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The return to parliament of Patrick Joseph Nannetti, to represent the College Green division of the city of Dublin, is a triumph, not only of the indestructible cause of Irish nationality as expounded by the late Charles Stewart Parnell, but is also a victory for the tenets of selfprotection inculcated and fostered by the hundreds of thousands of toilers in factory and mill, in workshop and field, who are solidly marshaled under the banner of organized labor. The constituency mentioned is so-called because of the embracing within its precincts of Trinity College, that celebrated institution of learning founded by Queen Elizabeth--the alma mater of such noted and historic personages as Goldsmith, Moore, Swift, Burke, Grattan, Trench, Lever, and a host of other classical celebrities of the closing of the last and opening of the present century.

Mr. Nannetti is an old and respected member of the Dublin Typographical Society, and at present holds a responsible position in the office of the Evening Telegraph. He has represented his trade organization on several occasions as one of the delegates to the Trades Union Congress, held annually in different cities of the United Kingdom, composed, as its name implies, of the members of all organized labor bodies. The writer first became acquainted with Mr. Nannetti in the close of the sixties, when he succeeded that gentleman as copyholder in the office of the Dublin Evening Mail, owned by William Sheridan Lefanu, author of "Shamus O'Brien," and grandson of the popular playwright and orator, Richard Brinsley Sheridan. On that occasion Mr. Nannetti was promoted to the case, the ultima thule of the apprentice printer-boy of that day. Some filteen years ago, during a visit to the "old sod," the writer located the new member of parliament in the makeup department of the *Freeman's Journal and Evening Telegraph*, which has this to say editorially anent the election, under the caption of "Bravo! Dublin:"

"As we anticipated, College Green has vindicated the fair fame of Dublin against Mr. Carew, the West Britisher. The victory of Mr. Nannetti at the polls is a great and important one. It is a signal victory over flunkeyism; it is an overwhelming triumph for the cause of labor, which has received direct and recognized representation in the Irish party. The Tories polled strongly for Carew. The poll took place on an old and depleted register, on which the working men were not fully represented. Yet, notwithstanding these and many other obstacles, the Nationalist candidate carried the day by a substantial majority. Mr. Carew and the flunkeys of Dublin have now their answer. So have those who were engaged in the mean conspiracy by which John Howard Parnell's seat was grabbed. That incident proved that we were right in our contention that Mr. Carew was not the kind of man for the people of the metropolitan city to send to represent them in parliament. An opponent of the national organization, of the election fund, and of the solemn resolutions of the national convention for the restoration of unity in the national ranks, would have disgraced the representation of the city of Dublin. The grabber of the seat held by a member of the Parnell family in any case deserved the punishment be received at the hands of his late constituents. Mr. Carew on the eve of the poll made an attempt to explain the Meath incident, and

in his letter he promised to resign the seat in Mr. Parnell's favor. It now only remains for him to keep his word, and take himself down and out of public life, at least on the Nationalist side of the new member for College Green we shall say little. He was unanimously selected by his fellow-workmen and by the Nationalist convention. He has always been a sterling Nationalist, and the chief ground of attack made on him by the Healy Hawkesley organ was his connection with this paper. We can only say that Mr. Nannetti 2as for many years occupied in a responsible position in this office, and that if he serves his constituents as well as he has served the Telegraph he will, as a member of parliament, be a credit and an honor to the men who have selected him to represent them."

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