

THE MONTH.

THE preparations for the Jubilee Thanksgiving Services and rejoicings are being carried on (June 18th) with enthusiasm throughout the country.

In his laudatory addresses at Swansea Mr. Gladstone went to great lengths in bidding for the support of the Welsh people.

The tithe agitation in Wales has assumed, here and there, somewhat formidable proportions.

An instruction to the Committee on the Irish Crimes Bill to report to the House on the 17th, at 10 o'clock, was carried by a majority of 152. When the Chairman rose to put the question, at the appointed time, the Parnellite members rose and marched out of the House.

With sincere regret we record the death of Dr. Rowley Hill, Bishop of Sodor and Man.¹

The result of the Committee Meeting of the C.M.S. on the Jerusalem bishopric question is matter of thankfulness amongst the friends of this grand Society. The sound and conciliatory resolutions, moved by the President, and seconded by Sir Emilius Laurie, were unanimously accepted.

At the Canterbury Diocesan Conference, in his opening address, the Archbishop spoke of reform of the Ecclesiastical Courts and of obedience to the Law. On the latter point his Grace said :

We are commonly so absorbed in the subject of the moment, that when not before us such a case seems incredible or almost accidental ; we are so excitable that when it comes every case seems the most extreme that ever befell. Yet even so we might surely observe a state of things very near us which constitutes a tremendous warning to good men against entering on a career of continuous disobedience without some irrefragable necessity. But few men are so profoundly Christian as to adopt the genuine apostolic canon, "Ye must needs be subject (*i.e.*, to a law you do not approve), not only of wrath but also of conscience sake."

The Austrian and Hungarian papers, says a Vienna correspondent, are filled with laudatory articles about Queen Victoria. The Jubilee is spoken of as the "Golden wedding of Sovereign and people," and England is praised as the land of freedom by whose example every Continental country has been able to learn and profit.

In the *Débats*, M. John Lemoine writes on the wonderful display of loyalty which England and Greater Britain are now giving to the world. He says :

Happy the people who, having a past of historical greatness, are able at a given day and a given hour to pour out from their inmost heart the same good wishes, sing in chorus the same hymn, and drink the same health in unison. There will not exist on that day one corner of the inhabited globe in which "God save the Queen" will not be sung by a whole people or by isolated individuals. The Jubilee is essentially an English *fête*, but as there are English all over the world, the *fête* will be a universal one.

¹ Archdeacon Blakeney, Vicar of Sheffield, at a York gathering, said : " I feel that I must refer to the great loss which the Church has sustained by the removal from amongst us of the much-loved Bishop Rowley Hill. He was as well-known and respected in this diocese as in his own diocese in the Isle of Man. For nearly fourteen years he has been connected with this county—first as Vicar of Sheffield, and since his elevation to the higher office of a bishop he has assisted our revered Archbishop in his confirmations, which have brought him more or less in contact with many of the clergy. He was a man beloved by all parties in the Church, although he held very decided opinions, and had the courage to declare them. His noble and generous nature seemed to soften any asperity in those who did not agree with him in views."