

## THE MONTH.

THE *Record's* remarks on the Lincoln Case are just and timely :

The arguments in support of the appeal occupied nine days—one day longer than the trial of the case on its merits in the Archbishop's Court. . . . Sir Horace Davey and Dr. Tristram had the field all to themselves. Their task was not, however, a light one ; for, the Bishop not being represented, the judges naturally had frequently to interrupt Counsel to put before him the strongest argument they could suggest in opposition to his contention, in order that he might deal with it, and thus assist the Court at arriving at its decision. . . . The attitude of all loyal Churchmen at this juncture should be one of decorous reserve, not without prayer that the action of the Queen's advisers may rightly be directed for the welfare of both Church and State.

In regard to the C.M.S., a paper on Proselytizing in Palestine, signed by Archdeacon Denison and others, has been presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury.<sup>1</sup>

The visit of the German Emperor and Empress appears to have been an entire success.

The debates on the Government scheme of Free or Assisted Education, in Parliament and outside, have, on the whole, been encouraging to the supporters of Voluntary Schools.

The result of the Carlow election has been a serious defeat for the Parnellites proper, and an encouragement to the other division, led at present by Mr. M'Carthy. That Home Rule means Rome Rule has long been plain enough for those who understand the influence of the Papal clergy in Ireland. The Prime Minister, at a recent meeting, said :

What we have seen in Ireland has revealed to us the real springs of action—the real forces which guide this movement. I do not believe that the Home Rule movement in itself was ever, for any large section of the population, a sincere and genuine aspiration. (Cheers.) At the beginning of this Parliament, and for some time before, it was associated with, and really represented by, an agrarian speculation. (Cheers.) But the agrarian speculation depended upon the sustenance of American gold, and the sustenance of American gold has failed. (Hear, hear.) What was an agrarian speculation has now become a clerical conspiracy. (Cheers.) The support of the agrarian speculation came from America. I will not tell you where the support of the clerical conspiracy comes from, but I am quite certain of this, that the more events develop themselves, the more the real machinery is brought into the light and the lineaments of our true opponents are betrayed to us, the more certainly, though slowly, will the feelings of the people of this country be awakened, and they will respond to their old traditions and to the responsibilities which they have always acknowledged. (Cheers.) I cannot believe—it seems utterly impossible—that the people of Great Britain are going to hand over the Protestants of the North of Ireland and the Protestants scattered throughout Ireland, to this clerical conspiracy—(cheers)—whose machinery, whose mode of actions, whose designs, and whose omnipotence, have been conspicuously betrayed by the events that have been so recently enacted before us.

The Dean of Norwich has been speaking with refreshing frankness on the weakness of our Cathedral system.

Rev. the Hon. E. Carr-Glyn, Vicar and Rural Dean of Kensington, has been elected Proctor in the room of Canon Cadman.

<sup>1</sup> Archdeacon Denison has addressed a letter to the Archbishop on the book "Lux Mundi." Paragraph 13 runs thus : "In sum, then, we are asked by 'Lux Mundi' to believe that the only safe guide in respect of portions of the Old Scriptures, whether they be or be not of Divine authority, and in respect of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, whether it were eternal or limited, is to be found in the conclusions of the Literary Critic of the New Criticism for the time being."