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opened vigorously in Donegal with a great and enthusiastic meeting in Bundoran, presided over by Mr. Kelly, U.D.C., President of the Pearse Sinn Fein Club. The spearant socioled Messers. Sean Milroy and W. L. Cole, Dublin; Mr. James Dolan of Manortanitton, and Mr. McGlone. Large contingents arrived from the surrounding country. Addresses, to Mr. Milroy and Mr. Arthur Griffith (who was unavoidably absent) were beautifully illuminated by Mr. B. Ryan.

After the meeting, when the Ballyshannon contingent (170 strong) was returning home, acting on instructions neither to play music, sing or whistle when passing Fenner Camp, the contingent was nevertheless attacked and stoned by from 500 to 600 of the Ulster volunteer Division, who concentrated largely on the Bally-baumon Boy Scouts, and seriously injured one. The Fenner warriors' wendons were stones.

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On Sunday at Kill (Rathmolyou), Meath, a great accession to the Sinn Fein ranks from the elder men took place as the result of a public inceting. On Tucsday night a demonstration was held in Mullingas;

The meeting in Dublin on Sunday last will help to converge public attention on the food question. The main facts are that Ireland produced a much larger food supply last year than in previous years, but against this fact, which would allow a larger surplus for exportation, there is the fact that the usual supplies of food coming into Ireland have seen reduced to a fraction. Our abundant outs and potatoes, therefore, will not permit of abnormal export. The great bulk of the supply must be held against the monarrival of the usual curgoes of gram and flow. There is in Ireland at present more than enough lood to tide the country over the period behaviors, but it exports the recent rate, Ireland would be in real danger of famine.

The English Food Controller has been playing fast and loose with Ireland in this matter. For weeks he dodged issuing the announced Order against the export of butter. When he did issue it the Customs officials were kept, on a technicality, from acting upon it. An Irish Food Control Committee was nominally established, but it was permitted no power to stop exports. While those tricks were being played upon Ireland the Irish members of the British Parliament justified their £400 a year by keeping silent as the grave.

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The English Government may make up its mind that no repotition of 1846-7 will be permitted by the people of Ireland. The first claim on the food produced in Ireland is the claim of the people of Ireland. If England wants Irish potatoes and Irish oats it can have them in return for equivalents in other produce but she must not coutinue to have them, above the life-line of the people of Ireland, in exclange for indigestible scraps of paper signed 'John Bradbury.' The Irish agriculturists, who form the main part end lackbone of the Irish nation, will see to it that they conserve enough load to supply themslyes and their families. Food Committees in each town and district must see to it that they conserve enough load to supply themslyes and their families. Food Committees in each town and district must see to it that the consequent of the English matter than the many part and the scene and inception. We recommend that it be adopted generally. Briefly, the scheme in its excence and inception. We recommend that it be adopted generally. Briefly, the scheme is worked out after consultation with Father Barry. P.P., the Bank Manager, and the Scoretavy of the U.D.C. was this:—Four Trustees were appointed, with Pather Barry as one of them. The function of these Trustees was as guarantors to the U.D.C. for the efficient and businesslike working of the scheme. At their invitation the local Council was to be invited to underwrite, on the security for a loan from the bank, for the proper expenditure of which the Trustees, become ultimately working of the scheme, A thou invitation the local Council was to be invited to underwrite, on the security for a loan from the bank, for the proper expenditure of which the Trustees, become ultimately working of onten flour. These were to be sold at cost plus 3, 4 or 5 per cent, to clear working expensible. The bank agreed to advance the mong on that scentity. Thereupon the mong on that scentity. ing expenses. Properly worked, therefore, the whole of the £1,000 returns intact to the bank, who release the U.D.C. from their underwriting. Hence this scheme is strictly within the low. If £990 were returned the U.D.C. would be surcharged £1; but so long as the whole amount is returned the Local Covernment Board, however it may threaten and blusten, is powerless. The essence of the scheme, therefore, lies in its efficient working; and for this the Trustees and their assistants are responsible. We are informed that the scheme, and outlined, is now in working order, and that the Bank Manager and the Secretary of the Council ore assisting the general superintendence of the scheme. There should, therefore, be no loss on the transpection, and as long as there is no loss the L.G.B. has no real power to interfere: But what one Conneil lins done others can do. unless they are simply to be cowed by the threats of Sir Henry Robinson and his masters in London.

