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OXFORD AND THE
GERMANS.

FORGETTING THE PAST.
TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—In view of Dr. Henderson's disclosure of Dr. Bridges's responsibility for the now notorious manifesto to German scholars, your readers may like to recall what the Poet Laureate wrote in *The Times* of November 4, 1918 :—

OUR PRISONERS OF WAR IN GERMANY.

BY THE POET LAUREATE.

Prisoners to a foe inhuman, Oh ! but our hearts rebel ;
Defenceless victims ye are, in claws of spite a prey,
Conquering your torturers, enduring night and day
Malice, year-long drawn out your noble spirits to
quell.

Fearsomer than death this rack they ranged, and
reckon'd well

Would harrow our homes, and plied, such devilish
aim had they,

That England roused to rage should wrong with wrong
reply,

And smirch her envied honour in deeds unspeakable.

Nor trouble we just Heaven that quick revenge be
done

On Satan's chamberlains highseated in Berlin ;
Their reek floats round the world on all lands neath
the sun :

*Tho' in craven Germany was no man found, not one
With spirit enough to cry Shame !—Nay but on such
sin*

Follows Perdition eternal . . . and it has begun.
ROBERT BRIDGES.

The italics are mine.

Your obedient servant,

MEMOR.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

TO-DAYS IRISH DEBATE.

Mr. Arthur Henderson will to-day move the following amendment in the debate on Ireland. It stands on the order paper in his name and in those of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Adamson, and Sir Donald Maclean:—

That this House regrets the present state of lawlessness in Ireland and the lack of discipline in the armed forces of the Crown, resulting in the death or injury of innocent citizens and the destruction of property: and is of opinion that an independent investigation should at once be instituted into the causes, nature, and extent of those reprisals on the part of those whose duty is the maintenance of law and order.

In the House of Lords debate on the same subject Lord Curzon will reply to Lord Crewe.

CHANGES IN HOME RULE FINANCE.

The contribution from the Irish Parliament to the Imperial Exchequer for Imperial service was put in the Home Rule Bill as £18,000,000 a year. The amount of this annual charge may subsequently be varied by the Joint Exchequer Board. It is now proposed that if the Board after two years decides that this sum is excessive having regard to Ireland's power to bear taxation, the Imperial Exchequer shall refund to the Irish Exchequer the amount received in excess in the two years.

The Imperial Exchequer is to pay Ulster and the rest of Ireland respectively, as the Bill now stands, the sum of £1,000,000 for setting up their Parliaments. The Government now proposes that the contribution from the Imperial Exchequer for this purpose shall not be limited to £1,000,000 and shall be what