

To the Electors of New Kilmainham and Clondalkin.

FELLOW ELECTORS,

In response to the call of many of your number I offer myself as Candidate for the Representation of your District on the Dublin County Council. I am an employer of labour and a ratepayer in the Division, and as our interests are identical I will endeavour to safeguard the welfare of the working man, while protecting the pockets of the ratepayers from extravagant expenditure. But while I pledge myself to challenge consistently the expenses of the District and County-at-large, I am in favour of a progressive programme both in the Rural and Urban Affairs which may concern our District. If elected I would propose at the earliest date convenient to all parties, a consultation between your local Representatives on the many matters in which it would be useful for us all to work in harness together. The first step in several affairs must be taken by the Rural or Urban Councillors as the case may be, before the County Councillor can officially interfere. Such a programme would include :—

- (a) COMPULSORY EDUCATION IN RURAL DISTRICTS, which the County Council can enforce and provide for if the Rural District consents.
- (b) TECHNICAL EDUCATION suitable to the requirements of our people, and such as the Act empowers us to procure. This would be I presume on the lines of the manual and technical training which the Swedish and Belgian governments give their children at present.
- (c) FREE READING ROOMS AND LOCAL LIBRARIES. That is, the use of School-houses for such at night and after School hours, as the Welsh people manage at present.
- (d) EXTENSION OF ARTIZANS AND LABOURERS DWELLINGS' ACTS, on a scheme for purchase out and out of same, in the way the Ashbourne Act allows farmers to acquire the ownership of their lands in Ireland to day.
- (e) EXTENSION OF THE WORKMENS' COMPENSATION ACT, to include the agricultural labourer, who now stands outside its provisions.

Even with the new machinery put into our hands a complete change cannot suddenly be effected. But men who appreciate properly their responsibilities to the Electors can with patience and strength accomplish much that is desirable both in retrenchment of expenditure and the advancement of the social conditions of the people.

Of the many catch cries introduced into this contest I do not intend to speak. Politics as such are outside the business of the County Council. I believe that we are on our trial under this new Act, and it gives us an easy means of proving the force of our claim that Irishmen and women are fit to manage their own affairs.

I am confident that a sound policy guided by justice and toleration towards those who honestly differ from us, together with common sense business management, is at once the most patriotic and practical way of proving our capacity for the larger measure of autonomy, which my friend, the late Mr. Isaac Butt, defined by the household words Home Rule. Over fifty years ago I was a member of the first club Mr. John Mitchell founded and (although it has been used as some sort of an argument against me in this contest), I am happy to say I was faithful to Mr. Parnell as a political leader until death took him from us. So much for politics, my private life is well known to many of you. I have spent my life amongst the people in this district, first as a working man and now as an employer, and when you look back over my record, I am confident I can rely on you for your Vote and Interest.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW C. TYNAN.