

MEN OF THE DAY. No. 914.

THE BISHOP OF ROCHESTER.

EDWARD STUART TALBOT, D.D., became the second son of a Queen's Counsel (who was the fourth son of the second Earl Talbot, and husband of the first Lord Wharncliffe's daughter) just sixty years ago. His early history was unclerical; but after a course of the Charterhouse he found his vocation at Oxford, and at six-and-twenty was ordained, and, being full of worldly as well as of spiritual influence, he was readily appointed the first Warden of the newly-founded Keble College, in whose chapel is Mr. Holman Hunt's great picture, which has just been repeated. In the same year he married a daughter of Lord Lyttelton, and during the eighteen years of his Wardenship he was quite a social influence in Oxford; for he is a courtly man of much address. He was also Honorary Chaplain to Queen Victoria, as well as Vicar of Leeds and other things; but in 1895 he was consecrated the hundredth Bishop of Rochester, since when he has been made an Honorary Student of his old college, Christ Church. He is a fine scholar, theological and otherwise, who won a first in Greats and another in the old school of Law and Modern History; and consequently he has written much good work. Though he is a little lame he is very fond of travelling; and though he is not beautiful he is nevertheless an ornament to his bishopric. He is the patron of sixty livings, so that he still wields influence, and he may be confidently expected to rise yet higher in the spiritual world.

He is a Ritualist, but he has much tact.