

THE MONTH.

THE Archbishop of York has been warmly welcomed in Sheffield. In Convocation, his Grace's comments on the Discipline Bill formed an admirable reply to certain complaints. An appropriate resolution touching the late Archbishop, moved by the Bishop of Durham and seconded by Chancellor Espin, Prolocutor, was passed; the members of the Synod rising.

In the third session of the Seventh General Synod of the Church of Ireland, a motion expressing gratification at the elevation of Dr. Magee to the Archiepiscopal see of York, was passed with acclamation.

The Bishop of Worcester was enthroned on the 2nd. Addressing the clergy the Bishop said :

On coming there to take his place in that ancient church as Bishop of that ancient diocese he seemed to hear sounding in his unworthy ears the words of St. Bernard, "Respice, aspice, prospice." He could not but think God had made him the heir to a great spiritual lineage. Many great Bishops had sat in that throne, and he thanked God for the continuity of the Church life of which that great Cathedral bore witness from the days when the Gospel was preached to their forefathers, and when the humble edifice occupied the place where now stood that glorious building. There was much to encourage and to animate in the thought of the past, and if he might venture to single out one from among his many illustrious predecessors, he would single out that martyr of a Bishop whose word the Church of England would never let die, who, as he stood at the fire which was shortly to consume his body, said : "Brother Ridley, brave man, we shall this day light a candle in England which, by God's grace, shall never be put out."

The *Guardian* and the *Record*,¹ in leading articles, have severely criticised a magazine paper by Dr. Momerie.

Touching the C.M.S. and Bishop Blyth several letters and statements have been published. At the largely-attended Committee Meeting on the 14th, the President (Sir John Kennaway) pointed out "that when such men as the Archbishop of York, the Bishops of London, Durham, and Winchester were associated with the Archbishop of Canterbury in trying to find a *modus vivendi* between Bishop Blyth and the C.M.S., it might well be hoped that a satisfactory solution of the present difficulties might be found."

The second reading of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The Bishop of Truro officially announces to the diocese that he has placed his resignation in the Primate's hands. Dr. Wilkinson writes :

My dear People,—A year has almost elapsed since I returned to Cornwall, during which, under the strongest medical advice, I have tried to do the work entrusted to me. Circumstances have now obliged me once more to consider carefully my relation with the diocese, and to seek God's guidance for the future. I have consulted the most eminent physicians, and have satisfied myself that, to the best of their judgment, it is not possible for me at present to properly discharge the great responsibilities which attach to its administration.

We record the death of M. Edmond de Pressensé, the well-known Senator and Protestant divine.

¹ Quoting from a work on Inspiration by Dr. Momerie the *Record* says : "It will, we think, be clear to most people that a gentleman holding such views as these is not a suitable person to teach the theological students at King's College preparing for Holy Orders."