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THE MONTH.

THE grief caused by the death of the Duke of Albany (Prince Leopold) has been great and general. In a touching letter from her Majesty the Queen, dated Windsor Castle, April 14th (sent by the Home Secretary for publication), appear these paragraphs :

The affectionate sympathy of my loyal people, which has never failed me in weal or woe, is very soothing to my heart.

Though much shaken and sorely afflicted by the many sorrows and trials which have fallen upon me during these past years, I will not lose courage, and with the help of Him Who has never forsaken me, will strive to labour on for the sake of my children and for the good of the country I love so well, as long as I can.

The death of the Bishop of Ripon has called forth many tributes of respect. Of Bishop Bickersteth's devoted and successful labours due mention will be made hereafter in these pages.

The Franchise Bill was read a second time by a majority of 130.

The Wicliffe Quincentary Commemoration, it is announced, will be held on May 21st.

The general Mission in Dublin (under Rev. Dr. Pigou, the Rev. W. Hay Aitken, and other Missioners) has been greatly blessed. Mr. Aitken's work in St. Patrick's Cathedral was specially remarkable.

The costs of the Fitzroy case (about £400) fell upon the Bishop of Liverpool; this sum was subscribed by a few laymen who appreciate the honoured Bishop's work.¹

Mr. Willis's motion for the removal of the Bishops from the House of Lords was rejected by 148 to 137. The 137 represented probably the whole strength of the Liberationists. "What you want," said Secretary Sir W. Harcourt, "is to get rid of the Bishops in order that you may get rid of the Church."

The Rev. C. H. Waller, Senior Tutor of St. John's Hall, Highbury, has been appointed Principal.

¹ The *Liverpool Courier* says : "The Bishop resolved to rid the Church in Liverpool of a sorrow and a shame, and in order that the question should be brought to a speedy issue, he accepted the pecuniary responsibilities of the promoter. The fact of the Bishop's liability became known in a circuitous way. In a short time a number of generous but anonymous friends resolved that his lordship should not suffer." The *Courier* adds : "The Bishop's laborious life must in the end commend him to all who respect hard work and unwearied devotion to the spiritual interest of the masses."