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The course of retail prices of lood is tending up at an abroning rate. The cost of existe ice has doubled since the war. At the present noment the dearest article is probably fish, which has trebled in price. According to the "Labour Gazette," eggs have recreased by 239 per cent., an enormous rise; butter by 100 per cent., sugar by 188 per cent., milk by 96 per cent.; margarine, 65 per cent.; bacon, 134 per cent.; toa, 107 per cent.; bacon, 134 per cent.; itsh, 191 per cent.; bact, 100 per cent.; sis, 191 per cent.; walton, 75 per cent; broad, 54 per cent. We have been hearing much about scarcity of toad in Germany and Austria, but these percentages are as high, and in some cases very much higher.

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The banking returns continue to show an imprecedented increase of deposits. The reports to hand reflect the high prices picturaling for londstuffs. The banks are reaping a cash harvest. The following are the figures for the banks reporting at this season for the past half-year:

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No such enormous increases have been recorded before in the history of hish banks. The shift is of these banks are higher by an animount equal teather toost partent of a light of the nine joint stock institutions receiving brish swings, and this, result has been achieved in the short period of six months! Whether this money is deposited with advantage to our country is quite a different question. There is danger of absorption by English banks. The whole banking situation needs close watching. The present position is dangerous and unsatisfactory. We shall return to this subject in the near future.

An Orange Lodge in Co. Down has acted in the spirit of Sinn Fein. It needed finds, so its members hired a piece of land for the season, grew a crop of flax upon it, and sold the crop for £155. This is an example which, as Mr. Louis J. Walsh writes, might well be copied by our Sinn Fein Clubs." We are in grave need of money wherewith to early on our propagaida, to keep the case of Iteland before the world, to fight, perhaps, a General Election, and to send a delegation to the Peace Conference; and if every Club in a rural district took a field for the coming season and raised thereon a crop of flax, or oats, or beans of potatoes, a very large sum would be realised without the irksone necessity of having to constantly worry members for subscriptions. Volunteers would only have to be deducted from the proceeds the expenses of the seed and ground and manure."

President Wilson, in his Peace Terms, definition very closely approaches the German definition, and has created considerable approaches the evain loope of starving the German definition, and has created considerable approaches the vain loope of starving the German definition, and has created considerable approaches the feet was accustomed to stop and search on the high seas ships of neutral countries on various pretences. The liability to stoppage and delay compelled merchants to ship their goods in England established herself as the world's carrier. Almost within l more prosperity, and war quent.

The question of Absolute Freedom of the Seas must include Ireland. Ireland communds the Atlantic, and there can be no "Absolute Freedom of the Seas" if the ports and harbours of Ireland are dominated by a great naval Power. With Freedom of the Seas a dominant question the position and status of Ireland becomes of as great material concern to the, United States, Japan, and the maritime countries of Europe as the position and status of Belgium is to France. Germany and England. The Near Eastern question, which has troubled the world for generations, will trouble it uo longer after the war, but Ireland emerges through this very war as a Western question vital to

Europe and America. The establishment of the Freedom of the Seas without a readjust-ment of Ireland is as impossible as the pro-cuction of "Hambet" mains the character of the Prince of Denmark.

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Australia has decisively rejected the attempt to torce her to adopt conscription. Mr. Hughes, the egregious Premar, declared that "Archbishop Mannix and Sinn Fein" were the chief opponents of Australian conscription, and that Premier of humbing has now the consolation of knowing that, if he spoke truly, they have made good. The great Irish-Australian receting, which was fixed to be led in the Exhibition Building, Melbourne, was prevented, as the cables stated, being held in that building by pressure being placed on the Trustees. The Richmond Parecourse was then secured, and a night necting, at which the Melbourne papers estimate the attendance at 09,000, was held.

