## LETTER FROM LONDON.

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Lonnox, Eng., Yob. 9th, 1894.
The talk of the week has, of course, boon the rumnured resignation of Mr. Gladstone. The papers - Conserva. tive, Libernl C'moniet and Liboralhave written columns upon it, all try. mg, each mints peculiar way, to necount for so sudden and unoxpected an announcement. The Guardian seems to have hit upon nearly tho lest oxplanation of the mystery. Mr. Glad. stone lives in public life for one object. His singular purposo is the granting of Home Rule to Jroland. Ho has told tho world that he cares for little elso ; ho thinks of little else. But he is climbing tho ladder of his 86th year; and if he is to live to accomplish his one desire, he must not delay. On this theory the Guardian writes: "The rumour of resignation is merely the ocho, more or less exact, of an intention which Mr. Gladstone has allowed to become known in order to bring over his colleagues to the necessity of speedily taking down Home Rule from the shelf on which some among them would so gladly leavoit. In that case the Bill would not again bo sent up to the Lords. The opposition it would encounter in the Commons would soon give Mr. Gladstone an excuse for appealing to the country. The issues presented to the electors would in effect bo this. If you want me to stay in cffice you must pay my preco, and the price is the return of a majority strong enough to keep me in ottice for the express purpose of settling the Irısi question. It would be a bold venture. but if it succeeded it would ensure the passing of the Home Rule Bill, and that is more than can be said of any alternative policy."
3r. Sexton addressed a crowded meeting at Belfast last evening. His speech was full of eloquent prophecy and encouragement. He declared that the Irish party mast include in their policy, the support of Government measures whether those measures dealt with British interests or with Irish affairs. As to the Home Rule Bill, it had eurvived the committee stage in practically the same form as when it was introduced, and he ventured to prophecy that when the general election came the Government majority in support of Home Rule would be 100 instead of 40. There were more im. probable thing than that the Tory party would bring in a brand new scheme of Home Rule ; but of this he could assure them, that the next Home Rule Bill would be more drastic, more Radical, and more conclusive than that which bad been thrown out by the House of Lords.
The Irish members aro perfectly satisfied that the Government intend to introduce the Evicted Tenants Bill at such a time as will enable them to send it up to the House of Lords, shortly after Whitsuntide. Mr. John Redmond has not been consulted on the matter, but the outlines of the measure have been submitted to Mir. Justin McCarthy and his co-leaders, and they haro expressed their approval of the thorough character of the proposals of the Government. Tho Bill proceeds mainly on the line of the recommendations of the Mathew Com. mission.
The manifesto issued by Mr. John Redmond tells its own tale. The party exchequer is empty, and unless there should be an altogetiner unerpected turn in the fortunes of the Parnellite party. Parnellism as a distinct political force will disappear at the next election. The heavy costs involved in the Meath election petitions are hinted at in sppeal as one cause of their financial straits, but that item is nothing compared with the amount whinch has been sunk in carrying on the Daily Independent. There are rumours that the paper will atop shortly, but oven whon this drain on their resources is
removed tho yarly will not for a timo bo nblo to carry on any aggressive movement as there aro heavy liabilities still to be disclarged. Tho mission of Mr. Wm. Redmond to the Antipodes has also been a failuro.
Vaillamt has at last beou guillotined. Such precautions had been taken by the authorities that no attempt at dis. turbance could pusaibly have succeeded. As a malter of fact all passed off in good ordor. legarded as a grim and ghastly show, an execution in the Hace do la Roquatte is hardly a success. Tlo presence of tho covalry prevents the crowds from seeing very much and the Parisians who have been spendmg their morning in tho veighbourhood for the past week have had no satisfaction for the most part save that of being present when tho act was urcomphished, which they were unable to observe. Ifany Anarelsists were there ready for riot thoy must have been over-arwed by the police, who actually so held the equare that no bcdy could have left it had disorder occurred. The execution was thus happily accomplished without any further loss of life. It 18 singular to reflect that tho death sentences could not have been passed upon him in this country. He injured many, but he killed nobody and lis offience was consequently one for which he could not have been hanged. Englishmen are beginning to guestion them. selves whether for such a crime against society it would not le proper to inflict capital punishment.
Such weather! Mist this morning. Fog this evening. Kain all day. No jos in life for such as have to move about. One must not grumble, however. There has been no such mild a season for years as we have enjoyed this winter, and if the thermometer did shew fifteen degrees of frost once the trouble did not continue.

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