

GLADSTONE'S BACK TURNED.

Support Withdrawn from Lord Rosebery, the Tories Say.

LONDON, June 18.—Gladstone has withdrawn his pairing agreement with the Right Hon. Charles Villiers, Member of Parliament, because he wishes to be regarded as having an open mind on the Welsh Church Disestablishment Bill. In an editorial commenting on this, the Times says:

"Blow upon blow has fallen on the Government recently, but none is comparable to this, which means the withdrawal of Mr. Gladstone's moral support from Lord Rosebery's Administration. Its effect will be widespread. The immediate prestige of his name has enabled the Government to weather some dangerous storms, and it is the very foundation of the political fabric of the present Government. It is hardly possible to escape the conclusion that he extends his disapproval to their general policy. It is believed that he wanted a more drastic dealing with the Armenian question. In any case, his action will complete the disintegration of the Government and is a portent of dissolution that cannot be misconstrued."
