

THE MONTH.

THE Session is over. For the Tithe Bill we must wait till the end of the year.

Mr. Gladstone's manifestation of "No Popery" zeal has given much offence to his Roman Catholic supporters. Many who are by no means satisfied with the negotiation about marriages in Malta, think that Mr. Gladstone is the last person who should complain of it. The *Guardian* criticises his speech with severity.

Cardinal Newman has passed away, and newspapers of all shades of opinion have paid tribute of respect.

On the 3rd the Bishop of Sydney, Dr. Saumarez Smith, preached his farewell sermon at St. Aidan's College.

In an article commenting on a recent meeting to consider the pending judgment in the Lincoln case, the *Record* says :

The meaning which the public will give, and rightly give, to this hasty repudiation of the Archbishop's judgment before it is delivered is, that the Ritualistic clergy do not want to know the law of the Church ; they want to disobey it. There is no other inference to be drawn from the monotonous repudiation, one after another, of every Court which has had the ungrateful task of considering the merits of the case for Ritualism. It is all one whether it is Lord Penzance working the Public Worship Act or the Privy Council exercising the Royal Supremacy as it has been exercised ever since the Reformation, or the Archbishop of Canterbury (a learned High Churchman, over whose appointment to the Primacy the Ritualists were wild with delight) sitting in a Court which no Act of Parliament set up or King controlled—a spiritual Court recognised and tolerated by the law of England for centuries as a tribunal in which the Church governs herself through her own chief officer without interference from the State. No Court is good enough for the law-breaking clergy, and on the other hand, every Court has hitherto condemned them. It is impossible not to connect these two facts.

In an article, signed A. H. S., in the *Guardian*, we read :

The spade of the excavator, which has achieved such marvellous results for the past history of Egypt, of Assyria, and of Greece, has at last been driven into the soil of Palestine. The committee of the Palestine Exploration Fund have succeeded in obtaining a firman from the Turkish Government permitting excavations to be made in a specified locality of Judæa, and have also been fortunate enough to secure the masterly services of Mr. Flinders Petrie for commencing the work.

The new Bishop of Dover is Canon Eden.

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