The principal speaker was the Archbishop Melbourne. His Grace said their purpose was to stand behind one of the small nutions—Ireland. This was a nation whose scars were deeper than Belgium's. There was a mation that they leared might still remain in siavery and servitude when the Peace Conference had righted the wrongs of Belgium. His strong advice to the Irish people was to say now or never. If they did not get Home Rule during the war they had faint hope of getting it when England was out of her difficulties. Mr. Redmond had had the ball of this red, and had lost the game. As to the Convention, his Grace said, "The divining force of that Convention was not within its walls, but cutside around the people whom they called Sinn Feiners."

Speaking of "the Empire," His. Grace asked, "What was the Empire had they are said some two hour? Did it belong to England alone, or to Scotland or any part of it? With Australians, Australia was first and the Empire second. His loyalty to the Empire could not prevent him from being loyal in the first place, and only the determined that the paramount consideration in the pudgment of every question should be: did it or did it not serve Ireland. It is the same principl

That, whereas Great Britain is the guardian and champion of small nations, and whereas she and her Alies have entered upon the present war in Europe to vindicate, against the might of an alien aggressor, the right of small nations to live their own lives, this mass meeting of brish-Australians requests that the rights of the Irish nation be acknowledged and respected, and that, in the event of the failure of the Irish Convention now sitting, duly accredited representatives of Iroland ho invited to any International Conference which may assemble to end the present war and to provide for lasting and universal peace.

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Dr. Mannix asked the gathering to agree to the motion with pechanation that would be beard in Collins Street. The thunders of assent could be heard miles away, say the rewspaper reports.

Resolutions declaring the inviolability of Irish territory and calling for Christian burish for the bodies of the pich executed after Easter Week were also adopted. At the canchision of the meeting another remarkable demonstration was made. The whole gathering surged upon Dr. Maneux and senght to lift him shoulder high. His progress to his motor car was only made possible by the efforts of several troopers and numbers of foot police."

Biganty, like divorce, has become a commonplace of English life; but, although it has ceased to be regarded as a crime, we did not expect to see it treated from the English Bauch as a virtue. Last week the Recorder of London, ordering the telease of a convicted military bigantest, announced that any Fuglish "hered" convicted and regarded as a convicted military bigantest, announced that any Fuglish "hered" convicted so is convicted military bigantest, announced that any Fuglish "hered" convicted so is gamy in his Court would be equally set at liberty. England is, as we know, in this warto uphold Christianity, morality and civilisation, but she has a dictionary of her own.

The following letter has been privately send:— Church of Ireland.

General Synod. Special Notice,

Special Notice,

10th January, 1918.

Immediately after the ordinary meeting of the Standing Committee a special meeting of the Standing Committee a special meeting will be held to inform the Standing Committee (in confidence) of the present position of the proposals for settlement at present under the consideration of the Irish Convention.

By Order,

John B., Armagh.

The meeting for the discussion of the proceedings of Mr. Lloyd George's Convention

will be held to-day 'Thursday) at 52 Stephen's Green at 10 a.m. We should like to know (1) has any other Church or public body in Ireland had the 'Proposals for settlement' had before it; (2) has the General Symod of the Church of Ireland a veto on the proposals; (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (3) if not, why is it placed in 'composals, (4) if not any individual individ

The modesty of the Irish boot manufacturer who recently communicated with us will, we trust not prevent him from letting firms which desire to stock Irish boots learn his identity. The General Supply Stores, Lemoster, writes to use the wide of Nationality relative to Irish boots, which desire to stock Irish boots, in writes to use the writes advantage of the Irish Telegraphics was advanted to the writes advantage to the public nealth of this country, the tubercules so officers of Lecland view with altern the wholesale destruction of

same, that a Golera Brection may as in 1874, he suddenly precipitated. In several constituencies the people about are subscribing, or have largely subscribed; the noney necessary to first a cortested about on. I. other constituencies is will be impossible for the necessary funds to be procured. Therefore, there must be a General Election Fund to susplement or to erroide against an election wherever it may be.

