

STATESMEN. No. 468.

THE RIGHT REVEREND CHARLES JOHN ELLICOTT, D.D., BISHOP OF
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL.

THE son of a Rutland parson, Bishop Ellicott was born six-and-sixty years ago, was educated at Oakham and Stamford Grammar Schools, and gained distinction at Cambridge University. Then he too became a parson, and subsequently a Professor of Divinity at King's College, London, and Hulsean Professor at Cambridge. At this time he was the victim of a serious railway accident, whereby both his legs were broken and himself severely scalded. In 1861 he was appointed by Lord Palmerston to the Deanery of Exeter, and two years later to the See which he now holds, a promotion which he owed to his very great knowledge of Greek. He has spoken much in Convocation, and somewhat in the House of Lords, where, with a boldness rare in a Protestant Bishop, he advocated concurrent endowment in Ireland, and where, alone of all the Bishops, he last year voted with the Conservatives on the Redistribution question.

The Bishop of Gloucester is best known in connection with the Revision of the authorised version of the Bible, in which he, together with Dean Alford, was the prime mover; he was the chairman of the New Testament company, and was remarkable for the severity of his attendance, having only been absent twice during the four hundred meetings, extending over eleven years, during which its labours lasted. He is known too as an amateur artist and as a member of the Alpine Club, and yearly is to be found somewhere on the great Aletsch Glacier as the episcopal representative of the Club. He is married to a lady distinguished for musical talents, which have descended to her daughter; and is a most genial and pleasant companion, a sound Churchman, and a favourite in general society. He is a great scholar.