

## THE MONTH.

IN the Upper House of the Southern Convocation it was decided to reprint the Book of Family Prayers. In the Lower House Archdeacon Farrar, in a remarkable speech, moved the adoption of the following resolution, which was carried :

That, in the opinion of this House, the time has come when the Church can, with advantage, avail herself of the voluntary self-devotion of Brotherhoods, both clerical and lay, the members of which are willing to labour in the service of the Church without appealing for funds to any form of public support.

Canon Girdlestone, the learned Principal of Wycliffe Hall, has received some tokens of the "universal respect and veneration" for the work so quietly and efficiently done during his twelve years' residence in Oxford.<sup>1</sup>

The New Code, we gladly note, has been withdrawn. Next year its objectionable details will probably be modified.

At the annual meeting of the Home Reunion Society, the Bishop of Carlisle presided, in the absence of the President, the Bishop of Winchester. Professor Sir George Stokes, M.P., moved the second resolution, as follows :

That the Home Reunion Society deserves the support of all Churchpeople in its endeavours to carry out the wishes expressed in the resolutions of the Lambeth Conference, for closer intercourse with all those who are bound together by indissoluble bonds in a common belief in the Incarnation.

The Bishop of Manchester, at his Primary Visitation, spoke, as one would expect, of his predecessor (Bishop Fraser), and Canon Bardsley. The Charge is to be published, and we shall quote his Lordship's words.

Dr. Taylor succeeds Mr. Lefroy as Archdeacon of Warrington.

The venerable F. C. Cook, Canon of Exeter, Editor of the *Speaker's Commentary*, has entered into rest.

Another contributor to THE CHURCHMAN, the Rev. J. M. Braithwaite, Vicar of Croydon, a most earnest and efficient worker, in the prime of manhood, died suddenly in his study. At the Canterbury Diocesan Conference, Canon Elwyn (Master of the Charterhouse) moved :

That this conference desires to record its deep sense of the irreparable loss that the conference and the whole diocese have sustained in the sudden removal from his important sphere of duty of the Rev. J. M. Braithwaite, late vicar of Croydon. That his Grace be humbly requested to communicate to the family of Mr. Braithwaite the deep sympathy of the conference with them in their sad bereavement.

The *Guardian* says :

The revolt of the Radicals from Mr. Gladstone is certainly the most notable event in the present session. It is attended, indeed, with profuse assurances of undiminished allegiance—assurances which are so far made good that they are still willing to follow him when he goes a way they like. But the substance and essentials of leadership have vanished. His opinion goes for nothing ; his decision is not taken as final ; his nominal followers speak against him in debate, and vote against him in divisions. There is no question on which Mr. Gladstone holds so exceptional a position as the question of grants to members of the Royal Family. His unequalled Parliamentary and Ministerial experience, and the wonderful memory which keeps the results of that experience constantly within call, give him an authority on the subject which might have been supposed to lie beyond all risk of dispute. . . . The distinctly Republican note which ran through the Radical speeches yesterday week—Mr. Bradlaugh's only exception—marks the appearance of a new motive in English politics.

<sup>1</sup> *Record*, July 12.