

THE MONTH.

THE holidays have caused a cessation in Parliamentary politics. Outside Parliament, though, it is interesting, and possibly important, to notice Mr. Gladstone's remarks on Welsh Disestablishment. He promises it—but with reservations. As the *Guardian* says: "The main difficulty of disestablishing the Welsh Church is that there is no Welsh Church to disestablish. There are simply four dioceses of the Church of England in which Welsh is largely spoken. In no other respect is there any dividing-line between these dioceses and the remaining thirty; and when Mr. Gladstone sets to work to invent one, we suspect that he will find the task harder than he says—though not, it may be, than he thinks." He has, however, promised to make an early introduction of an "earnest"—whatever that may mean—of his intention.

Mr. Chamberlain expresses the opinion that the question is one for Churchmen themselves.

Much correspondence has been going on in the *Guardian* and *Record* with regard to the Lincoln Judgment. It is refreshing to note that though great thoroughness appears on both sides, there is an absence of acrimony. Only one case of secession has so far occurred.

The Grindelwald Conference has evoked, as was natural, much of both sympathy and exasperation. The Bishop of Worcester made a speech, important in so far as it expresses his own opinion.

At the St. Asaph Diocesan Conference the Bishop spoke vigorously and well on the Church of Wales. He had previously been made a "Druid."

Arrangements for the Church Congress are almost completed, and there is evidence of a successful meeting, even though the price of tickets has been raised. At Armagh a Conference of the Church of Ireland, modelled somewhat on the lines of the English Church Congress, was held early in September. The Archbishop of Armagh presided, and the experiment proved both interesting and successful.

Bishop Medley, of Fredericton, metropolitan of Canada, has been lost to the Church which he served so zealously. His successor is the Right Rev. H. T. Kingdon, formerly Bishop-coadjutor in the same see.

Matters in Uganda show no prospect of immediate improvement. The general committee of the Church Missionary Society resolved to send a deputation to point out to the Government the danger in which the society's missionaries will be placed by the approaching evacuation of the country by the British East Africa Company. Steps ought to be taken at once, in their opinion, to send out a properly-accredited British representative.