

from the miners for some other commodity, and that the latter have passed away without leaving any other record or monument but the working in the mines behind them.

THE CHURCH.

THE Bishop of Capetown has published the correspondence which he has had with the Bishop of London, and the Archbishop of York, on the subject of the appointment of an "Orthodox Bishop of Natal." Both these prelates have spoken out plainly on the side of, and partially in defence of Dr. Colenso, and inasmuch as none other has spoken at all, it may be said, however painful the statement be, that to some extent, the English Church stands committed to the views thus set forth. The Archbishop of Canterbury, indeed, adheres to the opinion which he has already expressed, that there is nothing to prevent the consecration of another Bishop, but he stands in this correspondence alone, and his position as adviser to the Bishop of Capetown, prevents the free expression of decided views, such as we might have hoped for from other prelates of the English Church. If, indeed, the Church of England recognizes Dr. Colenso, as the Bishop of Natal, and considers, with the Bishop of London, that he is in Communion with her, then it would be but just and right to both parties in this great controversy that it should be declared; it is easy to suggest "grave doubts," especially when there is a certain vagueness about the doubts, but it is none the less unjust to insinuate such doubts, and not to point to the exact act or position of the Bishop of Capetown, of which the validity is doubtful. The Bishop of Capetown says, "The Church cannot evade her responsibility before God in this matter, or refuse to face the grave questions which are before her."—And again, he writes: "I shall wait with trembling, in common with tens of thousands of its most devoted members, for some Synodical decision, which may rescue the Church of England from the false position in which some of its Bishops have placed it. Should no further action be taken, it would, I fear, leave the Church of England burdened with the alliance of heresy, by the endurance of the deposed heretic as a bishop in communion with itself. Whatever the decision of the bishops of the Church of England may be, the duty of the Church in South Africa is clear. It is bound, if it can, to provide a faithful pastor for the souls of the people entrusted to its care; and God helping, I trust, on my return to my province, with the aid of my co-provincials, to be able to consecrate there. We hold that the maintenance of the faith is