

The English Church in Canada is in no respect different from any other voluntary organization, and "Crown patents," whether of rectories or bishoprics, are worth a good deal less than the parchment upon which they are written. Each particular church may, in its wisdom, assign districts, and call them bishoprics, or circuits, or parishes, but they have no legal *status* as such, except in the case of the Roman Catholic Church in the Province of Quebec.—*N. Y. Obs.*

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In the Senate of the State of New York a Bill has passed to a third reading to prevent the shooting of birds for mere amusement. The Bill will, no doubt, soon become law, and lay an arrest on a sore evil. The *Christian at Work* speaks of it as "a bill to prevent human brutes to slaughter and cripple and torture twenty thousand pigeons, as the brutes at Coney Island did the other day." The *N. Y. Observer* says: "No sane Christian can contemplate with any satisfaction the practice of shooting living animals for a wager. They may be pigeons or any other animal: it is making sport at the expense of suffering. The practice is not in harmony with the civilization or christianity of the country and ought to be frowned upon."

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It was the dying wish of Rev. Andrew Stevenson, D. D., who, after being forty-two years pastor of the Second Reformed Presbyterian Church, New York, died last Friday, in the 71st year of his age, that no eulogistic address be delivered at his funeral. The services only consisted of prayer and the singing of Psalms. The Church on West 39 street, from which the funeral took place was crowded with mourners, among whom were a number of clergymen.—*Christian at Work, July 7th.*

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We are glad that so many Journals take notice of the recent gross profanation of the Sabbath by the Governor General of Canada in travelling so unnecessarily on that day. If the Marquis of Lorne cannot visit the Lower Provinces without signaling his visit by some public act of disregard to "the day which the Lord hath made," and which is so precious to the hearts of so many over whom he has been sent to rule, he should be made to understand that his presence will soon cease to be regarded as a compliment. We cheerfully endorse the following remarks of the *Presbyterian Witness*: "We should like His Excellency to understand that while the people of this country are very glad to welcome him, while they appreciate highly his visits, and all his efforts for the public good, their best feelings are shocked, they are disgusted and alarmed at the disregard shewn by him for an institution that is infinitely precious to them."