

II. That, under existing circumstances, the Society's missionaries in Natal be instructed to regard the Natal Committee (which includes the Dean and Chapter) as their organ of communication with the Society.

III. That the Bishop of Capetown be requested, under existing circumstances, to give such Episcopal superintendence, and supply, for the present, such Episcopal ministrations as he may be able to afford, or to obtain from any other South African Bishops, to the Society's missionaries at Natal."

At the late May meetings, the Report of the *Colonial and Continental Church Society* congratulated the friends and supporters of the Society on its financial position. The receipts were £32,508; disbursements, £30,057; balance, £2,540.

The Earl of Shaftsbury, presiding at a meeting in Exeter Hall, May 1st, of the Society for Promoting Christianity among the Jews, made the following remarks:—

"There are two works to which I wish to give specific attention that have lately been given to the world, which are worthy of the study, worthy of the deep thought, and I may add, worthy of profound thankfulness to God of every man who believes in the Word of God or the revelation of His will to men. The first of them is *Lectures on the Prophet Daniel*, by the Rev. Dr. Pusey, and the other is *Lectures on Isaiah*, by the Rev. Dr. Payne Smith, Regius Professor of Divinity. It may, perhaps, startle some of you that I should recommend a work written by Dr. Pusey. He may have some opinions from which we differ with respect to our views of ecclesiastical points, but I believe that a man of greater intellect, of more profound attainments, or of a more truly pious heart than Dr. Pusey, it would be difficult to find in any Christian nation. (Applause.) Those volumes completely dispose of all the figments pretended to be drawn from reason and argument, with respect to predictions concocted after event, or with regard to pseudo Isaiahs. If you read these volumes you will find that they have not left a single scrap of reasoning, a single shred of fact to bring to bear against the volume of revelation. If you read these books you will be led devoutly to thank God that such men have been raised up to the present occasion, and that they have been enabled to furnish forth so well-stored an armoury from whence men may draw all the facts they require, all the arguments, they need to confirm them in their belief of the truth of the Bible. Read them, and you will be led to the conclusion that prophecy is indeed a light shining in a dark place for the comfort and instruction of believers, and for the gainsaying of all who set themselves in opposition to the Word of God. And to bring them into contact with this our meeting, I would add that those two books are two as good speeches as ever can be made in support of the society for the conversion of the Jews."

UNITED STATES.—The American papers contain a notice of the death of the Right Rev. George Burgess, D.D., Bishop of Maine. He died at sea, on board the brig "*Jane*," on his way to return to the United States from the West Indies, where he had spent the winter for the benefit of his health. His remains were brought home and met at Boston by a deputation of the clergy of his diocese.

The convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania met on the 22nd May. The Board of Missions presented a cheering report, shewing that many of the missions, formerly aided, were now not only self sustaining, but helping others. The advance seems to have been made generally not by increasing population, but rather by the growth of the Church.

The new diocese of Pittsburg, formerly part of Pennsylvania, held the first meeting of its convention on the 16th of May, under the presidency of its Bishop, Right Rev. J. B. Kerfoot.

All the dioceses of the Southern States have now returned to their union with the General Convention.

A resolution relating to an Order of Evangelists in the diocese was presented at the late Diocesan Convention of Massachusetts. After some discussion it was referred to the Executive Missionary Committee.