

At the Fifth Ely Diocesan Conference, the following was one of the Resolutions passed :—

"2. That Synods or Conferences be held by the Bishop in different parts of the Diocese, annually or otherwise, to which the clergy and laity should be summoned, which Synods or Conferences might, on any special occasion, if it should seem fit to the Bishop, meet simultaneously at some central place in the district."

A fortnight ago Dean Stanley came forward not as the apologist but as the champion of Dr. Colenso. It had been pointed out that the heresiarch in his recent works, and especially in his hymnal, had pointedly refused all recognition of the Second and Third Persons of the Holy Trinity. Dean Stanley rejoined by quoting nearly twenty instances in the hymnal in which such recognition is made, and challenged his client's detractors to ascertain the truth by "taking the pains to verify these hymns." Dr. Littledale, as will be seen from a letter which we give in another column, has taken up the challenge and reported the result. He finds that whereas the passages quoted by Dean Stanley are to be found in the edition of 1853, when Dr. Colenso had not re-affirmed the Arian heresy, they are rigidly excluded from the current edition for 1866. Even the very name of our Lord is carefully scored out wherever it occurs. So much for Dean Stanley.—*Ch. Times.*

The following are items from the *Church News*, the organ of the Disraelite reunionists :—

We understand that the real obstacle to the granting of Convocational reform is the Queen's Advocate, and it is the same gentleman, acting under the Bishop of London's advice, who is delaying the issue of the document authorizing the consecration of a new bishop for Natal. The Attorney and the Solicitor General will, it is to be hoped, not allow the Erastian prejudices of the Whig Sir Travers Twiss to override their better judgment.

The Bishop of London, in preaching at St. Barnabas, Kensington, on Sunday, said that he had arrived at the conclusion that it was an open question whether it was best to believe too much or too little.

A few friends of Dean Green have resolved to bear the expense of putting one of his sons to school, as a small testimony to his noble conduct. The Archdeacon of Dorset, Powerstock, Bridport, will be glad to furnish further particulars to any churchmen desirous of assisting in this laudable project.

The *Saturday Review* thus concludes a temperate article on Archbishop Cranmer :— "His death may have been the death of a penitent; but unless the facts we have alleged can be disproved, his life was the life of a cowardly, time-serving hypocrite, a perjured person, and a traitor."

The sale of "Hymns Ancient and Modern," it is asserted on good authority, has reached four millions of copies.

UNITED STATES.—Many of the clergy are still enjoying their summer vacation—not without some grumbling from such as cannot get away from the cities.

Notwithstanding the strong prohibitory and other measures employed in these modern days in the United States for the repression of intemperance, the sin of drunkenness is more prevalent in that country than ever. Some reformers are thinking of trying the argument of the Christian Covenant against the sins of the flesh :—"Know ye not that your bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost?"

Some of the party in the Church who have lately been advocating exchange of pulpits with Dissenters, and decrying Episcopal authority, are now complaining of Romanism in the prayer-book.