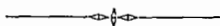


Testament," and Wace's "The Gospel and its Witnesses," will yet enjoy this; and to lay readers, probably, it will prove especially welcome."

Methodism and the Church of England, "a Comparison," by a Layman (Griffith, Farran and Co.), is decidedly worth reading. The author, once a Wesleyan, puts his points well.

No. 64 of the "Present Day Tracts" (R. T. S.) is Dr. Blaikie's "The Psalms compared with Hymns of Different Religions."

The Church in the Mirror of History, or, "Studies on the Progress of Christianity," by Dr. Sell, of Darmstadt (T. and T. Clark), is attractive and informing. Dr. Sell, one may add, wrote the "Memoir of H.R.H. Princess Alice."



THE MONTH.

THE Clergy Discipline Bill (a great improvement on the Bill of 1888) was read a second time, without opposition, in the House of Lords. Archbishop Magee strongly supported the measure. We hope it will pass in the present Session.

The Lords' Amendments to the Tithe Bill, it is feared, may raise difficulties—*i.e.* delay—in the House of Commons.

The Centenary of John Wesley's death (March 2nd) was kept by Wesleyans throughout the country with enthusiasm. At the City Road gathering an address was delivered by Archdeacon Farrar.

Mr. Spurgeon has withdrawn from the Liberation Society, and refused the use of his Tabernacle for its annual meeting.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who at once signified his readiness to investigate the difficulties between Bishop Blyth and the C.M.S., has addressed a letter to the President of the Society.

The nation's expenditure in drink for 1890 is £139,495,470, an increase of £7,282,194 over that for 1889.

The Government has announced the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the relations between capital and labour.

Canon Creighton, D.D., has been elected Bishop of Peterborough.

At a conference held in the Church House, Westminster, on Higher Religious Education, nearly all the Dioceses of the Southern Province being represented, the Archbishop strongly advocated the movement. (See the *CHURCHMAN*, vol. iv., n. s., p. 17, "Higher Religious Education," by Canon E. R. Bernard.)

At an influential gathering in London, under the presidency of Sir George Stokes, M.P., the Archbishop of Dublin gave an account of a recent visit to the stations of Count Campello's Mission. His Grace spoke of the excellent and steady growth of the work which is being done by Count Campello.

Mr. Parnell's Manifesto to the Irish people in America, just issued, concludes thus :

With confidence even greater than in 1880, I appeal to you once more to . . . help me in securing a really independent Parliamentary Party, so that we may make one more, even though it be our very last, effort to win freedom and prosperity for our nation by Constitutional means.