

you desire it, and I sincerely think he will be a great acquisition to you.

"I heartily commend you and the congregation to the blessing and protection of Almighty God, and am in great haste, Gentlemen,—Your affectionate Brother and humble Servant,

(Signed,) CHARLES NOVA-SCOTIA.

To Messrs. Hallowell, Noel, and Scott,
Church-wardens.

(*To be continued.*)

AUSTRALASIA.

The South Australian papers give full accounts of the visit of the Bishops of Sidney, Tasmania, and Melbourne to Adelaide, where they arrived June, 7th. The visit of the first was in his official character as Metropolitan. Their lordships were presented with an address from the clergy of Adelaide, and also from the laity, the latter headed by the Governor, Sir R. MacDonnell, but previously attended at St. Paul's Church, where a special service was held, commencing with the chanting of the *Te Deum*, followed by the Litany, and concluding with a thanksgiving suited for the occasion. On the 12th the Diocesan Synod met, and after transacting some formal business, presented an address, in which they stated—

As attached members of our Scriptural and Apostolic Church, and therefore desirous of her progress and efficiency throughout the British dominions, we contemplate with extreme satisfaction the rapid extension of late of the Colonial Episcopate, firmly believing that it is only where the Church is planted in the integrity of her ministry that we can hope to realise all the ends of her institution.

As one among many proofs that may be mentioned of the advantage to the Church of an adequate multiplication of her chief pastors, we may confidently refer to the increase of clergy, and of congregations, that has followed, not only in this diocese, but throughout the colonial dioceses.

As a further development of our ecclesiastical system, calculated to promote the federation of the Australian dioceses, we view with much satisfaction the appointment of a Metropolitan, in which honourable office it is now our happiness to greet your lordship.

Great as were the benefits accruing to the members of the Church from this colony being so early erected into an Episcopal see, yet was it soon discovered that in the absence of any legalised authority to enable the Bishop to give effect to the powers with which his letters patent invested him, no ecclesiastical sentence could be enforced.

To supply this desideratum was an object of special earnest endeavour on the part of the Bishop, clergy, and laity. After much thoughtfulness and prayerful conference, a Synodical compact was arranged and agreed to, which, while it leaves the prerogatives of the Episcopate intact, guards the just liberties of the clergy, regulates the holding of