MR. CHAMBERLAIN AT BRADFORD.

REPLY TO LORD ROSEBERY.

On Saturday night a demonstration was held at St. George's Hall, Bradford, under the auspices of the local branch of the Primrose League, Lord Randolph Churchill presided, and was supported by Mr. Chamberlain. The hall was crowded, and the platform was occupied by most of the prominent Conservative and Unionist leaders in the district. During the assembling of the audience patriotic songs were sung by a chorus of a large party.

Lord R. CHURCHILL briefly opened the proceedings. He referred to the great gathering in the evening and the most determined support of the Union between England and Ireland which it would be a member of Mr. Chamberlain from the right part of his earlier years. Mr. Chamberlain has always seemed to get back to his old love of Ireland as the years had passed by he had seen that the combination Mr. Parnell had formed between the Irish and the Home Rulers was an enduring one. Since that had become clear, no one had done more to damage the position of the Irish party than Mr. Chamberlain had done more to expose their double-dealing.

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN, on rising to speak, was received with loud cheers and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." Lord Randolph Churchill, Ladies and Gentlemen—I am here to-night in pursuance of a promise of some considerable standing that I would lend my humble support I possibly could to the candidature of my friend Lord Randolph Churchill. (Cheers.) Lord Randolph Churchill is not an ordinary man—(laughter)—and he is not content with an easy victory. Lord Randolph Churchill has not at the present time one of the most desirable constituencies in the whole of the United Kingdom, (cheers) but the constituency has attached to him. (Cries of No, and Yes.) No opponent has the slightest chance against him. (Cheers.) Any competition would be ridiculous—even more ridiculous than the interruptions to which we have just listened. (Cheers and laughter.) And yet your Chairman has consented to accept an invitation to contest the Central Division of Bradford, which, of course, there must be a severe contest, which will throw upon him an immense amount of extra work and anxiety—(laughter)—and, Ladies and Gentlemen, I entertain no fear that from the rest of Englishmen in this, that and every other constituency we shall find (cheers)—and I suppose, therefore, that you will share with your colleague in the United Kingdom in your support of the gallantry which has led Lord Randolph Churchill to undertake this task upon himself, and which has led us to sympathize with him; and we hope that he will gain a victory here—(cheers)—a victory which will be a close quarters with his antagonist. Ladies and gentlemen, I wish very much this evening I could have told you what on that time will have been the result of the great battle being. But we have to deal with a Government which baffles all calculation. (Cheers and laughter.) And I have no doubt they are above and beyond all ordinary rule—(laughter)—and after three divergences I am not quite sure quite unwise for me to attempt to prophesy under what circumstances they will be ousted from office. The people for the immediate which up to this time they have never received. (Cheers and laughter and interruption.)

THE POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Now, ladies and gentlemen, let me describe to you the position of the Government. (Hear, hear.) You may think that I am not an impartial person, and, therefore, I will describe their position as I see it. (Laughter.) You may complain. (laughter.) Well, according to the Prime Minister —(cheers and hooting)—they came into office with what he called a majority of sixty-six for the work I had to do, and since then their majority has dwindled. It was reduced, under the two great Bills of the last Parliament, to 14, and we know not how much lower it may go. (A voice: It is going lower still.) Well, I am told—(to Jim in the mountains, and to the same authority, I want to call your attention not only to the present amount of majority, but to its constant and steady. It is a very important element in the Prime Ministers' always like to go to bed-parties for his information—(laughter)—and he is provided with various sections. In language which I am not willing, but which I am sure he has used himself, to say they are troubled with an absolute admiration of the Irish Members. (Laughter and cheers.) "An Irish schism"—(laughter and cheers)—and what with the Liberal Party—(a voice: Labour)—(cheers)—and the fact that is not argument—(cheers)—on what with the Labour Party, what with the Scotch Party, and what with the Welsh Party, and what with the Irish Party, really a perfectly satisfactory majority for the Government exists upon a prolonged existence, for if any one of these sections were to vessel him he would lose his majority altogether. (Cheers.) Well, I am told—(laughter)—I am told myself, to say they are troubled with an absolute admiration of the Irish Members. (Laughter and cheers.) "An Irish schism"—(laughter and cheers)—and what with the Liberal Party—(a voice: Labour)—(cheers)—and the fact that is not argument—(cheers)—on what with the Labour Party, what with the Scotch Party, and what with the Welsh Party, and what with the Irish Party, really a perfectly satisfactory majority for the Government exists upon a prolonged existence, for if any one of these sections were to vessel him he would lose his majority altogether. I am told—(laughter)—I am told myself