part in these concerts during past years, and the reputation he enjoys is a guarantee of his success. Mr. McGrath is also favorably known to patrons of the concert. In response to numerous requests he has consented to sing 'The wearing of the green,' a spirited rendition of which won the very warm appreciation of his audience on a former occasion. Mr. Brennan has such a deservedly high reputation as an elocutionist that he is certain to suit the taste of his audience with his humorous and serious contributions. The Kaikorai Band will contribute two items of popular Irish airs, and St. Joseph's Choir, as in former years, will add to the enjoyment of the concert by their appearance. The committee has made every endeavor to make the concert as truly national as possible, a course which will have the hearty approval of those who love the songs that awake memories of the Old Land.