We have called for a Shilling Fund, and the response of our readers has been more. All the money received in the task will be caracterized for contested Parliamentary chestions, and will be applied to no other purpose. The costs of organisation will be upplied out of a General Fund. Last week we opened our Shilling Fund list. This week we continue it, and invite those who can give

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Mr. John Sweetman writes—' My Mr. Griffith—I emolose a cheque for £1 answer to your appeal for the Sun Fear acry War Fund. Owing to war taxes I had to refuse to subscribe to initiate appeals, but I believe the beating of Parliamentary Party at the next elect be absolutely necessary for the Istune of hard' Father Larraginer, P.P., enclose for the Ashe Memorial and £1 for ment as a member of the Central Brace Sinn Fein Guerin de Barri sends us 10 Marie de Buitter to help the needs as Irshespeaking children in the island Commann. Father Walsh writes were this not in sea matter of such significance for Irish men and women, should glidly, if necessary, well their reents for the sake of the more pleasures stating in countering a move in which.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1918.

THE CONVENTION.

is now six months since Mr. Lloyd Ceorge's Convention assembled in Ireland. Let us recall its origin. In 1916 the English Government contracted with Messes, Red riond, Dillon, Devlin, and O'Connor to partition Ireland, but this quartette failed to active the goods, in return for which they were to receive the patronage of Munster, Connacht, and Leinster. After the defeat of the Party which these men led, at the Ros common Election, Mr. T. P. O'Connor appealed to Mr. Lloyd George to do something for them, and framed a motion about "free stitutions," which he submitted to Mr Hoyd George, and which Mr. Lloyd George accepted. In the meantime, however, Mr Lloyd George's colleagues, or the majority of them, instructed him he must not promise anything beyond the Partition Scheme, and on the night of March 7th Mr. Moyd George, after describing he Ulster Unionists as Aliens to Ireland," and declaring that the Invincible Fact" was "that Ireland is no more reconciled to British rule to-day than she was in the days of Cromwell," added :-

"Let me nake again quite clear to, my hon, friends from Ireland what is the position. Irishmen can at any time, with the substantial consent of all parties, secure self-government for that part of the country which demands it by an unmistakable voice. But no party will support a demand that Ulster shall be forced into a settlement. . . . That is the attitude I have always taken in regard to Ulster."—(Hansard, 7th Murch, 1917; 461).

Mr. Lloyd George's declaration roused further indignation in Ireland, and created alarm m the minds of the shrewdest English politicians, Liberal and Unionist. Accordingly the question was again raised a few days later, and Major Hills asked his fellow-Engshmen to consider what might happen. Ho

"The Prime Minister in his speech the other day was challenged with the position of Poland, and was asked how he could go to a Peace Conference and there defend the position of ireland. He explained to the House that defence was easy. Nobody has a greater admiration for the intellectual ability and dialectical skill of the Premier than I have, but I think here he has taken a part beyond his powers. It is a question of plain fact. He can explain to the Conference, no doubt, that the Government in Ireland is a just and equitable Government. But Austria will say the same thing regarding Poland, and the question the right hon, gentleman will have to answer is, What is the Irish view of your Government. Has your Government the assent of the governed? There cannot be any question on that point. Suppose we go a step further. Suppose that at the Peaco Conference we are met by a united and free Poland. I think even then the Prime Minister will admit that it is not a case for mere words. but that he will have to show something o the same sort in the case of Ireland. (Hansard, March 22nd, 1917).

The English Premier, who on March 7th had declare! Ireland must accept Partition or get nothing, on March 22nd agreed, in face of the fear of the Peace Conference and the preud of Sinn Fern, that he would make a new effort. Shortly alterwards a vacancy of urred in the Parliamentary representation f Longford, and the British Premier postround week by week his promised new statement. He was awaiting the result of the election. At that election-the most critical lenight in Ireland for many years-the whole trength of the Parliamentary Party was arrayed against Sinn Fein. Had the Party on, it had decided to claim the result as a ment of plenary powers from Iroland, and a the strength of the victory its leaders had decided to accept the "new proposals" of Mr. Lloyd George, which involved, as in the ld ones, the separation of Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh, and Tyrone from the rest of Ireland. A few days previous to the election the "Freeman's Journal" ancunced that the defeat of Sinn Fein wa ertain, and an official calculation by Mr. dmond's agents in Longford was shown o Mr. Lloyd George, which forecasted the tesult as 1,200 votes for Sinn Fein and 1,600 the Partitionists.

