

The *Special Funds*, showing sympathy with particular dioceses or individual missionary efforts were then 7, but now amount to 174.

But perhaps the most remarkable progress is in the Colonial Episcopate, the number of *dioceses* having increased from 8 to 47, the increase being, within one, equal to the total number of the Bishops of Great Britain and Ireland together."

The total receipts of the S. P. G. for the past year from all sources amounted to £102,997, being several thousand pounds more than those of the previous year, an increase which is ascribed chiefly to the cordial reception given in many quarters to the appeal of the four Archbishops, who issued an address to the clergy and laity of the United Church of England and Ireland, urging them to increased efforts on behalf of the missions of the Church of England in general and of the S. P. G. in particular.

Bishop Colenso has left England for Natal. Before doing so he filed a bill in Chancery against the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, as representing the whole Episcopal bench; the Attorney-General and the trustees of the Colonial Bishops' Fund, in order to recover his salary for the last twelve months, which has been withheld on the ground that he had been deprived of the Bishopric of Natal by the Bishop of Capetown, and that he "the plaintiff may have such further or other relief as the nature of the case may require."

A number of his friends and admirers, among whom we may mention Dean Stanley, Rev. H. C. Wilson (one of the writers in *Essays and Reviews*), Dean Milman, Mr. F. W. Newman, and Mr Darwin, presented him with upwards of £3000, "as a token of his services to scientific truth and the inculcation of just and liberal opinions." "He was about," said Mr. Crawford, late President of the Ethnological Society, "to take leave of England for a time to continue his invaluable and judicious ministrations, and his admirers trusted also to prosecute those studies which had already contributed to disabuse people's minds from vulgar and unworthy errors."

Dr. Colenso, made a lengthy reply, in which he adverted to the withholding of his salary and the difficulties in which he would have been involved if it had not been for their timely assistance. He confidently looked for a cordial reception from the laity of Natal, especially among the native population.

On the other hand all the Clergy of Natal (with the exception of two, one of whom agrees with Dr. Colenso, and the other holds a Government Chaplaincy), and several lay-men, have transmitted the following declaration to the Archbishops of the United Church of England and Ireland.

"We, the undersigned, clergy and lay members of the Church of England, being satisfied that Dr. Colenso has widely departed from the faith of the Church, and that he has been righteously deprived of his office by the Metropolitan, hereby declare our fixed resolve that we will no longer acknowledge him as our Bishop."

They further propose that the Archbishops and Bishops should select a person to be consecrated Bishop of Natal by the Bishop of Capetown.

It is difficult to foresee what will be the termination of this unhappy business. We shall look with great anxiety for further intelligence.

We drew attention in our last number to the excessive ritualism that has been adopted in some churches, especially in the diocese of London. It is, with the deepest regret that we observe that it still prevails unchecked, and is spreading into other dioceses. We can scarcely believe that we are reading an account of a service in the Church of England when we hear of "a beautiful processional cross,