

THE MONTH.

THE May Meetings seem to have been on the whole very successful, though the attendance was somewhat disappointing. Of the C.M.S. anniversary, the Bishop of Exeter, who has now attended forty, says it is the best.

On the C.M.S. platform the Archbishop of Canterbury referred to the death of the Archbishop of York, Dr. Magee, and the illness of Canon Cadman. His Grace said :

With the Archbishop of York I have been united not only by the admiration that all had for his extraordinarily brilliant gifts of mind and speech, and for that zeal which has shown itself indeed in public, but which those who knew him in private knew to be burning with a most ardent flame at the bottom of his heart ; but I have also been united with him for many years in a warm friendship. Then the dear name which has just been announced to you is the name of one of my closest-loved and most affectionate chaplains.

Canon Cadman died on the 12th. The Archbishop of York died in London after a short illness.

At the Bible Society Meeting, the chief speakers were : Sir T. Fowell Buxton, Rev. J. E. C. Welldon, Rev. Dr. Dale, and the well-known Missionary Rev. W. G. Lawes.¹

The Lord Chancellor presided at the anniversary of the Church Army, and made a very encouraging speech.

The Land Purchase Bill has taken up nearly the whole time of the House of Commons.

The influenza epidemic has been, and still is, serious.

The *Guardian* gives good advice to Tithe-owners :

An attempt is being made in many parts of the country to frustrate the essential purpose of the new Act, to retain tenant farmers as conduit pipes of landlords, to render the tithe-owners' sacrifice nugatory, to replace in the hands of agitators their ancient weapon. A solicitor, for instance, writes to a tithe-owner on behalf of the landlord, suggesting that it would save trouble to all persons concerned if the tenant farmer paid the tithe rent-charge as heretofore. We think that such applications should be in all cases refused, and that all tithe-owners should stand together by the new Act.

The Bishop of Peterborough has conferred the Chancellorship of the Diocese upon Mr. G. H. Blakesley, of Lincoln's Inn, a son of the late Dean of Lincoln.

The Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. Maclagan, is appointed to the Archbishopric of York.

¹ The progress of toleration in Spain was illustrated (we quote from the Madrid correspondence of the *Daily News*) by the presence of reporters from the principal Madrid papers of all shades at the opening of the new depôt of the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Rev. John Jameson showed his Spanish guests copies of translations of the Bible in 200 languages and dialects. He was able to tell them that the Bible had been translated into Basque, Kalo, Catalan, and other Peninsular and colonial dialects of their own nationality, and that 70,000 Bibles, Testaments, and tracts had been sold or distributed in Spain during 1890 by the Bible Society's agent.