

## THE MONTH.

THE Dean of Peterborough's proposal is still being discussed, chiefly by critics of the Protestant Church Alliance.

The *Guardian* (of the 7th) and the *Record* (of the 16th) refer to the paper on Home Reunion in the August CHURCHMAN. The *Guardian*, in an article headed "Churchmen in Council," says :

There are two points connected with the Dean of Peterborough's proposal to which it is important to call attention before it encounters that detailed consideration which it will doubtless receive in the autumn. The first is by whom it can best be put forward. There is a natural wish on the part of Churchmen in Council to make their ranks as inclusive as possible. . . . The other point we wish to notice is the necessity of keeping the project completely dissociated from all schemes of Prayer-book Revision or Home Reunion. The chief merit of the Dean of Peterborough's proposal is that it leaves the Prayer-Book untouched. . . . We have added the disclaimer of any connection with Home Reunion, because Mr. Philip Smith, in an interesting paper in the current CHURCHMAN, seeks to associate this scheme with that attributed to Churchmen in Council.

The *Record*, in an article headed "The new Bishop of Sydney, and referring to Reunion, says :

The appearance in this month's CHURCHMAN of a careful and exceedingly interesting sketch of the present position and probable direction of the movement, from the pen of Mr. P. V. Smith, is in itself a good sign, and will well repay careful perusal. The writer is cautious without falling into the common mistake of supposing that a few safe platitudes are all that the reader expects from a writer who undertakes a difficult subject. Every part of Mr. Smith's article may possibly not receive universal assent, but he deals with the matter on the right lines, and with marked moderation. We could hardly desire a better basis for discussion of this urgently important topic ; for we hope to see Evangelical Churchmen at home actively interesting themselves and co-operating with their brethren in the Colonies in promoting the reconciliation of the Protestant Churches.

With much pleasure we record the appointment of Canon Saumarez Smith, D.D., to the Bishopric of Sydney and the Primacy of Australia. As Principal of St. Aidan's he has been most successful, and he is very generally esteemed as a divine of marked ability, of spirituality and common sense. A valuable essay from his pen, "Christ or Muhammad," was published in a recent CHURCHMAN.

The Government, on the 14th, changed front over the Tithes Bill. Instead of "occupier" was to be read "owner." The result of obstruction and mismanagement is the loss of the Bill.

The recent visit of the Archbishop of Cyprus to England was an occasion of many expressions of goodwill. The *Record* says :

This excellent prelate has rendered very valuable services to Bible circulation in Cyprus ; and his influence in the future promises to be equally important. His letter of thanks for the Bible in modern Greek, which was presented to him, is most cordial.

The *Methodist Recorder* was "much gratified" by a friendly reference to the Wesleyan Conference made by Archdeacon Blakeney, Vicar of Sheffield, in the course of a sermon in the Parish Church.<sup>1</sup> The *Methodist Recorder* adds :

It was our privilege to worship at the Parish Church on Sunday week. We found the church full, and nearly everyone was seated before the service opened. With every part of the service we were greatly pleased. The reading of the prayers and lessons was beautifully reverential, and the manner of the congregation throughout was orderly and devout. The anthem, "They that go down to the sea in ships," was rendered with exquisite taste, and the hymn before the sermon, "O, come to Me, ye weary, and I will give you rest," was sung with great meaning and power.

<sup>1</sup> When preaching upon the work of the Holy Ghost, the Ven. Archdeacon told his flock it was their privilege to offer up fervent prayer that the deliberations of the servants of God then assembled in the town might be guided and blessed by the Divine Spirit.