

# THE IRISH LAND QUESTION.

## HENRY GEORGE BEFORE THE NINETEENTH CENTURY CLUB.

A meeting of the Nineteenth Century Club was held last evening at the residence of its President, Mr. Cortlandt Palmer, No. 117 East Twenty-first-street, to listen to an address by Henry George on "Ireland and the Land Question." After Mr. George had been presented to the members of the club and the invited guests Mr. Palmer called the assemblage to order and introduced Mr. George, who spoke at length concerning the present state of Ireland and the poverty of the people. There had been no lack of food in Ireland, he said, but the people never had any money with which to purchase it. Remedial legislation had amounted to little and was only of a temporary nature. It merely affected the present tenant and did not benefit the laborer or artisan. Mr. George did not think the people would rest satisfied until the question was settled on a fair and just basis. It would be settled when the English land question was settled, for both were alike. In Ireland its effects were plain and open; in England its effect was more remote, but it had the same cause. Mr. George also predicted that a similar state of things would be seen in this country in the future. Mr. Charles Moran did not agree with Mr. George's views on the land question. Mr. Bronson Murray, Col. Frederick A. Conkling, Francis B. Thurver, and Louis F. Post also took part in the discussion, after which Mr. George spoke again briefly, stating his belief that all monopolies should belong to the State and expressing himself in favor of free trade—a free trade not alone in reference to commerce with foreign nations, but also for domestic productions. After the discussion refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner. Among those present were the Rev. J. H. Ry-lance, Bayard Tuckerman, Gen. Henry E. Tremain, Edgar Fawcett, Richard Grant White, Dwight H. Olmstead, the Rev. Dr. M. R. Schermerhorn, Mr. and Mrs. John Bigelow, Miss Sarah Lazarus, Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Boyeson, Miss Kate Sanborn, and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Day.

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