

dioceses of England, and among them the diocese of Lichfield, be divided: and in organizing the Synods of the diocese, the prospect of its division will be considered, and any plan which shall be adopted, will be formed on the supposition of such future division.

From a letter addressed to the *Guardian* by the Bishop of Capetown, we learn that the Bishop has selected the Rev. W. K. Macrorie, M. A., of Brasenose College, Oxford, for the office of Bishop of the Church in Natal, in pursuance of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Synod of that Church there on the 25th of October, 1866. The words of the resolution are as follows:

"That if the person now elected be hindered from accepting the holy office, the Bishop of Capetown and the Bishop of Grahamstown be requested to choose, with the concurrence of the Archbishop of Canterbury, a fit and proper person, whom, when canonically consecrated, we hereby bind ourselves to receive as our Bishop."

The Bishop of London has, in consequence of the letter addressed by the Bishop of Capetown to the newspapers, written a letter to the Bishop, in which he first re-opens the question of the vacancy of the See of Natal, and, secondly, states that, in his view, the consecration of the new Bishop cannot take place in any of the dioceses in England. He certainly gives fair warning to the clergy of the diocese of London, that, should they venture upon having the consecration in any of their Churches, they will be visited with whatever penalties the law allows. The Bishop, however, by alluding in his letter to the "schism of the nonjurors," appears to acknowledge the possibility of differing from the views he sets forth, and as the nonjurors do not appear schismatics to very large numbers of English Churchmen, possibly some Bishop will be found who will not bring down the terrors of law upon the incumbent of the Church where Bishop Macrorie shall be consecrated.

In Montreal, the annual Business Meeting of the Church Society of the diocese of Montreal, has taken place, as the Secretary's able report informs us, for the last time. In that diocese, the Synod and Church Society are incorporated together by an Act of Parliament, and much confidence is felt that very largely increased facilities for good, will result from this step. We notice with thankful feelings the high appreciation of the great Council of the 19th century, which was manifested in the Report which was passed by the meeting, an appreciation which, as the Rev. Dr. Balch said, might well reconcile them to the loss of the wise counsel of the Metropolitan, seeing that their loss is the gain of the Catholic Church. The condition of the Church Society, financially, is not quite so satisfactory as might be, not from the means being wanting