

THE MONTH.

AT a great Unionist banquet in Edinburgh, in honour of Mr. Balfour, the Chief Secretary of Ireland, the right hon. gentleman ridiculed "the frantic nightmare consisting of four Parliaments and four Executives."

The Stanley Relief Expedition arrived in triumph at Zanzibar on the 11th. Mr. Stanley received the following message from the Queen :

My thoughts are often with you and your brave followers, whose dangers and hardships are now at an end. Once more I heartily congratulate all, including the survivors of the gallant Zanzibaris who displayed such devotion and fortitude during your marvellous expedition. I trust that Emin Pasha progresses favourably.—V. R. I.

In a leading article on a Special Correspondent's letters about the "Anti-Tithe Agitation in Wales," the *Guardian* says :

The facts and figures contained in these three letters establish three points beyond the possibility of doubt. First, the Welsh clergy have been reduced by the anti-tithe agitation to a state of destitution which borders closely upon absolute want ; secondly, in proportion to their means, they have shown the most general sympathy with farmers during the agricultural depression ; and thirdly, the existing law affords them no protection in the possession and enjoyment of their legal property.

The Cambridge Correspondent of the *Record* (of the 6th) says :

Last week was observed as a week of Intercession for Foreign Missions, services being held daily in several of the churches. In the Henry Martin Hall a Prayer Meeting was held each afternoon and short addresses given on the subject of Foreign Missions, their needs and difficulties. On St. Andrew's Day a united intercessory service was held in Great St. Mary's Church, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Armitage Robinson. The offertory was divided between the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Church Missionary Society.

The Home Reunion Society has published a Report of an interesting Conference lately held between Churchmen and Congregationalists, under the presidency of Lord Nelson, the Chairman of the Society. A notice of the Report is given on another page.

The various protests against the "claim" of the Archbishop of Canterbury to try a Suffragan Bishop, says the *Guardian*, tend to confuse what the law is with what the law ought to be :

We are strongly of opinion that a court in which the comprovincial Bishops should sit and vote with the Archbishop would be a better court—we do not say than the court actually sitting at Lambeth for the trial of the Bishop of Lincoln, but generally—than a court composed of the Archbishop alone. But the amendment of the law is a different process from the declaration of the law, and it is to be wished that the distinction had been more clearly in view of framing the protests in question.

Sir Edward Guinness has given £250,000 for providing sanitary dwellings for the working classes in London and Dublin.