

Here is a full text of Mr. Redmond's noble plea for peace:—Anything which would mean burying the hatchet, anything which would mean the consent of these Ulstermen to shake hands frankly with their fellow-countrymen across the hateful memories of the past, would be welcomed with universal joy in Ireland, and would be gladly purchased by very large sacrifices indeed. If the right hon. and learned gentleman would say to me:—'We both are Irishmen; we both love our country; we both hate—and I am sure this is absolutely true of both of us—all the old sectarian animosities, all the old wrongs, all the old memories which have kept Irishmen apart; let us come together and see what we can do for the welfare of our common country, so that we can hand down to those who come after us an Ireland more free, more peaceful, more tolerant, an Ireland less cursed by racial and religious differences.' If an appeal like that were made to us I say, without the smallest hesitation, that there are no lengths that Nationalist Ireland would not be willing to go to assuage the fears, allay the anxieties, and remove the prejudices of their Ulster fellow-countrymen. But, alas! that is not the position. Even the permanent exclusion of Ulster is not put forward as the price of reconciliation; it is simply put forward as the one and sole condition upon which they will give up their avowed intention of levying war upon their fellow-countrymen.

"What Remains"

After proving out of their own mouths that Federalism was scoffed at by the Tories, even whilst he spoke, Mr Redmond went on—'What remains? The Government offer has been spurned; our sacrifice in acquiescing in it has been useless. No advance whatever has been made by the representatives of Ulster. They claim permanent and total exclusion. We have gone half-way; they have not advanced one inch. Under these circumstances all that remains for the House of Commons is to proceed with the Bill as it stands (Prolonged cheers). But even yet I do not despair of a settlement. The eleventh hour has struck, but the eleventh hour has not passed, and I certainly will do and say nothing (Opposition laughter) to prelude the possibility of a fair and honourable peace at any stage.'

Carson's Answer

Sir Edward Carson's reply to Mr Redmond's conciliatory speech was, in effect, that if the time limit were removed from the proposed concessions, he would submit them to "his people" in "Ulster," but, otherwise, he would not consider it. "I would far prefer to advise the people of Ulster to go in and be included in the Dublin Parliament, and let you commence your coercion to-morrow. I believe it would be shorter in the long run. I know gentlemen in the North of Ireland who differ from me both in politics and in religion who have said, and I fully concur with them, that to adopt this six years' limit in relation to the exclusion of Ulster would be to make a hell of Ulster for six years. That scheme is absolutely impossible."

The Attorney-General (Sir J. Simon) who followed Sir E. Carson, was putting an interpretation on Sir Edward's speech which certainly it did not bear, when Sir Edward Carson rose, and said:—"I never said that if Ulster was excluded I would co-operate in putting the Bill on the Statute Book. What I said was that I would willingly welcome the proposals about Ulster with a view to preventing bloodshed, and so far as I was concerned I would advise the Ulster people to put an end to all ideas of force of any kind."

The Attorney-General—Even so, it is a great and significant advance made by the right hon. gentleman in the name of those whom he leads.

The O'Brienites

The eight O'Brienites present in the House of Commons last night kept their seats and refused to vote for the Home Rule Bill. Already some of them have voted against the Bill upon occasion. Mr. T. M. Healy was put up to speak for his party, and he gave huge delight to the Tories, and to Mr. Balfour—"Bloody Balfour" of "United Ireland"—by his vulgar attack upon the Irish Party. When William O'Brien drove Healy from the Party as "a poisoned bullet," he foretold that Healy's role in the future in the House of Commons would be "clowning it for the benefit of the Tories." Certainly Tim delighted the Tories last night. Here is what the very impartial Parliamentary correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* says of

said the Irish Party was always the case, were reviled and blackened by the enemies of Ireland, and the most treacherous of all were those who were posing as Irishmen and crying out for the redemption of this country. The Irish Party had a strenuous battle to fight, and now when victory was in view their leader, Mr. John Redmond, needed all the support and sympathy the nation could give him (applause).

Brother B. Reidy supported the views of the Chairman and said he thought the least they could do—in common with the rest of Nationalist Ireland—was to propose a vote of unbounded confidence on the integrity and ability of their leader, Mr. John Redmond, and confidence in his statesmanship to steer Ireland to the haven of Home Rule (applause).

Brother T. Harter, seconded the vote of confidence and said they would trust and confide on the man who devoted a bright and brilliant career to the freeing of Ireland. John Redmond was to be trusted and honoured (applause).

The vote of confidence was carried unanimously with acclamation.

