

THE MONTH.

THE Government has received a second shock, not so severe as the defeat on the Affirmation Bill, in the virtually enforced abandonment of their agreement with the Suez Canal Company.

There has been much fighting in Zululand. In Madagascar the French have undone, we fear, much of the good work of devoted missionaries.

The condition of Ireland is perhaps in some respects improved. James Carey, the informer, was murdered while on his voyage to Natal.

The third reading of the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill was lost by a majority of 5.

Lord Penzance, Dean of Arches, has at length pronounced the sentence of deprivation on the Rev. A. H. Mackonochie, who is now deprived of all preferment in the province of Canterbury. The history of the *Martin v. Mackonochie* case was given by a well-informed legal contributor in THE CHURCHMAN, vol. iv. p. 102.

The appointment of Prebendary Cadman to a vacant Canonry of Canterbury has been viewed, very generally, with much satisfaction. No speaker is listened to with more respect in Congress and Conference; his work in committee rooms has been of the highest value.

Dr. Barry has accepted the Bishopric of Sydney.

The death of Professor Birks has removed one of the most prominent religious and philosophical thinkers of our generation. An interesting biographical sketch appeared in the *Record*.

The Rev. E. J. Speck, for some thirty years the Secretary of the Church Pastoral Aid Society; the Rev. Dr. Alfred J. Lee, Secretary of the Church Defence Association; the Rev. Canon Battersby, Dr. Moffat,¹ and Dr. Boyd, the Dean of Exeter, have entered into rest.

The Duke of Marlborough died suddenly; much lamented.

Mr. T. B. Smithies, the proprietor and editor of the *British Workman* and other useful periodicals, a much respected Christian worker, died after a long illness.

¹ In an article on Dr. Moffat's career the *Times* says: "Robert Moffat has died in the fulness both of years and of honours. His work has been to lay the foundations of the Church in the central regions of South Africa. As far as his influence and that of his coadjutors and successors has extended, it has brought with it unmixed good. His name will be remembered while the South African Church endures, and his example will remain with us as a stimulus to others and as an abiding proof of what a Christian missionary can be and can do."