

ultra-conservative organ, "The Quarterly Review," says the New York Tribune. Evidently there is, in current phrase, "something doing." For innumerable reasons the world will hope it lastingly done. Curlosity, however, keeps pace with

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gratification. What are the expected terms of the settlement neither Mr. Redmond nor the Quarterly Review discloses. There is, however, a hint of it in Mr. Redmond's speech, towit, that the basis of settlement is to be found in the voluntary purchase scheme formulated by Lord Dunraven's commission, of which Mr. Redmond himself is a member. The British government is to enable the Irish tenant peasantry to become landed proprietors. That will, of course, settle the land question. It will not, says Mr Redmond, end the home rule question but it will remove the last obstacle to a settlement of it. If that means anything, taken in connection with the rest of Mr. Redmond's thoughtful and temperate sprech, it means that the Irish people are to be content with getting rid of landlordism and securing

dependent nationality. The latter may seem startling to those who remember how strenuously Mr. Parnell insisted

land reform, home rule and all else were noting but stepping stones to the real goal, which must never he lost sight of nor abandoned-namely, the every box. 25c. severing of the last link that bound Ireland to the British empire and to the British crown.

laration of secession which intensified British opposition to Irish demands, even at times to demands for reasonable reforms. Englishmen realized that it would be suicidal to permit the establishment of an independent nation nel, which might ally itself with continental foes and thus compel England to guard her shores at the west as they naturally set their faces as flint -as Mr. Parnell Jeclared-to make toward that end. With that end abanmain a logal member of the empire, Englishmen will doubtless be ready to grant every just reform, an dto make, so far as they can make it, the condition of Ireland as prosperous, as in-

dependent and as happy as that of any other part of the United Kingdom. The question is, Will Ireland be con tent to foreswear secession? That is, we think, to be answered in the affirmative just as soon as the land quer tion is settled on the basis of peasant proprietorship. There is nothing more conservative in its influence than ownership of land, and therefore of a stake in the welfare and stability of the country. The Irish peasant who is a tenant and is oppressed by an absentee landlord may not upnaturally be a Irish perant who is a land owner will and will therefore become a loyal supporter of the empire. If such a set timent be indeed at hand we must prepare for both England and Ireland our choicest and heartlest congratulations. vigorous old age.

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