

THE CO. COUNCILS FOR IRELAND.

The results of the County Council and the Rural District Council Elections are already trickling in. They are the first evidences that when the elections are over Sinn Féin will control all the public bodies in Ireland. It is then that the Irish struggle for independence will enter fully upon the new phase which is designed for it. In spite of the wholesale invasion of Ireland which is at present taking place the Irish people are about to carry out successfully the local government of their own nation. They will do so under the direction of the leaders they have themselves elected and according to the effective programme drawn up by these leaders. In doing this constructive work the nation has an unparalleled opportunity of proving to the world that behind the bitter struggle for Irish freedom are missed the best brains and the most efficient workers in Ireland. The responsibilities which will devolve upon Irishmen when these Councils pass into the control of the Nation will be very great. They must be borne courageously and nothing must be allowed to move them from the path of fair dealing and efficient administration.