On the 9th of May the Longford Election was fought and won. The result stunned the Fuglish Premier. The soberest organ in the English Press—the "Manchester Guardian" -described it as equivalent to a serious difeat of the British arms in the field. Mr. I loyd George added a postsorijet to his written partition proposals, offering an Irish Convention to draft an Irish Constitution. On the 21st of May Mr. Lloyd George made his proposal formally in the English Parliament.

"The Covernment are prepared to say this: That if substantial-agreement should be reached as to the character and scope of the Constitution framed by the Conven tion for the future Government of Ireland within the Empire, they will accept responsibility for taking all the necessary stens to enable the Imperial Parliament to rive legislative effect to the conclusions of the Convention." (Hansard, May 21st,

Following Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. John Redmond, to whom Mr. Lloyd George had communicated the draft of his speech before making it, said :-

I echo the words of the Prime Minister, and would, if possible, emphasise that it must be an assembly where every man will come in perfectly free to put forward his own views, his own schemes, and his own plans. Nothing must be shut out no plan of any section must be shut out. It must be a free assembly in the sense that no proposal put forward by any man or section of men is to be ruled out, but that every proposal, every plan, that can be put forward must be open to discussion. That apparently is the plain decision of the Government, and I heartily approve of it. . . I heard the statement of the right hon, gentleman with pleasure that he thought the Sinn Fein Organisation ought to have, as I will say, a -(Hansard, May 21st, 1917; 2001-2)

The object of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr Redmond will be detected by a close perusal of the two statements. Mr. Lloyd George's intent was to make it appear to the outside world that the Irish were offered National sen-determination-Mr. Redmond's cue was to deceive the Irish people into the same belief, and the common auxiety of both the slave and the master was to induce Sinn Fein to enter the Convention. This would, of course, have paralysed Sinn Fein activity while the Convention was in being, and thus secured the Parliamentary Party the appeararea abroad of being the accredited representatives of the majority of the Irish Nation. Mr. Lloyd George invited Sinn Fein to come in, and Mr. Redmond declared he was glad that Sinn Fein would have "generous repre-

sentation." Both politicians calculated that Sinn Fein must come in or refuse to come in If it went in it was destroyed. If it refused, it could be represented to the world as a friction that was afraid to discuss the future

I Ireland with its own countrymen.
In "Nationality" at the time we pointed ut the trap hid for Sinn Fein, and Sinn Fein did not full into it. It did not refuse to gainto the Convention. It offered to do so, or four conditions. They were:

(1) That the terms of reference left the Convention free to decree the complete independence of Ireland;
(2) That the English Covernment pub-

licly pledged itself to the United States and the Powers of Europe to ratify the decision of the majority of the Convention;

(3) That the Convention consisted of none but persons freely elected by adult suffrage in Ireland;

(4) That prisoner-of-war trentment was accorded to Irish prisoners at haves and Aylesbury.

The trap was thus sprung upon the trapf The British Government was made to publicly refuse to permit the Convention to be chosen by the people, to bind itself to ratify its majority decision, or to allow it at e dom to recommend the complete independence

Mr. Lloyd George, in his introductory speech, used the phrase "substantial agreement." What this doubtful phrase meant to him was disclosed a few days later:--

" Mr. MacNeill asked the Prime Minister whether his statement that in the event of the intended Irish Convention arriving at substantial agreement as to the character and scope of an Irish Constitution, the Government will introduce legislation to give effect to such substantial agreement is to be taken as in any degree affecting his previous pledge that under no circumstances shall Ulster be coerced into submitting to the jurisdiction of an Irish Parliament?"

"Mr. Bonar Law: There could not be substantial agreement in the circumstance-suggested by my hon, friend's question."

"Mr. Butcher asked whether the terms of the proposed reference to the Irish Convention will admit of schemes for the selfgovernment of Ireland without any limitation, or only schemes for the self-govern-ment of Ireland within the Empire."

"Mr. Bonar Law: There can be no question of self-government except within the Empire."—Hansard, May 24th; 2474.

