

separate representation at the Imperial Conference and is also a member of the League of Nations; that Scotland has no such rights ought to be remedied, for it implies a position of inferiority to all the self-governing parts of the Commonwealth of British Nations. The manifesto continues:

The status, separately and collectively, of the States composing the Empire and under one Crown now being notoriously in process of change and development, or at least of fresh consideration and discussion, the occasion is opportune, as the obligation is urgent, for our English partners, generously to permit that reconsideration of Scotland's place and status, not merely within the Commonwealth, but in relation to the Imperial Conference and to the League of Nations, which the Scottish people have so long demanded.

"Unconquered."

The need of self-government in Scotland has never been more urgent. Many post-war problems are pressing for solution. Our country is like a man with his right hand tied behind his back—unable to help himself, a most humiliating position when it is remembered that Scotland's record of unconquered national existence is hardly paralleled in Europe, and that its people have no lack of experience in the affairs of Government. Is it because Scotland has been too constitutional in its methods of pressing for self-government that its demand has been ignored?

Support Our Claim.

Our object in putting the case of Scotland before you as a member of the Imperial Conference is to request you, as representing one of the great Dominions, to introduce or support a resolution requesting the British Government to call at once a Scottish National Convention in Scotland, representing all Scottish interests, in order that a scheme of self-government, suited to the Scottish people, may be framed, and in due course presented to the Parliament in London for ratification.

This association, representing as it does both individuals and organisations, including local governing bodies in Scotland, in making this request, wishes to emphasise the anomalous position in which the Scottish people find themselves. By ordinary constitutional methods, the elected representatives have made fruitless efforts to induce the British Parliament—dominated by English representatives—to pass a measure of Home Rule for Scotland. Those efforts on constitutional lines have been repeatedly nullified by England.

We believe that having the power, your high sense of justice will lead you to lend your help to the Scottish people by taking action in the conference on the lines which we have suggested.

### The Jugendbundbewegung

Twenty-five years ago there began in Ireland a revival movement which had its results in the Rising of 1916, and the subsequent successful war against the British Government. It is interesting to note that in Germany there is a powerful movement flourishing at present which has many resemblances to the Gaelic Revival. The German Youth Movement (*Jugendbundbewegung*) had its origin, like the kindred movement in Ireland, some years before the war. It has now assumed vast proportions and embraces millions of members. An outsider sees the young people singing and dancing, just as a visitor to an Irish Feis did in the years between 1900 and 1916. But there is more than that in this movement of youth. It is said to be the revolt of the young people of Germany against the decadence and materialism of the modern world. Self-education is regarded as the means of advancing towards the desired goal, and education here means moral elevation and spiritual development. The following words from a magazine called *Johannisfeuer* describe the ideals of these young enthusiasts:

Our aim is the return from decadent civilisation to natural simplicity, from all that is external to what is inward and spontaneous, from futile pleasures to real joy, from selfishness to the spirit of brotherhood, from loose ways to thoughtful self-realisation. We seek to set our souls right with God, with ourselves, with our fellows, and with Nature. . . . We must be new men ourselves before we can do anything to help others.

The members of the *Bund* do not smoke or drink or seek the demoralising pleasures of city life, and it is said that one can distinguish them by their very looks from non-members. It is pointed out by critics that although the movement has many of the faults to be expected from such youthful enthusiasm, its tendency is on the whole noble and uplifting. The leading characteristics of the movement are:

1. Hundreds of thousands of boys and girls, and young men and women, have been brought into contact with Nature, taught to appreciate the simple beauties of their homeland, and given a taste for wholesome open-air pleasures.

2. A desire has been aroused for a simpler and purer life, in food, clothing, and in general conduct.

3. The old Germany has been rediscovered in song, dances, tales, games, manners; and best of all in the souls of the young people themselves.

4. A sound instinct has grown up in condemnation of modern decadence, laxity, coarseness, and lack of truth; and the young generation has begun to take a firm stand against national deterioration and immorality. Here we see a breaking through of spontaneous ethical and religious impulses.

5. There is a development of a new spirit of brotherhood within the nation, brought about by the mingling of classes and the return to realities.

It is quite unnecessary to comment on the significance of a movement of such a kind and of such enormous extent at the present time.

At its best, it is an attempt to throw off the evil heritage of the non-moral materialism of the last hundred and more years of European history; and to get back to simple fundamentals from which a fresh start can be made. At its worst, it shows excesses and exaggerations called forth by the resolve of youth to have nothing whatever to do with the authority and conventions of the preceding age. Without this determined rejection of the existing system, it would, however, have been impossible to make a clean start, nor would the movement have been able to gather such a sweeping impetus. The demerits of the *Jugendbewegung* are thus in a sense inseparable from its very nature as a radical upheaval of youth.

## Answers to Correspondents

HAKA.—As far as we know the Board of Erin is an Irish American organisation with a leaning for the methods of argument which have been found to produce most respect for us in the minds of Orangemen.

INFETTO.—All right for the people and all wrong for the priest.

GÆL.—The Tailteann Games will be held in Dublin from the first to the eighteenth August. There seems to be no enthusiasm about the matter here, but Canada and the United States are well advanced in organising for the sports.

M. G.—Roisin Dubh means Dark Rosaleen. Aonach Tailteann means the Fair of Tailteann. Like the Fair of Loc Garmain, in ancient times, it was famous for the athletic and musical contests held there. We will remember your hint as to giving the meaning of Gaelic terms as they occur.

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