

THE MONTH.

THE Archbishop of Canterbury gave judgment, on the 11th, on the protest entered by the Bishop of Lincoln against his Grace's jurisdiction. The conclusion of the judgment (singularly full and lucid) runs thus :

The Court, therefore, although by an entirely different line of inquiry, has arrived at the same conclusion which was arrived at on purely legal principles by the unanimous judgment of the Lord High Chancellor, with four Judges and five Bishops, who constituted the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to advise her Majesty in August, 1888. The Court decides that it has jurisdiction in this case, and therefore overrules the protest.

The *Record* says :

We doubt whether anyone has been surprised at the decision of the Archbishop in the Lincoln case. It was a foregone conclusion in any English Court of Justice that the St. David's case, so pertinaciously fought and so often reheard nearly two hundred years ago, should be followed in all subsequent cases. Lord Chief Justice Holt may have been wrong, as Bishop King's counsel stoutly maintain he was; but it is surely rather late in the day to find it out. The interest and importance of the Primate's judgment, which on all hands is agreed to show rare power and ability, seem to us to consist not so much in the result it lays down as in the road by which he reached that result.

The *Guardian* says :

The claim maintained by the Archbishop in his judgment, by virtue of his Metropolitan authority and by that alone, to cite, try, and sentence one of his Suffragans, is undoubtedly what is called, in slang language, "a large order." Even by those who may have thought it inevitable, after the Watson case had been so distinctly accepted by the books as a precedent, it is yet felt as a surprise, in the sense in which a thing is often a surprise, when after being only talked about it becomes a reality. . . . Bishops, then, who in spite of the alleged anarchy, are still looked upon with great reverence, as almost irresponsible in what they say and do officially, are, it seems, as much at the mercy of the law as the presbyters and deacons whom they have occasionally sent before the courts.

By a majority of 53 (284 to 231) Mr. Dillwyn's motion against "the Church of England in Wales" was rejected. The amendment, after an admirable speech, was moved by Mr. Byron Reed.

The Bishop of London, we record with pleasure, has appointed the Rev. William Sinclair to the Archdeaconry of London.

The death of the Rev. Lord Sidney Godolphin Osborne (the famous "S. G. O." of the *Times*) has called forth tributes of respect on every side. Lord Sidney recently contributed a paper to the CHURCHMAN.

We have pleasure in inserting the following letter from Captain Kearney White, on the Scripture Readers' Society for Ireland :

May I entreat the kind attention of your readers to an advertisement which appears in another part of your valuable magazine? It is with great reluctance that we have to appeal for special assistance at this time, but, under the circumstances, it will be seen to be unavoidable. If the example which has been so generously set by those whose names appear is promptly followed, the committee will soon be relieved from the burden at present pressing upon them, and the necessity of reducing the number of their faithful Scripture Readers. The Archbishop wrote the following weighty words :

"The Palace, Stephen's Green, Dublin,
"16th April, 1889.

"DEAR CAPTAIN KEARNEY WHITE,

"I trust that the effort you are making to extricate the Scripture Readers' Society from its present financial difficulties may, through God's blessing, be crowned with success.

"Yours faithfully,
"PLUNKET, DUBLIN."