



"IRELAND . . . SUMMONS HER CHILDREN"



Michael Collins addressing a crowd in Co. Cork

The cultural work of the Gaelic League and the GAA created an entirely new class of separatist Irish nationalist. Pearse, MacSwiney, Corkery, Liam de Róiste, and Michael Collins communicated through Irish, creating a distinctive new leadership cadre in Irish life. By 1917, with the execution of the 1916 leaders and the overwhelming success of the Anti-Conscription campaign, national Ireland had stepped away from any sense of a shared destiny with the United Kingdom.



Liam de Róiste



Patrick Pearse

William O'Brien's *The Downfall of Parliamentarianism* and Rev. Robert O'Loughran's *Redmond's Vindication*, published in 1918 and 1919, must have seemed instantly out of date. An entire political era had passed away.

Redmond's great Appeal of February 1916,

We have to stand by and maintain the Irish Army at the front . . . In your name I promised them in France and Flanders that Ireland would stand by them.

now seemed misplaced, even treacherous, in the new atmosphere of Sinn Féin.

Right: World War I recruitment poster
Below: John Redmond



Terence MacSwiney, Gaelic League organizer, circa 1907

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