

THE MONTH.

THE consecration of Truro Cathedral was an event of the deepest interest. The Primate's sermon was worthy of the occasion. H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall was present.

Lord Selborne's excellent speech at Lampeter, on the Church in Wales, has been published by the Church Defence Institution. A Memorandum on the present attack on the Church in Wales has received the signatures of leading and influential Churchmen.

At the Peterboro' Diocesan Conference, the Bishop, dealing with the financial aspect of Reform, declared himself in favour of a very large measure of redistribution of incomes. But redistribution cannot do enough. "The income which enabled the Church to deal with the population a hundred years ago, will not enable it to deal with the population of the present day."

At Liverpool, the Bishop spoke of "Mission" work. He said :

It is only thirty years ago that I had the high honour of taking part in the first mission service which, I believe, was ever held. It was held for six evenings successively in St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, and Dr. M'Nelle, Dr. Miller, and myself were the preachers. That week's effort was regarded as a very dubious experiment, and many predicted failure. But now, at the end of thirty years, Special Missions have become an organized institution of the Church of England.

The *Record*, November 11th, has an able article on "A Second Suffragan for London."

At the anniversary of the South-Eastern Clerical and Lay Alliance (President, the Dean of Canterbury), a very gratifying account was given of their great and growing educational institution at Ramsgate. The success of the South-Eastern College is probably unparalleled.¹ The interesting *Report* of the able and devoted Head-Master, Mr. D'Auquier, is in every respect encouraging.

The *Spectator* has written strongly touching Canon Isaac Taylor's criticisms on Missionary effort :—

The *bourgeois* notion of payment by results was surely never carried so far. The fact that missionaries have converted few Mahomedans is no more an argument against missionary effort than the fact that Christians, with all the aid of all the Christian powers of this world, have never converted the Jews is an argument against Christianity.

In the *Sword and Trowel*, Mr. Spurgeon, with honourable frankness, announces his retirement from the Baptist Union.

¹ The Rev. E. D'Auquier, M.A., Head-Master, said :—" It is a source of the deepest satisfaction to me to be able once more to report upon the continued success and prosperity of the great work which has been entrusted to my care. It will be exactly eight years to-morrow, day for day, since the College opened, or rather since our first pupils arrived. . . . When we look back upon those eight years and see the work which has been accomplished in that time, we cannot help feeling that the hand of God has been with us in a singular way, and that we have been blessed with blessings which ought to fill our hearts with thankfulness. Since we met last October our numbers have again increased. We now have a total of 242 boys, as against 222 last year, being a net increase of 20. Of these 188 are in the College proper, and 54 in the Junior Department. . . . I do earnestly hope that before long the way may be made clear by which the building may be finished. The want of complete buildings is increasingly felt, and it is not too much to say that, until these are provided, the full development of the South Eastern College must necessarily be seriously crippled."