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"Ad præfectum sacrosanctæ matris ecclesiæ."

THE position and government of the Colonial Church is a subject which has attracted much attention both in England and in the several colonies. It is a subject which ought to excite the interest of all members of the Church, and arouse them to a sense of their individual responsibility. It is generally felt and admitted that the present position of the Colonial Church is undefined and unsatisfactory—that it is suffering inconvenience now, and may sustain injury in the future, from the want of definite status, and that some remedy must be found and applied to the necessity.

The interests of doctrine, of discipline and of finance, all look in the same direction, and call for a position for the Colonial Church which may be clearly understood and confidently acted upon.

We find that the Bishops have been supplied with patents from the Crown (paying large fees for the same) which are now declared to be legally of no value, for many of the objects which they profess to embrace. These Bishops have good cause to feel aggrieved at the false position in which they have been placed, while trusting with all confidence to the care of those in authority, and "who profess to be learned in the law."

We see the Bishops of New Zealand, without *expressed* reproach, asking to lay these inefficient and misleading documents at the foot of the throne. We would gladly see others following their example. These New Zealand Bishops are willing to accept the disadvantages of the new position, provided they be entirely quit of the disadvantages and uncertainty attending the old. At the same time they suggest, and not without some point, that as the Crown in no way contributes to the endowment, it cannot be interested in appointments.

We see the discipline of the Diocese of Capetown reversed, by appeal to an English tribunal, which court yet ignores the existence of the See.

We see the Church of South Africa unable quite to free herself from the interference of an unsound teacher, simply in consequence of some legal rights which his English appointment is supposed to confer: and this notwithstanding he has been excluded from almost every diocese in England, and put without the pale of the Church generally.

We see one who has endowed three Colonial Bishoprics, fearful lest, through defect of the letters-patent granted by the Crown and the consequently false position in which these Sees have been placed, her good intentions may be frustrated and her gifts revert to herself or her heirs.

These facts speak sharply, and demand an efficient remedy for the evil. We believe that remedy is to be found under the declaration of the Colonial Secretary