

THE MONTH.

THE second reading of the Irish Land Purchase Bill was carried by a majority of eighty, after a speech by Mr. Balfour of remarkable debating power.

Mr. Gladstone, in a speech on Dr. Cameron's motion, has at last pronounced for Disestablishment in Scotland.

The majority on the second reading of the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill (which this year openly interferes with ecclesiastical law) was 67.

At the Rochester Diocesan Conference, the "Churchmen in Council" resolution was carried; but in London it was rejected, after an impressive speech against it by Dr. Wace.

Archdeacon Denison, in his *gravamen* and Charge, has pronounced a strong censure on "Lux Mundi."

At the consecration of Bishop Westcott, in Westminster Abbey, the sermon was preached by Dr. Hort.

Mr. Stanley has been heartily welcomed in London at enormous and distinguished meetings.

At a special meeting of the Standing Committee of the National Society the New Code was criticised and commended.

In an article on the annual meeting of the S.P.G., the *Guardian* refers to the appeal for the Corean Mission made by Bishop Corfe:

No one who knows the unselfish enthusiasm which animates the supporters of the C.M.S., and the noble work which is being done for it in such regions as Equatorial Africa, or the extreme North-West of Canada, can doubt that, were such an appeal as Bishop Corfe's made by the Church Missionary Society, volunteers would come forward in at least sufficient numbers. If the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel is to depend for support mainly upon the High Church section in the country, it may at least fairly expect that when an opportunity is given, under the most direct sanction of the spiritual authorities of the Church, for a special manifestation of self-sacrifice and devotion, High Churchmen, who at home are certainly not deficient in these qualities, should come forward to accept the task.

The Bishop of Wakefield has written to his rural deans saying that, although the forthcoming judgment of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Bishop of Lincoln's case will have no legal force in the Northern Province, it will have great moral weight, and he trusts that his clergy will carry out its decisions.

Canon Liddon has declined the see of St. Albans.

In the *Record* appears, as usual, an excellent report of the May Meetings. At the Bible Society anniversary a remarkable speech was made by the Archbishop of York.