

difficulty. It is by men who ardently long for union, who believe in its possibility, who are convinced of its necessity, who are determined to achieve it, who are ready to that end for any toil or sacrifice, it is by such men only that it can be achieved.

MR. DILLON'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. Dillon is, as he has assured you, a strong advocate of, and a firm believer in, union. He has publicly recognized that, in order to settle personal questions and alleviate personal animosities, which appear persistent, it may be needful to the achievement of his end that he should retire from the chair, and he has expressed his readiness to do so. I congratulate him on his attitude. I do not, indeed, envy him in his present place; but I own I should envy him the proud place, infinitely higher than the chairmanship, he would occupy in the hearts of Ireland as plain John Dillon, who stepped down and out in order to secure to his country the blessing of a united nation.

MR. REDMOND'S ATTITUDE.

Mr. Redmond, I regret to say, does not seem such an ardent friend or convinced believer. He said a while ago that when certain conditions which he laid down were met, "It may be taken for granted that I and my colleagues will not be found anxious to stand in the way of reasonable union." Well, but that is very cold comfort! "Not anxious to stand in the way," forsooth. But we want him to be anxious to find the way, to make smooth the rough places in the way, to walk in the way, and to press forward in the way of re-union. It is not by agreeing "not to be anxious to stand in the way" that people can come together. They must approach, they must determine on union to succeed. Ah, gentlemen, it is easy, sadly easy, to find excuses to differ; and unless we are resolved to agree we shall stand apart. Mr. Redmond's speech indicates that he is largely satisfied with those temporary and limited concerts of which I spoke, but I have shown that they will not do. And then he goes on to say:—"It is absolute folly to expect nine or ten Parnellites to walk back into Committee Room 15, and there submit their political con-