

THE MONTH.

THE Tithe Bill and the Land Purchase Bill, after all, have both been withdrawn. An autumn session is to be held. The *Record* says :

The abandonment of the Tithes Bill was a necessary sequel to the breakdown of the Ministerial programme. Some pressure was, it is true, put upon the Government to make an effort to proceed with the Bill, or at least those of its proposals which relate to the collection of tithe. But the Government whips, it is not a little instructive to know, would not undertake to guarantee a sufficient attendance of Ministerial supporters to ensure the passing of even this part of the measure. When the melancholy history of the present Session comes to be written, its most significant chapter will be the failure to secure the attention of Parliament upon many questions of paramount importance to the Church of England. With an unscrupulous and indefatigable Opposition against them, many of the friends of the Church show an apathy which is nothing short of a scandal. The present Government have proved themselves quite incapable of securing the necessary precedence for a measure which, divided as opinions are as to its merits, promised to deal with a growing source of danger to the Church. There is, in short, an urgent need for community of purpose and concerted action on the part of Churchmen in Parliament. No branch of legislation is more seriously mismanaged than that affecting the Church.

The Archbishop's Clergy Discipline Bill has been withdrawn, and the meeting of Convocation countermanded. At the Canterbury Diocesan Conference his Grace said it was impossible to proceed with the Bill this year.

The criticisms on *Lux Mundi* are growing more severe.

The obituary contains the names of two distinguished laymen, the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Magheramorne.

The Archbishop of Dublin has sent to the *Times* an interesting letter from the Bishop of Salisbury to his Grace with regard to Count Campello. The Archbishop says :

I am permitted by the Bishop of Salisbury to make public the following letter. Your readers will, I am sure, gladly welcome the vindication of Count Campello's character which it supplies, as also the testimony borne by the Bishop to the general fitness of this noble-hearted reformer for the work in which he is engaged. . . . As to the latest calumny, namely, that the Count had returned to the Church of Rome, it speaks for itself, and furnishes so palpable a type of the unscrupulous methods adopted by his enemies, that, in conjunction with the exposure of these tactics referred to in the Bishop's letter, it will, I hope, lead Campello's friends to estimate, for the future, at its true value any similar rumour that may reach their ears. For my own part, I confidently expect that such exposures as these will do more. They will, I trust, induce many to rally round this brave and faithful man, witnessing for the truth in the midst of many enemies and many discouragements. Even already the hearts of some generous friends have been thereby stirred up to help the Count in completing, without delay, the church which he is erecting at Arrone, in the centre of his Umbrian Mission.

Mr. Stanley's long-expected volume, "In Darkest Africa," has been remarkably well received. The committee of the C.M.S. welcomed the great traveller at Salisbury Square.

The Rev. T. Teignmouth Shore has published in the *Guardian* a paper explaining the aim of "Churchmen in Council."

Canon Maclure has been appointed Dean of Manchester.

At the annual meeting of the Home Reunion Society, the Chairman, Lord Nelson, made an encouraging speech.