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Politics take a turn for the better in Ulster



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The counting of votes, in the recent Northern Ireland election for a new Assembly, brought some results which are unique to this part of the United Kingdom. There was a family “atmosphere” at some of the counting rooms. Mr. Nigel Dodds MP, Belfast North, the first MLA to be elected, was later joined by his wife Diane, who was elected in Belfast West. Mr. Peter Robinson MP, Belfast East, likewise topped the poll and was also joined by his wife, Iris, MP for Strangford, who topped the poll in her constituency. And of course, the father and son Paisley duo, in Antrim North, also topped the poll there.

These results doubtless helped to make it a special day for Dr. Paisley, now in his 78th year. But sweet as these developments would have been to the man who has borne the brunt of the abuse of the haters of righteousness for over half a century, sweeter far was the evidence of a turning against the betrayal of truth that the election results seem to suggest.

Dr. Paisley has been a man who has steadfastly pursued the goal of resisting the advances of ecumenism within church and state here in Northern Ireland for over fifty years.

The turning of minds of a majority of unionists against the “Agreement” is a very hopeful sign. What Christians should continue to pray for, even more fervently now, is a turning against the ecumenical and anti-Bible theology of the Church of Ireland, Methodist and Presbyterian churches which gave birth to the “Good Friday Agreement.”