Death of Mr. Michael Casey, Denmark-street

It is with feelings of profound regret that we record the much-lamented death of Mr. Michael Casey, 16, Upper Denmark-street, Limerick. Deceased had been in failing health for some months back, but it was thought that his robust frame would throw off the fatal illness. However, God hath destined otherwise, and despite the unremitting attention of his wife and family, he passed away on Monday, the 23rd ult., fortified by the rites of the Holy Catholic Church. A sterling Nationalist, known to the people of the city, and particularly of West Limerick, for his honest and straightforward manner his death at the comparatively early age of 60 caused a shock to his wide circle of friends. The funeral from St. Michael's R. C. Church to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery, which was exceptionally large, was ample evidence of the popularity the deceased enjoyed. The sympathy of the general public will go out to his sorrowing wife and family. The chief mourners were—William Casey (brother), Patrick Casey (son), John Fitzgerald (brother-in-law), Michael Somers (do), Patrick and William Fitzgerald (nephews), Maurice Somers, William Somers, John Somers (3), John O'Shaughnessy, David Naughton, James Casey, John Casey, Patrick Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Donnell, M. Culhane, Denis Culhane, Patrick O'Halloran, William-street; M. O'Shaughnessy, Maurice Fitzgibbon (M. Birney and Co), Patrick Scannan, John Stokes, Jeremiah Hayes, James Smyth (cousins). Amongst the general public were—Messrs Philip O'Sullivan (solicitor), Patrick O'Malley, Robert Frost, B.C.; P.L.G.; Patrick O'Malley, James M. Givane (LIMERICK LEADER), P.J. Cusack, John Madden, J.J. Quaide, F.O'Shea, Edward Mulcahy, Michl. O'Connor, William Clune, Timothy M'Grath, Thomas Bourke, Patrick Egan, James Egan, James Mulready, Owen Ryan, B.C.; Joseph Smyth, Wm. O'Shaughnessy, Patrick Angley, James Angley, Stephen Ryan, William Ryan, Michael Ryan, Patrick Minogue, Michael Donnellan, P. Skehan, John M'Namara, H. M'Entee, Michael Grimes, Patrick Bourke, J. Halpin, John O'Sullivan, Michael O'Halloran, Joseph Griffin, Patrick Moloney, Patrick Hayes, William Hewson, Robert Sheehy, T. Barnwell, Patrick Lynch, E. Lynch, John Lynch, E. Cassen, John Fitzgibbon, Co.C.; T. Capeliss, Martin Carroll, John Sheahan, John Kenrick, J. Ranahan, M. Ranahan, D.C.; E. Holland, John Holland, Pat Holland, R. M'Knight, Dan O'Keefe, G. Downes, M. Downes, C. O'Neill, J. Egan, P. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, Michael Fitzgerald, John Nash, M. Fitzgerald, T. Sheehy, John Rourke, Pat Mulcahy, M. Flannery, John Gallagher, T. Doyle, James Kelly, etc. The clergy who officiated at the graveside were—Rev. Father O'Connor, Adm. St. Michael's; Rev. Father Hannan, C.C., and Rev. Father Dwane, C.C.

Limerick Candidate Successful

In connection with the Department's scheme of annual examinations for creamery certificates, an examination in dairy technology, dairy bacteriology, dairy engineering, physical science, and business method as applied to creamery management, was held on the 10th, 11th, and 12th ult., and amongst those who have been awarded certificates of having passed are Mr. James Reidy, Clonrwan, Bal-

think it is right to state that the Secretary of the company in charge of the field deserves the praise of everyone for the close attention paid by him on Sunday last to every detail to make the event a thorough success. The field, due to his close attention, was in splendid condition, and on every occasion that a match has to be played he is always present to lend his aid and co-operation in every way.

Limerick County Board

A meeting of the Limerick County Board of the Gaelic Athletic Association was held in the Gaelic League Rooms on Saturday last, Mr. J. Kelly, N.T., Chairman, presiding. There was a fairly large attendance of delegates. The meeting had for some time under consideration the report of the referee of the match Croom v. Ballingarry for the first round of the 1914 County Championship which was to be played at the Markets Field on Sunday week. Croom failed to put in an appearance, and the match was accordingly awarded to Ballingarry. A discussion then took place as to what action the Board would take regarding Croom, after which it was decided that they should lose the match and also lose representation on the Board. Mr. John Bourke and Mr. J. Murphy, Young Irelands, applied to have the date of the match, Young Irelands v. Rathkeale, changed from Easter Sunday to any other Sunday, their reason being that the team was chiefly composed of players from the country, who were leaving for home on Saturday for the Easter holidays. Mr. Scully said Rathkeale would stand by the fixture because if the fixture was postponed a number of the Rathkeale team would be emigrating in the following week; and the possibility was that they would not be able to field a team at a later date. On a division, the Board was evenly divided, and the chairman gave his vote in favour of having the fixture stand. It was accordingly decided that the fixture would stand. Messrs. Bourke and Murphy then left the room, presumably as a protest against the action of the Board, the former remarking that young Irelands would not travel. I have learned during the week on good authority that Young Irelands will travel and play at Rathkeale on Sunday next.

Rugby Football

MUNSTER SENIOR CUP

Great interest is centred between Dolphin (Cork) and Garryowen in their encounter for the semi-final of above which takes place in the Markets Field on Easter Monday. This being Dolphin's first season entering senior ranks they have so far proved their worth as senior footballers, defeating Clanwilliam in the first round of the Cup, and also defeating Garryowen in their match for the Senior League. Taking Garryowen's form on Saturday last, when they met Cork Constitution after two draws and defeated them by 8 points to 5, it is expected the home team will come out victorious.

CITY JUNIOR CUP.

Shannon and Young Munsters will meet at the Markets Field on Saturday next in their round for the City Junior Cup. A good game should be witnessed, and there is certain to be a large crowd in attendance.

Committed for Trial

CHARGE AGAINST AN ENNIS MAN. At the Ennis Petty Sessions, before Mr. M. S. Gibson and Mr. George M'Elroy, R.M., Joseph Hinchy, against whom there was an adjourned charge at the suit of his wife, for assault, appeared on another charge of being an habitual drunkard, and assaulting his wife and children.

Mrs. Margaret Hinchy said she was the wife of the defendant, and kept a lodging-house in Barrack-street, on the earnings from which she supported herself and her children, and practically also supported her husband; he was constantly drinking, and gave nothing to the support of the house; he was convicted in September and November of assaults on her, and sent to jail; on 23rd March he came home, mad with drink, and thought to prevent the children from having their tea, and when her daughter tried to stop him he made a rush at her and caught her by the throat and knocked her back; when witness thought to relieve his hold he kicked her.

Defendant declared that his wife attacked him and inflicted the wounds he had on his