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Notes.

OWING to the pressure of space upon our columns this week, the REVIEW has been compelled to curtail the usual amount of editorial matter in this issue.

THE uproar of the past week in Irish Parliamentary circles has silenced every lingering hope that some reasonable compromise might yet be effected for the peaceful settlement of the lamentable divisions which have torn asunder the Irish party, and for the hundredth time in its history, thrown back the cause of the Irish people. On Tuesday Parliament adjourned until after the holidays, and Wednesday saw the fight transferred from Westminster to Ireland, where it promises to be waged with renewed bitterness and vigour. At the moment the Irish party is split wide asunder into two hostile factions, and with the wreck of the party has been destroyed also—whether temporarily or permanently no one as yet can say—the solidarity and strength of the country.

EVENTS may be said to have reached a climax on Saturday last, when, after scenes of great violence, the leading members of the Nationalists' party who now find themselves opposed to Mr. Parnell, to the number of 45, and headed by Mr. Justin McCarthy, withdrew from the meeting over which Mr. Parnell was presiding as chairman, and held their deliberations alone, a course which was forced upon them by the extraordinary conduct of Mr. Parnell. For some days previous Mr. Parnell, with astounding audacity, had, as chairman of the meeting, ruled out of order all resolutions unfavourable to him, to such an extent indeed as to render the deliberations wholly farcical. In the end, however, a member came forward with a resolution declaring Mr. Parnell's leadership to be ended. Then followed a painful scene. Mr. Justin McCarthy, it appears, held out his hand to receive the resolution, intending to put it to the meeting, when Mr. Parnell, reaching over, snatched the resolution—and in doing so, the reports say, striking Mr. McCarthy's hand—tore it up in the face of the meeting. Mr. Huntley McCarthy, who had previously

acted with Mr. Parnell, arose from his seat and denounced Mr. Parnell as the insulter of his father and an enemy to his country. The defection of Mr. Huntley McCarthy raised the total number of the anti-Parnellite members to 45.

At the meeting of the members who oppose Mr Parnell, and who may be said to now form whatever remains of the old Nationalist party, Mr. Justin McCarthy was unanimously elected chairman, and a day later a council of eight members was appointed to act with him in deciding the further action of the party. Upon first assembling the members adopted the following resolution:—"We, the members of the Irish Parliamentary party, solemnly renew our adhesion to the principle in devotion to which we have never wavered: that the Irish party is now and always must remain independent of all other parties. Further, we declare that we will never entertain any proposal for the settlement of the Home Rule question except such as satisfies the aspirations of the Irish party and the Irish people." There was no dissent. The result was at once communicated to Mr. Gladstone who exclaimed "Thank God! Home Rule is saved."

Mr. McCARTHY and the remainder of the anti-Parnellite members of the Party, issued their manifesto on Wednesday to the Irish people. In it they say:

"Feeling bound to protect our country's cause at whatever personal sacrifice, we found ourselves under the sad necessity of terminating Mr. Parnell's leadership. It would have been easier to have left him undisturbed, but such a course would have left every man of us a traitor to his country.

"Mr Parnell, disregarding our appeals to remember the country, evinced an ill-judged determination to maintain his untenable position, thus threatening to plunge Ireland into a conflict which may overwhelm her and cause her present fair prospects to disappear forever. It is the duty of Irishmen now, irrespective of all consideration of feelings either for Mr. Parnell or those differing from him, to accept a course that will tend to save Ireland from destruction. After detailing various reasons for their action the signers of the manifesto add that whatever judgment Ireland may pass on the manifesto her cause hangs on the issue, and the signers, will abide by that judgment, they being the nation's servants."

They add that Mr. Parnell must be aware that the success of his obstinate efforts for supremacy could leave Ireland with nothing for many years but the abominable system imposed upon her by the present Government, and that if he is to triumph the Tory Government will be continued in power, and Home Rule be lost to the living generation. His fatal manifesto, they further say, was an appeal to the hatreds between the people of Great Britain and Ireland and makes it impossible for him ever hereafter to co-operate with the Liberal party. In this view, they are supported, as our readers know, by the Irish Bishops, and, as we believe will be shown, by the far largest section of the Irish people.