

most earnestly prepetrate any one-sided interference with externals, which would wink at the deprivation of the great and vital doctrines of christianity.

The Report of the Royal Commissioners, so far, deals only with the husk, but by leaving the kernel, viz:—the doctrine of the Holy Communion untouched, have but made the gunpowder a little more dry and compact for the real explosion which will make a thorough re-adjustment necessary, unless the difficulties be in the meantime cleared away by the more quiet and charitable method of fraternal discussion in an Anglican Council to be assembled for the purpose.

The General Anglican Synod has met at Lambeth, and is viewed with scowling contempt mingled with alarm by Rome, with exactly similar feelings by extreme Protestantism, with wonder by the Greek Church, and with hope by the Church of Sweden. It is both over-rated and under-rated,—over-rated if looked to for anything decisive, seeing that it is an assembly of Bishops, and not a Council of the whole Anglican branch of the Church, but under-rated by those who affected to see in it a mere social gathering of right reverend gentlemen,—forgetting that these Bishops largely represent the feeling of the Church in their several dioceses all over the world, and that the Synod itself is most likely, but the precursor of a General Council which must come with returning Catholic unity and truth.

It is reported that the Rev. W Butler has definitely declined to accept the vacant Bishopric of Natal, and has made this known to the Metropolitan of South Africa. The decision of the Archbishop to avoid the Colenso case at the Lambeth Council has no doubt produced this course of action.—*Church News*.

If this be true, Dr. Butler will perhaps reconsider his decision, seeing that the Lambeth Council have condemned the heresy of Dr. Colenso.

The Bishop of Carlisle last month commenced the regular triennial visitation of his diocese by delivering a most energetic charge against Ritualism, but injured the effect of the charge in some degree, by allowing his Chaplain, standing at his Lordship's right hand, and *within the altar rails*, to announce, immediately after the sermon, that the Bishop would be glad to see any of the Clergy present *at dinner*, at the *County Hotel*.

Every irregularity, indecency and superstition, is now closely watched and immediately exposed, so that extremes on either side of the Church are likely soon to be put down, and the Apostolic rule to be enforced, viz:—"Let all things be done decently and in order."

UNITED STATES.—At a special ordination lately in St. John's Church Mission, Dolores, California, the Bishop admitted to Deacon's Orders C. Montgomery Hoge, late a minister of the Methodist connexion.

The organ recently purchased by the Central Presbyterian congregation, Norristown, contains 38 register or draw stops, has three banks of keys comprising great organ, choir and swell organs, with pedal organ and pedal bass keys, and contains nearly fifteen hundred pipes. This tolerably sizeable "kist fu' o' whistles" is shortly to be greatly improved, both in style and tone.

Great interest in the General Anglican Council has been manifested in the United States, and prayer everywhere offered, imploring the Divine guidance and blessing on its deliberations. With all their antagonism to England in matters political, the desire of our brethren in the Republic for close and intimate union with England's Church is very remarkable and cheering.

A young clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church has lately offered himself as a missionary and instructor to deaf mutes (of whom it seems there are a large number) on the Coast of Africa, if only a few hundred dollars can be raised for his outfit. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet is stirring in the matter.