

THE MONTH.

THE President's address, in the morning meeting of the Church Missionary Society, was worthy of the time. "We go forward on the old lines," said Sir John Kennaway. "We stand on the old principles which have called down blessing, and which, under God, have made the Society what it is." Admirable addresses were given by the Bishop of Rochester, the Master of Trinity (Dr. Butler), Sir Rivers Thompson, K.C.S.I., the Bishop of Waipu, and others. At the evening meeting (the Bishop of Sodor and Man in the chair), Mr. Wigram read a telegram which (he said) reached Salisbury Square that afternoon: "Blackburn dead; ill ten days. Bishop Parker dead, ten days later; same sickness; ill one day."

At the anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Earl of Harrowby, President, in the chair, the adoption of the Report (a portion of which only was read) was moved by the Lord Chancellor. An effective speech was also made by Prebendary Edmonds, in the absence of Mr. Spurgeon.

The Bishop of Rochester moved the first resolution at the Church Pastoral Aid meeting.

On the proposed Supplement to the Church Catechism, carried by a majority of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury, a paper by Bishop Perry appeared in the *CHURCHMAN* of December last. The said Supplement, being brought before the Upper House, was dismissed their Lordships being unable to consider it—

as they cannot regard it as regular and desirable that synodical validity should be given to formularies professing to set forth the doctrine of the Church for drawing up and circulation of which the consent of the President had not been applied for and obtained.

The Church (or *Clergy*) Discipline Bill has been recast and improved. The alterations made, which are important, are mainly in the direction of the resolutions carried recently in the House of Laymen, on the motion of Mr. Chancellor Dibdin.¹

At the meeting of the Central Council of Diocesan Conferences, an "extremely interesting" paper on the Tithe Bills (says the *Guardian*) was read by Mr. Stevens, Vicar of Portslade. Chancellor Espin (Prolocutor of York) "agreed almost entirely" with what had fallen from Mr. Stevens. As to the adoption of the triennial average, there will be some delay.

The Pope has condemned boycotting and the Plan of Campaign.

¹ In a very able article on the amended Discipline Bill, the *Record* says: "With regard to the veto, it seems incapable of serious defence; at any rate it never gets it."