The British Government, it is thus seen, and contracted with the Ulster Unionists not to give legislative effect to any scheme adopted by the majority against their vote. What in fact the British Government planned was to set up a Convention in Ireland intended to misrepresent Ireland to Europe and destroy the Sinn Foin movement. The Convention was to mark time until the National Movement was disintegrated and the second Australian Leferendum on Conscription had been taken. Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, assured the British Ministers last spring that he could win Australia to Conscription if they could "in any way settle the Irish difficulty." When these things had been done the majority report was to be rejected by the English Government on the plea that as the Ulster Unionists did not agree there was no substantial agree

Events have marched since the Convention was conceived by a juggling Minister and a corrupt party leader. A new offer is in contemplation—a new measure is dreamed of which will march triumphantly to the Statute Book, and there be embalmed with the Home Pule Act. In plain language, a new scheme is afoot to side-track Ireland. "A settle-nent in Ireland," says the London "Times." has become an essential war necessity." Leland, it admits, has become a world-que tion. Therefore the Irish difficulty must be settled, and the Ulster Unionists are implored to agree. That is what the "Times" says. This is what the "Times" means: let them but agree to a measure to be introduced and passed in the British Parliament, but never to become operative, and the situation is saved. Ireland may be successfully deceived by a legislative trick until the Peace Conference has come and gone. Such is the Ministers' calculation;

Wo shall upset them, as we have upset the thers. England has tried direct attack and failed, she has tried indirect attack and tailed, she has tried the enjolery of the Innal Magna Charta and the abundant gold of the British Lyon whom she sent prowlng around the country four times last year eeking to raise cabals and intrigues against Sinn Fein. She is now going to play a new Aonvention talse card, in the hope of enjoling the Irish people away from the straight path on which their feet are now frm-set. Sinn Fein will trump it once more. To-day we repeat to our countrymen the words we wrote in "Nationality" on the morrow of the election which made Mr. Hoyd George plan the Convention -

"The opportunity has come to Ireland to render the permanent settlement of Europe impossible after the war without a permanent settlement of Ireland. And to the constituencies in Ireland now we say: The issue upon which you must vote es whether Ireland accepts England's rule

and whatever England may decree or and whatever Engined may decree or whether Ireland rejects that rule and claims from the Peace Conference the right that the Allies declare they stand for, the right that the United States declares it stands -the right of Belgium, the Poland-the right of a untion to govern

GET READY FOR ELECTIONS

The hope of disrupting Sinn Fein, and once neare detecting the trish Nation, springs eternal in the breast of the "Daily Man," the Publin correspondent of which has furnished it with the following sample of his imagination:—

"The opening of the New Year in Ireland is markod as a dominating feature by the increasing weakness of Sinn Fein, against which the stars in their courses how appear to be fabring."

Those who find contort in such paragraphs atte in for a pretty altruing period of usultation of disillusion must be comprehensive, thorough, and decisive. Nota single one of those who have played Ireland take, or who are alling the role of England's faithful gardinated in the paragraphs of Ireland must register a demand for the restoration of the Nation's rights, so emposite that it will admit of no misunderstanding or interesting of the restoration of the Pation. The winning of the representation of the Pation is right, so emposite that it will admit of no misunderstanding or interesting of the restoration of the Pation. The winning of the regions of the the right constituencies is our immediate political objective. Primarily for the reason that such representation in the syes of the world will be regarded as the roles of the national mind in it, outlook on the question of the position among the nations white Ireland claims to hold. The Irish Parlamengary Party blocks the way of national advance. No longer discharging any function save that of an auxiliary of English Ministers, they misrepresent the position of Ireland, thurst its aims, and villy those who save that of an auxiliary of English Ministers, they misrepresent the position. The rask of the property of th

should be a net-work of Committees already termining the way by handling the Register is a summer indicated.

