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TERM:

THE policy of the English government in re-
gard to the Irish question has been, up to
this time, a lenient one; and if we believe Sir
William Howlett's late speech, it will continue
at least to be so till the end. Of course we on this side
of the water, with our republican institutions,
would naturally incline toward such a policy.
It has, no doubt, many advantages; yet, like all
such in this world, with its advantages come its
disadvantages. The principal one of which is that
there are times when it entirely fails to meet sur-
ing circumstances. Such a time comes to us to
here about now in Ireland. Agitation out-
tages are breaking out again with renewed
e vigor, and the new-old modus operandi seems to be
no longer a firm hold on the people, notwithstanding
if liberal reductions made by the land
court. In dealing with the Irish question, her

Majority's ministers should remember that the
Irish peasantry are not a race of reasoning be-
ings, but poor, ignorant, suffering children,
much like our American Indians than anything
else, only led by the priests and agitators instead
of by "moderate men."

The disturbances that are going on at present
can hardly be said to have been created by the
people primarily, but by the agitators, and car-
ried into effect by the peasantry. The sole aim
of the leaders is, by their own acknowledge-
ment, rebellion. England, however, has no
more intention of submitting to the secession
of Ireland now than the United States had of
submitting to the secession of the Northern
States twenty years ago. If this be the case,
is the policy of the government a fit one?
Some prominent leader of the Land League is arrested
and lodged in Limonick jail. His private secre-
taries, however, have full access to him, and
within a week he is released, only to make new
inflammatory speeches and be again arrested.
The Land Bill has, by this time, fully proven
itself to be a failure, showing plainly enough
that Home Rule is wanted, and not pure English
position. If this be truly the case, why waste
so much half-way legislation?

Measures should be taken to suppress
the thing once for all, and not let the fate repeat
itself as often as it has done within the last
hundred and fifty years.

As The Tech can be made of interest to the
students only by the assiduity of the students themselves,
the editors desire to receive at any
and all times contributions on subjects relating
to the Institute, short items of interest, and
especially articles descriptive of original investi-
gation. Any really new jokes will be warmly
welcomed.

With the redesign of The Tech this issue, we thought it might be
interesting to glance back through some of various styles that the paper
has sported in its 96 years. While this is by no means a complete or
detailed look at the stages the paper went through it is a record of an
interesting development. Above is the original cover design and inside page
(the inside page would remain unchanged for 22 years). From the ornate
cover of the first 13 years, the paper went to a much simpler design in
1894, while retaining the size and image of a journal. In 1896, a change
was made back to a more ornate design.

The way it was... What we used to look like

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