

A resolution was passed, amid cheers, requesting the Archbishop to direct the appointment of a committee to examine the Canons Ecclesiastical with a view to their amendment and adaptation to the present necessities of the Church.

The committee on Ritual was not ready to report.

A bill to legalize marriage with a deceased wife's sister was rejected by the House of Commons.

Mr. Gladstone has obtained from Parliament a grant of £7,000 to restore the magnificent old Chapter House of Westminster Abbey.

The *Guardian* says that the friends of the late Mr. Keble are collecting materials for a memoir of the author of the *Christian Year*, which will be published by Parker as soon as possible.

Several Bishops assembled lately in the great library of Lambeth Palace, when questions of importance, affecting the Colonial Church particularly, were taken into consideration.

Her Majesty's Government have consented to the creation of a new bishopric in Australia, to be formed out of the present enormous diocese of Newcastle, New South Wales, which at present contains an area of 500,000 square miles. The see, which will be known as that of Grafton and Armidale, has been provided mainly through the generous contribution of an Australian merchant recently deceased, and the subscription of other persons interested in the colony. The Rev. Samuel Robinson Waddelow, M. A., St. Peter's College, Cambridge, (B. A., 1855,) Curate of Bowenmouth, Hampshire, has been appointed the first Bishop.

The Church Congress at York will be held on Oct. 9, 10, and 11, under the presidency of the Archbishop of York. The Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to preach the sermon. The Bishops of Oxford, Ripon, Gloucester, and Bristol, the Earls of Harrowby, Devon and Nelson, the Atty. General, the Queen's Advocate, with some other distinguished laymen, are expected to read papers.

*Diocese of Ely.*—A scheme was resolved upon by the Bishop of Ely, in conference with the Dean and Chapter and Rural Deans of the diocese, towards the close of last year, which provides for the invitation from time to time of clerical and general conferences to hold counsel with the Bishop; the former consisting of his lordship, the Dean and Chapter, the Archdeacons, Proctors in Convocation, and Rural Deans; the latter of these, together with one laymen from each of the 28 rural deaneries, annually nominated for the purpose at ruridecanal meetings.

At the monthly meeting of the S. P. G. in May, the following resolutions were passed by a large majority:—

Referring to Bye-Law 18, which requires the Society's missionaries in every country to be subject, when there, to the Bishop or other ecclesiastical authority; referring also to the minute of 20th of February, 1863, in which, after reciting a letter from his Grace the President, dated the 9th of February, 1863, it was resolved—

"That the Society do postpone the re-election of the Bishop of Natal to the office of Vice-President until such time as they shall be certified by the Archbishop that the Bishop of Natal has been cleared of the charges referred to in his Grace's letter, and during such interval all matters relating to the administration of the Society's grants to the Diocese of Natal, which have heretofore been placed by the Society under the control of the Bishop, be intrusted to a committee, consisting of the Dean of Maritzburg, and the Archdeacons of Maritzburg and Durban, with two laymen, who shall be recommended by the Dean and the two Archdeacons, and approved by the Society."

Resolved—

I. That the 18th Bye-Law notwithstanding, none of the Society's missionaries in Natal shall, until the foregoing resolution be withdrawn, be subject to Bishop Colenso.

Resolved to be subject to the Bishop of Natal