When the time of election comes no Club should be in the sorry position of feeling that the sorry such sheckness. Club members must be at an initial that Sinn Fein Clubs are not to the purpose of providing anuachment and acial recreation, but in order to seem that the energies of all the members must be organised to discharge efficiently certain work which is essential to securing the feed ton of the country. If a member of a Club does not know how he can help, let him apply to the Secretary of his Club, and he will have some work allotted to him. If Club Secretaries are in doubt as to the work their Club should engage in, let them apply for advice and direction to Headquarters. Each Comhairle Ceanntair should appoint one or

more of its members to keep a close watch upon the activities of the Clubs and see that the work allotted to each is carried out efficiently. At Combairle Ceanntair meetings reports of the work done in each district should be submitted, the weak parts in the Division ascertained, and ways and means devised and carried out to strengthen such weak places. Reports of such work should be forwarded to Headquarters at intervals. There is no time to be lost. We do not know the day when a general election may be upon us. The National Executive is making streamous efforts to perfect its means of securing that trehard's cose shall be heard at the Peace Conference. It requires the whole-hearted and unceasing support of the Clubs if it is to succeed. This support will be evidenced not so much by cheers and demonstrations as by cayeful, systematic and thorough carrying out of the whole-hearted in the work which the Clubs are asked to carry out. New recruits are facking into the movement full of zeal and enthusiasm. Many of them may have inadequate ideas of what thembership of a Sinn Poin Club involves. It means hard work for a great Cause—and that work must be done now. Now or nover—next year will be too late—next month may be too late. The fate of the Irish Nation for generations depends on how we handle the situation with which we are now confronted.

If the men and women of Ireland mean all that they have indicated by the blaze of enthusiasm that swept over the country in 1917, then they will prove it by the currest, unfacquig energy with which they take up the work that is now at hand in 1918. Get ready, then for the elections that are to make Ireland's National demand unmistakably clear to all whom it may concern; and don't forget that million shillings—Ireland's Victory War Fund.

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An i pin an cathin ara as not amac?
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Ip é pin an buacaitt aca i name au an pisap

Ip é Seumap an peap aca as cainne leip ap

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Agup tala na mbuacailt—talan ame time poin!

TRANSLATION. The Inquisitive Teacher.

1. Are you the woman, and are you in the house? Is that the girl that is going out? Is that the boy, and is he on the bicycle? And is not James the man who is talking to him on the road?

(Note that "Is" tells kind or sort; "Ta" occupation or place.)

am the woman, and I am in the bonse. She, vonder, is the girl, and she is going out. That is the boy who is up ton high on the beyde. James is the man that is talking to him on the road.

Are not you (emphatic) the woman that is sitting on the chair? Is not this your daughter, and where is your mother? Are not those youdes the boys, and are they not together in the corner, as they usually are, at a hospitable gathering?

I am not the woman, and I am not sitting. My mother is not alive; and I do not know who the girl is who is near myself. Apropos to the boys—take care of yourself.

(To be Continued.)

-Alice Furlong.

One of the most versatile of the younger school of writers who have written out of the fallness of their hearts' love for Ireland is Brian O'Higgins, and in the three books that have justs been issued by Whelan and Son, Crmond Quay, Dubliq, we have abundant evidence of that versatility. Humour juthes, patriotic fire, deep religious feeling, flow from his prolific pen, and always there is a freshness and a true ring about all his work that lends a charm to the simplest sketch or poem or story, and that shows how well the author knows and how strongly helores the people of whom he writes. We are glad to see the great progress recently made by Messes. Whelan and Son, especially in the publishing line, after many years of patient and consistent work. Full particulars of the books appear in our advertising columns.

The Kenting Branch Classes resumed last week. The annual general meeting is fixed for Seturday, the 19th January, at 8 p.m. A ceilidh organised by the Branch will be held in the Round Room, Mansion House, on Saturday, the 2nd February.

The second list of subscriptions to the Ashe Memorial Fund appears in our advertising columns to-day. Our readers will be glad to set is a their the fund lay now remedial a total

scolumns to-day. Our readers will be glid to notice that the fund has now reached a total of well over £1,000. The Committee in charge would like to remind all sympathisers that an All-Ireland Flag Day in aid of the fund has been fixed for the week-end, January 26th and 27th next. The Committee appeals to all National Societies and Organisations throughout the country to assist. Specially printed flags and collecting booklets are now ready and will be forwarded immediately on application to the Secretary, 25 Parnell Square, Dublin.

Owing to the shortage of paper supplies and the increased cost of production, "Nationality" will be strictly NON-RETURNABLE after the issue of 26th January. To avoid disappointment, readers should arrange to obtain their copies from the same newsagent every week.

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We await with confidence their response to our Appeal.

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