

THE MONTH.

THE Government proposals for Free or Assisted Education were laid before the House of Commons by Sir William Hart Dyke, the Vice-President, and the Bill appears to have given general satisfaction on both sides of the House.¹ But many staunch supporters of Voluntary Schools regard the Bill with dismay.

Dr. Gott, Dean of Worcester, formerly Vicar of Leeds, succeeds Bishop Wilkinson at Truro.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is now recovering from an attack of influenza.—The inquiry into the differences between the C.M.S. and Bishop Blyth of Jerusalem has been adjourned *sine die*.

The Bishop of Liverpool was unable, from ill-health, to take his place among the Assessors in the Lincoln Case before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. An excellent report of Sir Horace Davey's speech is given in the *Guardian*.

Comments on the Baccarat Case—a sad scandal—have been generally of a healthy tone.

On Bishop Tucker's "Plea" the *Record* has an admirable article.

We take the following from the *Church Missionary Gleaner*:

The death of the newly appointed Archbishop of York, better known as Bishop Magee, of Peterborough, occurring on the very morning of our anniversary, threw a shadow over the meeting, and deeply affected the Archbishop of Canterbury, who only heard the news as he entered the hall. When Dr. Magee was Dean of Cork, in 1866, he preached the C.M.S. Sermon at St. Bride's; and in all the long succession of great annual sermons there is none finer. Taking an unexpected subject, our Lord's temptation, he showed how both the Church and the individual Christian have, in the fellowship of His sufferings, to meet similar temptations; and he powerfully pictured the three temptations in the shape in which they might attack the Church Missionary Society. There is the wilderness-temptation, to obtain needed supplies by doubtful means; and the pinnacle-temptation, to boast of success and presume upon it; and the mountain-top-temptation, to seek the crown without the cross, to win supporters at home and adherents abroad by compromising the humbling truths of the Gospel. The whole sermon is reprinted in this month's *C. M. Intelligencer*, and can also be had separately on application.

The Hon. and Rev. Canon Legge, we gladly note, has been nominated to the See of Lichfield; and Prebendary Forrest is the new Dean of Worcester.

¹ The *Guardian* says: Nothing in Sir William Hart Dyke's speech was more admirable than the thoroughness of grasp which it manifested in regard to the whole educational situation. The Conservative leaders see clearly enough that the people desire to have a thoroughly good elementary education, and they are themselves determined, so far as they can, to give it to them. Churchmen, then, must be prepared not to do less in this matter than the Conservative party. They have been accustomed to say in the past that only the poverty of the voluntary schools prevented them from producing educational results as good as those of the board schools. Now that the financial stress has been to a great extent remedied, let them come forward to justify this boast, and to show that there are no greater friends to the education of the working classes than the clergy and laity of the Church of England.