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Our Dumb Animals, monthly magazine published at Norwood, Mass., has earned the respect of the entire country for the good work it has done in behalf of the prevention of cruelty to animals; but it is apt to lose a considerable part of this respect if it makes a practice of indorsing inane indictments of the Southern people as in the case of the alleged mistreatment of a negro preacher who claims to have been struck without cause by a white man in a Southern city. "This is a cruel South in which we live," says the preacher, whose charge is rolled as a sweet morsel under the tongue of Our Dumb Animals. There is no Wotan line to be breached by negro preachers or others who think they would receive better treatment in the North than they are receiving in the South, and the trains are running on good time between the sections. Fort Mill is a representative Southern community in which the races are about evenly divided. To our certain knowledge there has not been in years a violent physical encounter here between a white man and a negro man. Of course there are brutal white men in the South who abuse negro men, just as there are brutal white men in every State of the North who abuse one another; but because this condition exists in the North furnishes no reason for Southern newspapers or magazines to accuse the entire citizenship of the North of brutality. There is an old adage about the shoemaker sticking to his last—Our Dumb Animals would better confine its efforts to helping "those that cannot speak for themselves."

People who are interested only in those things happening within the ken of their own doorstep probably have not thought it worth while to observe the struggle that has been going on in Ireland for the last two or three years, where the state of affairs has progressively gone from bad to worse with the passing of the days and years. The killing of human beings is now become so common in Ireland that scarcely a day passes without the daily press carrying reports of from one to half a dozen men, frequently a greater number, meeting violent deaths, either at the hands of the Sinn Feiners or the British soldiery in reprisal for slaying of their comrades by the Sinn Feiners. Possibly the Englishman has no love for the Irishman and to that extent at least there is a common understanding between them; but however that may be, it is certain that the average Irishman who comes to this country hates the Englishman and everything English with all his being. Religion is playing a part in the trouble. The south and west Irishman is intensely Roman Catholic and abhors the idea of a Protestant government set up in another country controlling the affairs of his country. But not all of Ireland is Roman Catholic and has the same feeling against the Brit-

ish government. The northern tier of Irish counties, Ulster, is as intensely Protestant as the other sections of the country are Roman Catholic. The people of Ulster do not want home rule for all of Ireland, basing their objection upon the fear that with an Irish parliament in Dublin legislating for the whole country they would have no rights which the majority element of Roman Catholics would respect. Whatever the merit of the contention, of the opposing sides, things have taken an odd turn for the Ulsterites. There is no question of their loyalty to the British government and they have been implacable foes of home rule; but now they are about to be given for their own section of the country what they have opposed for the balance of the country—home rule—with this difference, however, they are not to be outside the supervision of the London government, whereas the home-rulers for all Ireland contend for absolute independence.

Go away from home to get the news of your home community. The Times today prints from the Yorkville Enquirer a statement to the effect that plans are on foot in Fort Mill to build a concrete road from the main square of the town to the Catawba river bridge. The report may be true; but money is one of the essential things to the building of concrete roads, and whence is the money to come for Fort Mill to undertake this enterprise? Furthermore, the people of Fort Mill are under no obligation to build a concrete road or any other sort of road between the town and the river. The present road is the property of York county and when it is repaired or rebuilt the expense of the work should be borne by the entire county. Fort Mill, uncomplainingly, has for years borne her part of the taxation necessary for the improvement of the public roads in other sections of the county and it seems, in all fairness, that the time is here for the county to give the roads of this township some attention. The two miles of public road between Fort Mill and Catawba river is, as The Enquirer says, in very bad condition. Is there any reason why the county changing should not be brought to Fort Mill township within the next month or two to rebuild this road? A negative answer by the county authorities would be pleasing to the people of this section.

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