

CLERGY OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Of the character of the Pastors in the Established Church, Mr. Noel says,—“ I grieve to write it. There are men among them of great virtues to whom I gladly do homage. I know and love many faithful, energetic, and sincere servants of Christ ; but when these exceptions are subtracted, what are the rest? I grieve to write it. Chosen by peers and squires, by colleges and church corporations, by chancellors and State-made prelates, many are made pastors by a corrupt favoritism, many are allured to an uncongenial employment by the income which it offers them, and many embrace the profession of a pastor because they are too dull, inert, or timid for any other. They have scarcely any theological training; they are pledged to all the errors in the Prayer-book, and all the abuses sanctioned by the Union. They dread reforms, they are servile to patrons, they are intolerant to Dissenters ; their zeal is crippled by State restrictions, and their indolence tempted by unbounded liberty to indulge it. Severed from the body of the people by their birth, by their early education, by their college life, by their aristocratical association, by their zeal for their ecclesiastical prerogatives, they have little popular influence. Lawyers, men of science, and editors of newspapers, do not listen to them ; Chartists and Socialists dislike and despise them ; they scarcely touch the operative millions ; they make few converts among the devotees of fashion ; and under their leadership the Christian army is inert, timid, and unsuccessful.”—*Christian Observer*.

NEW-YORK BIBLE SOCIETY.

This Society held its 26th anniversary meeting at the Reform Dutch church in Lafayette Place, on Monday evening. After singing by the choir, the Rev. Dr. De Witt read a portion of the Psalms, and Dr. Adams followed in prayer. From the Treasurer's Report, it appears that the receipts of the Society during the past fiscal year, have amounted to \$27,609 of which, \$6,698 were received from churches of various denominations, and \$18,156 from sale of Bibles and Testaments at the Depository. The sum of \$23,830 has been paid to the Parent Society for volumes ; \$1,012 have been presented as a donation ; and \$2,340 have been paid as salaries to agents.

Mr. Blatchford presented the Annual Report, a concise, perspicuous, and interesting document. Special efforts, it appears, are bestowed by the Society upon the seamen and immigrants. The Rev. Mr. Stockbridge, the chaplain of the Receiving ship, was favourably mentioned.