

## THE MONTH.

THE Queen arrived at Windsor Castle on the 15th. Her Majesty has derived benefit from the air and rest of Mentone.

Mr. Gladstone, in the first *clôture* division, had a majority of 39.

Dean Plumptre has published, under the title, "A Ritual Eirenicon," suggestions for appeasing strife. The *Record* says:—

Dean Plumptre has set himself to construct a formula which may fairly and honestly be understood by the Ritualist to mean one thing, and may with equal fairness and equal honesty be understood by the Evangelical to mean another. By the dexterous use of some words and avoidance of others, it is sought to leave the Ritualist in undisturbed enjoyment of his Eucharistic linen vestments and his coloured stoles, while the Low Churchman is to have an equal right to wear as old-fashioned a surplice as he likes, a black scarf, and even a gown in the pulpit. We will not inquire how far the Dean has succeeded with his word-puzzle, for in our view it is not very material. What we want is a clear and unmistakable rule which can only be understood in one way.

We gladly invite attention to the *Record*, now published once a week, and greatly improved; and we express our earnest hopes that the paper may have a long and prosperous career. The *Record* has shown of late a kindly and judicious spirit, a sound Church policy, with all its pristine ability and vigour.

Bishop Barker has entered into rest. A faithful, able, and honoured Prelate, as Metropolitan of Australia he exercised great influence for good.

The state of Ireland formed the chief subject of Conservative speeches at a great gathering in Liverpool. The Marquis of Salisbury said:—

For the present, that which presses upon the responsibility of the Government, and which every Englishman has a right to urge, is that order should be restored to Ireland. I am not pressing for an increase or a decrease of coercion. I do not desire to make any suggestion in respect either to the character of the legislation or to its amount; what I say is, that those are things for the responsible Minister of the Crown; and we have a right to insist, by whatever means, this system of murder shall be arrested, and the ordinary machinery and the ordinary action of society shall be restored. You may talk of the difficulties as you will, but every one knows perfectly well that if Ireland was under the Government of the German Emperor, or of the Indian Viceroy, or of the French Republic, or of the American Republic, the present state of things would not last.

Prince Gortschakoff has at length retired from the Foreign Office. Happily, not General Ignatieff, but M. de Giers, has succeeded the aged Chancellor: and hopes of peace are brighter.

Mr. Parnell was released, on parole, to attend the funeral of a relation.