

## THE MONTH.

THE Church Congress seems to have been a decided success. "Of party spirit," says the *Guardian*, "there was hardly any trace in the proceedings from first to last." "The prevailing temper," says the *Record*, "has been marked by bright hopefulness, mutual forbearance, and resolute self-devotion to the task of subduing all things to the Lord of all." The Presidential Address by the Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Maclagan), the opening sermon by the Bishop of Durham, and the Bishop of Carlisle's sermon (in Lichfield Cathedral), will richly repay a careful perusal. Canon Westcott's paper worthily opened the subject of the Epistle to the Hebrews. One most encouraging feature of the Congress was reverence for God's Holy Word, with spirituality and regard to dutiful work at home and abroad. The Wolverhampton Committee had resolved on several innovations, and the results as a whole were satisfactory. The discussion on "Socialism and Christianity" will at all events attract attention to a subject of increasing importance.

Due tributes of respect have been paid to the memory of Dr. Swainson, Lady Margaret, Professor of Divinity, and Master of Christ's College, Cambridge.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Swainson recently contributed three papers to THE CHURCHMAN, and he kindly read, at our request, the proofs of several articles and reviews.

Mr. Chamberlain's "Unionist" visit to Ulster has been eminently successful.

Some remarkable letters have appeared in the *Times* concerning the situation in Wales. "The seeds of agitation sown by Mr. Gladstone," says the *Saturday Review*, "are growing apace into noxious weeds." Yesterday (the 19th) Mr. Gladstone (at Nottingham) positively pronounced for Disestablishment in Wales.

The C.M.S. gatherings in London on the 10th and following days were marked by special interest. The *Record*, for instance, says:

The Valedictory Dismissal of twenty-six missionaries at St. James's Hall will not soon be forgotten. . . . Sir John Kennaway, in the chair, was supported by Bishop Blyth and a large gathering of faces familiar enough at Exeter Hall in May. After a hymn, the Rev. R. Lang read a passage of Scripture, and Canon Girdlestone offered prayer. . . . The more general Instructions of the Committee were then delivered by the Rev. F. E. Wigram. In their suggestive hints to the missionaries these Instructions seemed to bear marks of the new experience of the missionary's difficulties and temptations which the committee now command through Mr. Wigram.

With sincere regret we record the death of the Rev. Edward Garbett, a valued co-worker and friend. Of his work and character mention in these pages will hereafter be made.

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<sup>1</sup> Professor Swainson's "Liturgies" was reviewed in THE CHURCHMAN of October, 1884. He wrote to us in warm terms about the papers on the "Eucharistic Sacrifice" (CHURCHMAN, vol. x., pp. 142, 217, 295), as very able, learned, and free from prejudice. The present writer may add a word of personal esteem and respect, dating from the time when Dr. Swainson was Prebendary of Chichester.