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THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

Although we have now entered on the second week of June the weather conditions more resemble early Spring than a season of the year usually associated with clear, blue skies and genial sunshine. People are already in a dubious frame of mind as to how the summer is going to turn out, but without venturing anything like a prophecy on that score, it must be said that the long spell of broken weather, to which we have been accustomed, must convince us of the fickleness of our climate, and perhaps at the same time inspire us with hope that a change for the better will soon set in. So far, it is difficult to realise that summer has come. With the exception of a short spell of warm weather during the second half of May, the atmospheric conditions up to this have shown no improvement on those of the early spring, cold and blusterly as they were—and are—with torrential downpours of rain such prevailed all day on yesterday. Everyone sighs for a change; the agriculturist, the city man, and the holiday-maker, who desires to betake himself to the seaside, which holds out little attractions for him at the moment. From the farmer's point of view, if for no other, it is to be hoped that the rainy period will soon disappear. The season is decidedly backward, the three opening months of the year having proved abnormally wet and unfavourable. We are reminded of this fact in the Crop Report of the Department of Agriculture, which reviews field work down to the first of the present month. In consequence of the prolonged rains the soil was in a sodden condition, and at the beginning of April

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Mr. Wyndham was, however, returned unopposed at the general election in December of the same year.

Mr. Wyndham went to Paris a week ago, and on Saturday a telegram was received from him intimating he would arrive in London on Sunday, but shortly afterwards another telegram arrived stating he was laid up with slight congestion of the lungs, and could not travel for two or three days. Yesterday morning the sad news was received that he had died suddenly at ten o'clock on Sunday night at his hotel. The cause of death was heart failure.

Last evening in the House of Commons the Prime Minister and Mr. Balfour paid graceful and fitting tributes to his memory.

DEATH OF MRS. MELVILLE.

We regret to record the death which took place on Saturday evening of Mrs. Melville, wife of Mr. E. F. M. Melville, Manager of the Provincial Bank of Ireland, Limerick. The sad event was not unexpected, the deceased lady having been an invalid for two years or more. Her demise has been heard of with sincere regret by a wide circle of friends, and perhaps in no place more keenly than in Youghal, where she resided for 13 years, her husband having been Manager there for that period up to September last, when he succeeded Mr. Barry in Limerick. Mrs. Melville was a lady of a most kindly and charitable disposition. She was prominently identified with every philanthropic and charitable work at Youghal, and in the poor children of the town she evinced an especial interest. She took the initiative in organising an annual New Year's Feast for the little ones, some four hundred of whom were entertained to a tea and musical treat at the Town Hall, and the heartiest thanks tendered Mrs. Melville for her thoughtfulness and generosity. Indeed, her departure from the town was the occasion of much regret amongst all classes and creeds, with whom she was deservedly a general favourite. The news of her demise has caused deep regret to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance, and sincere sympathy is expressed in Limerick and elsewhere with her respected husband, her son, and relatives in their poignant grief. Mrs. Melville was a daughter of the late Captain Taylor, King's Royal Rifles, Clontarf, Co. Kerry.

The funeral, which was private, took place this morning from Mallow street to the Railway Terminus en route to Youghal, where the burial takes place.

The chief mourners were—Mr. E. F. M. Melville (husband), and Miss Taylor (niece).

The Venerable Archdeacon Hackett was present, and several immediate friends of the family.

PEACE CONFERENCE ENDS.

The peace delegates met at St. James's Palace again yesterday, and the meeting is officially declared to be the last of the series. The delegates' final act before quitting St. James's Palace yesterday afternoon was to drink the health of the King.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Trinity Church and Canon F. Langbridge, Mr. Lean, Rathkeale; J. E. Dean L. O'Brien, St. Mary's; A. H. Orpen, Adare; F. Conon T. B. Robertson, S. R. Ross-Lewin; Kilmurry T. deC. Studdert, Croom; S. Taylor, Kilmallock; Trinity Church; W. C. Dean Beatty, Kilfergus.

LAY—T. D. Atkinson G. Belshaw, A. Blood-Sm Caulfield, F. C. Cleave, R. C. Croker, J. O'G. Delme Finch, C. H. Fitt, Capt. Captain C. Langford, R. Lee, R. T. Lavery, C. Dermot O'Brien, J. Rus Shaw, A. Shier, J. H. Stewart, P. R. Toppin, J. Trench, H. Waller, W. Captain F. T. Verschoy Popham.

Captain Verschoy, minutes of the last Synod Reports were laid on the

The President then said—My Brethren of the again to confer together affect the welfare of this our thankfulness to A country has been exempt war and tumult which h Continental nations dur and that we have been peaceful industries whi resources of our land and peace of our people. passes between the peric some gaps occurring in forms no exception. taken from us. This t in the full vigour of man the post of duty in the played a noble spirit of and, by his personal cou (Hear, hear). As a m which is the most ill-pai ous of all professions services rendered for th showed a lofty courage well be acknowledged Victoria Cross. (Hear Financial Report shows state of things. The been fairly met, and th the Diocese has been restoration by the Re Commutation capital of had been alienated fro (hear) The Diocese l the demands upon i effectually the ministr parish. As regards e and day schools, ins showing a steady adh given to our young Diocesan Education I in full. We would advance made in regar tion of our you in the City of Li the Diocesan Boar grounds of thankful to be an awakening sibility as to this n Church's work, and a tion of this, there vance in the past year supporting "Our Ow