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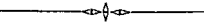
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### THE MONTH.

THE devilish and abominable slander that the Duke of York committed bigamy in marrying Princess May has been repudiated with a just degree of scorn and indignation by the Prince of Wales and by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This malignant and incredible fiction is understood to have arisen simply and solely from the postcard of a lunatic.

Much sympathy will be felt for Dr. Paton, the zealous and philanthropic founder of the National Home Reading Union, in the death of his gifted and promising son by drowning at the recent summer gathering of the Union at Barmouth, North Wales. It is believed that he sacrificed his life in the attempt to save others. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man give his life for his friends."

To the regret of the whole Church Sunday School Institute, the Rev. T. F. Kitto has found it necessary to retire after holding the chairmanship to the satisfaction of all for more than twenty-one years. He has received a handsome recognition of his great services.

Canon Lloyd, Vicar of Newcastle, has been approved by the Queen as Bishop of Thetford, Suffragan of Norwich, on the nomination of Bishop Sheepshanks. It is well known that Canon Lloyd's services to Bishop Ernest Wilberforce have been incalculable, and a like debt may be looked for with regard to Bishop Sheepshanks. Canon Lloyd is a man of energy and vigour, with a robust voice and person. He took his degree at St. Edmund's Hall in 1868, and in the same year became curate of Cholsey, Berks. After holding the curacy of Watlington, Oxon, he was Vicar of Aylesbury from 1876 to 1882. He then became Vicar of the Pro-Cathedral of Newcastle, Rural Dean, Chaplain to the Bishop, and Proctor in Convocation. In 1887 he was made Hon. D.D. by Durham University. He belongs decidedly to the school of Dr. Pusey, and has friendly relations with Nonconformists.

The Bishop of Nyassaland, Dr. Hornby, who was recently consecrated to the missionary supervision of the Universities Mission to Central Africa, has resigned his office in deference to medical advice. It would be well if the advice could have been given before the consecration. Dr. Hornby, who is a young man, belongs to the extreme side of the followers of Dr. Newman.

St. Peter's, Eaton Square, which has hitherto been considered a fairly moderate church, is to have a lofty rood-screen, and a morning chapel with a second "altar."

The Public-house Reform Association has issued a circular signed by the Duke of Westminster, the Bishops of Durham and Chester, Lords Aberdare and Thring, Mr. Chamberlain, Judge "Tom" Hughes, Mr. J. G. Talbot, M.P., and Mr. George Wyndham, M.P., urging "the union and organization of those who, recognising that the public-house of entertainment is necessary for the comfort, recreation, and social intercourse of the people, are convinced that reform rather than abolition must be the aim of a sound temperance policy; and the extension to licensed victualling of the familiar English method of placing affairs of exceptional public concern in public hands, giving to their management the character of a public trust, and eliminating from it as far as possible the motive of private gain; and the diffusing of information as to the working and results of the Scandinavian Licensing System, and of the kindred system of military canteens, with a view to securing legal facilities for a fair trial on suitably modified lines in our own country. Subscription, 2s. 6d.; secretary, the Lord Bishop of Chester, the Palace, Chester.

The disused and unnecessary site of the Church of All Hallows, Thames Street, London, E.C., has been sold for £13,000. The net proceeds will be given to the erection of the Church of All Hallows, Hampstead, for the Rev. Charles Mackeson. The beautiful woodwork has gone mainly to the Church of St. Margaret, Lothbury, of which Canon Ingram is the efficient and energetic Rector.

The East London Church Fund shows a decrease of £1,430, as compared with this time last year. At every recent meeting in its support papers have been distributed at the door showing that it supports curacies in churches where the worship of images is inculcated.

A comprehensive report on the subject of divorce has been issued by the Convocation of York. It may be obtained by writing to the Registrar of Convocation, York.

A new Church House for Hendon has been opened by the Marchioness of Salisbury, the foundation of which was prepared by the late learned and lamented Vicar, Prebendary Scrivener.

Mr. Gladstone has lately been writing an interesting article on the place of heresy and schism in the modern Christian Church. He suggests that this is a matter in which the Catholic Church may review and alter its early position. The question is better solved by the Scriptural view that the Catholic Church is rather a principle, or ideal body, to which various Christian communities approach in different degrees of perfection and imperfection.

The Dowager Lady Forester, whose personal property was sworn under £100,000, left the following legacies: To King's College Hospital and to St. George's Hospital, £1,000 each; to the Salop Infirmary and the Trowbridge Dispensary, £1,000 each; to the National Orphan Home, £1,000; to the inmates of the Barrow Almshouses, Salop, £500.

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#### ERRATUM.

In Article V. of the *CHURCHMAN* for August, page 589, line 2 from top, for "It cannot tell us," read "It *can* tell us."