

THE MONTH.

PARLIAMENT was prorogued on the 16th. The Allotments Bill, as we hoped, has been carried. The Tithe question is to be dealt with early next session.

Mr. Gladstone's motion for an Address to the Crown, praying that the proclamation of the National League might not be carried out, was rejected by 272 to 195.

Mr. Bridge, the Welsh Tithe Commissioner, in his Report, points out that many distressed clergy have been obliged to grant reductions which they can ill afford in order to secure the payment of any tithe at all; but that in districts where the landlords pay the tithe no difficulties have arisen. This he believes to indicate "the best mode of escaping the present difficulties which surround the tithe question."

The Bishop of Manchester has appointed a Diocesan Missioner. (In how many Dioceses is there any Diocesan organization for Mission work?)

In the Annual Pastoral Address to the Wesleyan societies throughout Great Britain appears this paragraph :

The non-political character of our Church is very precious to us, and we are anxious to preserve it intact, and trust that nothing may ever occur among us to derogate from it or to shade it. Strongly should we deprecate any attempt at banding together as Wesleyans in party action, for our neutrality would become destroyed by such action, and the peace and prosperity of our Church-life would suffer. Let the old tradition prevail still—no politics in our Connection—a tradition so much in keeping with the saying of the Lord, "My kingdom is not of this world." Then shall we the better preserve "the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," and live and labour together as brethren in the Lord.

Dr. Bardsley was consecrated Bishop of Sodor and Man at York Minster on St. Bartholomew's Day.

An interesting letter from Canon Jellett, touching the Church of Ireland, has appeared in the *Times*. Dr. Jellett says :

The Church of Ireland . . . was independent of the Church of England, with its own laws and canons. It was united to the Church of England in 1800, and then there was "the United Church of England and Ireland." It was disunited by the Act of 1869, and became what it had been before—"the Church of Ireland." There is no other legal name that can be given to it.

Under the heading "Increase of the Episcopate: how should it be attempted?" the *Guardian* has an able article, concluding thus :

As for the funds, we confidently hope that the Bishops will set the example; some by prompt offers of transference of income along with transfer of claims; and others by submitting, for the sake of the vast interests at stake, to a taxation of their present revenues.

Bishop Perry, of Iowa, has been elected to the see vacant in the Canadian Church.

In the *Record* of the 16th appears an interesting report of a C.M.S. meeting at Keswick (the Bishop of London presiding), with a speech by the Rev. F. E. Wigram, just returned from his long tour.