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MR. JOHN REDMOND.

London, Dec. 23.—Parliament closes with Home Rule the big issue of the hour. When Parliament assembles again the last battle for Home Rule will be on. For it is a foregone conclusion that Home Rule will win.

For now all liberal England has been won over to the side of the Irish. Indeed Ireland and the Irish have become actually popular with the English majority. Not since the days of Gladstone and Parnell has the cause of Ireland been accorded such sympathetic support among English people.

The measure has already been roughed out. A cabinet committee has been working upon the bill in general, while a committee of financial experts has been working on the specific question of the financial relation between Ireland and England—one of the knottiest problems to be solved.

Just what form the bill will assume can't well be forecasted. Some of the papers are publishing what purport to be outlines of the bill, but none of these is regarded as more than a guess. One of the first questions to be faced is that of Federal Home Rule vs. Irish Home Rule. There is a large class of home-rulers, especially Welsh and Scotch, who

favor home rule only in blanket form—they want Welsh and Scotch home rule, too. Of course the plea is logical, but there is grave question as to whether Federal Home Rule can be put over now. Consequently many of the Irish leaders, while not objecting to Federal Home Rule in principle, urge that the fight be made for Irish Home Rule, now as in the past, since there is every indication that Irish Home Rule can be secured, while there is some question as to the success of Federal Home Rule. They tell the Federal Home Rulers that they can accomplish more by fighting for Irish Home Rule as an entering wedge than by fighting the battle along the whole line at once.

The Tories will base their fight against Home rule on the question of the financial relation of Ireland with the rest of the kingdom and on that of religion. The non-conformists of the north of Ireland will do all in their power to aid them. But it may be taken for granted that the opposition will be vain. For the fact is that now the fight for Home Rule is practically over. There only remains to go through a sort of a sham battle before the shouting begins.

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