

THE MONTH.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury has issued invitations for the Conference of "Bishops of the Anglican Communion to be held at Lambeth" in the summer of next year.

Lord Hartington and Mr. Goschen have been heartily welcomed at Unionist meetings in Dublin.

To Mr. Gladstone's remarks on Home Rule and Disestablishment the Prime Minister referred at Oxford. Lord Salisbury said :

Many years ago there was a representative of the University to whom the friends of the Church of England were deeply and passionately attached. If you had told him then that the time would come when, for the sake of forwarding a party object, he would sacrifice the Church in Wales, and that as regards the Church of England he would simply have said that the time for sacrificing it had not yet come, he would have replied, as was replied by Jehu of old, "Is thy servant a dog that he should do this thing?"

St. Mark's, Swansea, has been consecrated : the third permanent church completed by Canon Allan Smith since he became Vicar of Swansea, three years ago.

An appeal, dated "Salisbury Square, December 2,"¹ signed by Mr. Fenn, Mr. Gray, Mr. Wigram, and Mr. Lang, opens thus :

The prominent attention recently drawn to the subject of Mohammedan Missions has led the Committee of the C.M.S., after careful and prayerful thought, to resolve on making a solemn and earnest appeal for men to strengthen the work in the Society's Mohammedan Missions generally, and, if possible, to extend it.

Of Dr. Stokes, Lucasian Professor of Mathematics, Cambridge, and P.R.S., the *National Church* says :

Cambridge University has done itself honour by electing Professor Stokes as its Parliamentary representative. It has been already pointed out that the new member now enjoys the threefold distinction which formerly belonged to Sir Isaac Newton.

The death of Dr. Scott, Dean of Rochester, has removed one of the ripest Greek scholars of the age.

At a Church Defence meeting at Harrow, the first resolution was moved by Lord Selborne, and seconded by Mr. R. Bosworth Smith.

The Rev. Herbert Ryle, Principal of Lampeter, we gladly note, has been elected Hulsean Professor of Divinity, Cambridge.

Canon Scott Robertson, in his Annual Summary, states that the British Isles contributed less, by £33,237, to Foreign Missionary work, for the year 1886, than they did for 1885. The total for 1886 is £1,195,714. Of this amount, £486,082 was contributed through Church of England societies ; £193,617 through unsectarian or joint societies ; £330,128 through Nonconformist societies ; £177,184 through Scotch and Irish Presbyterian societies ; and £8,703 through Roman Catholic societies.

¹ A letter in the *Times* from Mr. Eugene Stock thus concludes : "Our business is not with success or failure. It is simply to do our duty. If our methods are faulty, we are quite ready to be taught how to improve them, for all human works are imperfect. But one thing we decline to do. We decline to proclaim a Christianity divested of all its characteristic features. The Christianity we preach is the Christianity of St. Paul and St. John. It has proved its power over the minds and hearts and lives of African, Asiatic, American Indian, and Polynesian : of Mohammedan, Brahmin, Buddhist, and pure pagan. That is the Christianity which will ultimately triumph, and to that, *pace* Canon Taylor and Mr. Thomson, we intend steadfastly to adhere."