THE death occurred on April 15 of George Alfred Townsend, the newspaper correspondent, novelist, and poet, who wrote under the pseudonym of "Guth." Mr. Townsend was born in Georgetown, Del., on January 20, 1842; he became war correspondent for the New York Herald, and lived in the year next to England, where he resided on the war and wrote for English and American publications. In 1865 he served as war correspondent for the New York World, and in the following year edited the same paper. The next year he was sent to Washington and wrote daily correspondence for a number of papers, among them the Chicago Tribune and the Cincinnati Enquirer. Mr. Townsend was the author of "The Adventurer in Spain," 1901; "The Men of the World," 1908; "The Adventurer in Spain, Lincoln," 1903; "The Black Douglas," 1859; "In the Field," 1859; "In the Sky," 1859; "The Black Douglas," 1859; "In the Field." 1859; "Love in Penelope Town," 1911; and "The Men of the World," 1912.

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THE so-called "federal solution" has occupied a prominent position in Parliamentary discussions of the Home Rule Bill. Its chief attraction for party tacticians is that nobody knows anything about it, and therefore there is little or no opposition to the idea. Some Liberals are inclined to look kindly on him in the hope that it may consolidate the Opposition, and on the other hand, some Unionists see the chance that the prospect of a federal settlement may be used to postpone actual home rule in Ireland until the Home Rule Bill. The need of elementary instruction in the subject may be realized from the fact that one member of Parliament actually expressed his preference for a federal system on the ground that it would set up an undivided sovereignty in place of a divided sovereignty.

A LITTLE the only voice raised in this affair was that of Mr. Ernest Dain, who vaunted the "federal" to the Home Rule Bill by making it conform, without the smallest regard to the special needs and claims of Ireland, to some nebulous plan undiscussed in the country, unsanctioned even in principle by the country, and future reorganization of the United Kingdom. He farther objects that this is a return to the question at issue by putting English interests and Irish interests second. "Our business," he declares, "is to give Ireland, not its nature, the act of justice, and to give her the kind of home rule which suits her needs, not the kind which suits British convenience."

ONE never knows in what eccentricity the new enterprise of the Times is going to break out nowadays. Here is its latest bid for advertisement! "The capital cost charged to the appearance of an 'In Memoriam' announcement in the Times annually in perpetuity is £10 for four lines, and pro rata." No