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THE CURSE OF MEROZ.

The Athenaeum, Pall-mall, S.W.1,
April 24.

To the Editor of the Times.

Sir: - In Ireland the kinetic drive, to use an expression of the physiologists, is dual - Rome and America. Rome has spoken; now let America speak. Possibly the solution of the problem is with her. Let Cardinal Gibbons and the strong Irish Catholics in the United States and Canada convince their brethren at home that two things are vital - to abjure publicly the dream of an Irish Republic, and to join heartily in the prosecution of the war. Then she may win for herself an enduring peace - the peace she can never have with a perennial Home Rule trouble in Ulster; a peace she will not get, much less deserve, with the curse of Meroz on the land, the curse with which the English-speaking world will curse her bitterly because in the hour of trial she "came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Yours, &c.,

William Osler.