

the Lake, and that its temperature is affected by the proximity of such an immense body of water, which never freezes over entirely in winter. One or, perhaps, two degrees further north of the Lake would likely shew a higher temperature in summer and a lower one in winter than the above.

THE CHURCH.

THE Irish Church question is not only one of the most important questions of the day, as regards the interests of the Church Catholic, but it has caused very serious troubles in the House of Commons; the disestablishment and disendowment of that church having placed the Government in a minority, while Mr. Disraeli is unwilling to permit the high office of Premier to be wrested from his hands, before he has had the opportunity of appealing to the revised constituencies created by the Reform Bill, which the present Government carried through. But in the meantime, and for the remainder of the present year, the Government of the Country remains in the hands of men, who, in the House of Commons, have been left in a minority of sixty-five, and whom the opposition seems, at all costs, determined to turn out. As might have been expected from this state of things, there have been scenes of confusion and undignified altercations in the House, caused by the irritation and annoyance which has been felt at what we may consider the unconstitutional way in which the Premier has treated them, especially in the matter of the threatened dissolution. The course of the bill, however, has not been in any way impeded; the Government were in no position to offer any serious resistance after the first resolution had been affirmed against them.

The Suspensory bill, as it is generally termed, which provides for the stoppage of new appointments in the Church of Ireland, and the restraining the proceedings of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners of Ireland, passed the House by a majority of fifty-four. Mr. Gladstone's earlier published opinions were quoted against him, and during the debate, considerable disturbance took place in the House, but there was no reason to suppose that any successful opposition could be offered to this, which was only a corollary upon the preceding resolutions affirmed so clearly by so large a majority. In spite, however, of the opinion expressed by a large majority of the Representative Assembly of the Nation, that the Irish Church must be, in justice to the Irish nation, not only disestablished, but disendowed—stripped, that is, of the temporal position which the will of the English nation conferred upon it—there can be no doubt that a grievous injustice has been done to it in the course of the debates in Parliament. Not only has the question been made a party question,