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THE Parnell affair is still causing the most intense excitement throughout Great Britain, and fresh

developments are of constant occurrence. From late exchanges we see that popular feeling in England is dead against Charles Stewart Parnell. Almost all the newspapers in the country demand his retirement, the mildest of them suggesting his retirement until he has done what he

to take any action which might seem to betoken approval or condonation of the grievous transgressions which Mr. Parnell has admitted, or even only apparent willingness to palter with rules of righteousness which no human power can alter."

*The Weekly Register*, the organ of Cardinal Manning and of the English Catholic Home Rulers, remarked that to Catholics it was more difficult than it could be to Protestants to tolerate as a public leader a man who had for nine years exhibited a laxity of morals now become a public scandal.

Amongst other representative men and women who have been interviewed, was Mrs. Besant, a woman of most extreme views, both socially and politically. She said that the Radical side should continue to fight for Home Rule; but under Mr. Parnell's flag? No. He has "preferred private gratification to public duty, and should be left to the lot he has chosen."

As regards Mr. Parnell's successor, should he retire (a doubtful contingency), the general opinion seems to be that the Irish leadership would devolve upon the vice-chairman of the party, Mr. Justin McCarthy. Commenting on this contingency, *The Daily Chronicle* observed that Mr. McCarthy is well-known in England, where he has spent the greater part of his life, and he has been vice-chairman of the Irish party for the last nine years.

Those who have read "A History of Our Times" need not be told that he is a graceful and eloquent writer, nor can it be necessary to inform those who mix in the social life of London, where Mr. McCarthy is often to be met with, that he is one of the most amiable and unassuming of men. He has yet to make his mark as a politician. His career in Parliament has not been marked by any achievement worthy of his reputation as a man of letters; but with increased responsibility he may disclose powers, the existence of which is not now even suspected.

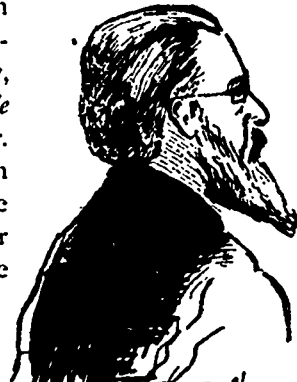
Whatever one may think of Parnell's morality, it is impossible to help admiring a man who is making such a stubborn resistance against such overwhelming odds, which must end in ignominious defeat and in political annihilation.



Stewart Parnell.

can to whitewash the offence, by marrying his mistress.

The Church of every creed is naturally very indignant. *The Irish Catholic* indicated the attitude of the Roman Catholics of Ireland. "What has happened," it said, "cannot be obliterated by the adoption of stereotyped forms of resolution at meetings called for the special purpose of adopting them. The truest kindness to Mr. Parnell now is the kindness of silence. If silence is to be broken, let it be broken by the echo of his labors at Westminster or elsewhere. Ireland, it is true, cannot dismiss him from her service because of what has occurred; but she has need to guard against the degradation of the public opinion of her citizens, to protect the standards of public morality within her shores, and she cannot allow any individual, or any body of individuals, however eminent or patriotic, to induce her



Mr. Justin McCarthy.