

THE MONTH.

ON the prospects of the Liberal Unionists the *Guardian* writes hopefully. Yet much remains to be done. In some districts of Ireland the mischievous League agitation has broken out afresh.

With sincere regret we record the death of Canon Liddon. He had been in poor health for some time, and when, as it was hoped, recovering, he died suddenly. The foremost Anglican preacher of his time, he has left in the Bampton Lectures on the Divinity of Our Lord a noble and standard work. For his sympathy and sincerity, thoroughly spiritual, Dr. Liddon was universally esteemed.¹

The *Record* has reprinted the letters from Mr. Newman, which appeared in that journal when he was a strong Protestant. Correspondence in the *Guardian*, concerning Cardinal Newman and the Church of England, has tended to correct the extravagance of certain admirers.

The leakage from Wesleyanism is said to be great. In the year ending in 1888 the loss during the probation of members amounted to 45,860, *i.e.*, fifty per cent. of the members "on trial" are never received into full membership.

On the morality of the anti-tithe agitation in Wales, a powerful letter from the Dean of St. Asaph has appeared in the *Times*.

Among the best of leading newspapers outside London is the *Sheffield Daily Telegraph*. In an admirable article on national education, attention is called to the necessity for "continuation schools."

A *Guardian* article on Parliamentary Returns of the "Revenues of the Church of England," thus concludes :

The four heads placed together show the approximate gross income of the Church in England (assuming that an addition of the sum already returned for 6,600 benefices will complete the return), together with the *rental* values of their official residences:—

(1)	£118,000	Archiepiscopal and Episcopal.
(2)	196,000	Chapter and collegiate churches.
(3)	4,694,000	Parochial incumbents.
(4)	1,250,000	Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

Total £6,258,000

At the British Association, in a paper on the future of the human race, Mr. Ravenstein laid it down that the limits of population, as regards food supply, would be reached in the year 2072.

¹ It is pleasant to turn from controversies and from thoughts of the St. Paul's *rereditos* to Dr. Liddon's bold repudiation of the views upon Inspiration which *Lux Mundi* offers with the seal of Pusey House upon it. In a sermon of remarkable power on "The Worth of the Old Testament," he denounced the "modern methods" and their invariable results. With equal firmness he exposed in the *Spectator* Mr. Gore's method of dealing with our Lord's use of the Old Testament Scriptures. In his opinion the theory accepted by Mr. Gore cut at the moral perfection of our Lord's character. The pain of these disclosures had but one solace: they brought him in his illness many expressions of deep sympathy from men with whom he was not commonly at one. Evangelical Churchmen, who have had so many grounds of difference with Canon Liddon, will rejoice that his last public utterances should have been in bold defence of the integrity of God's Word.—*The Record*.