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The Standing Committee of the S. P. G. have recently appointed a very influential sub-Committee to consider the Colonial Bishops Bill and to report thereon. The report, which is decidedly favorable to the principle the Bill, has been accepted and adopted by the Standing Committee, and will be laid before the General Board at their next meeting.

In the Upper House of Convocation, a committee recommended bringing into active operation the act of Henry VIII, which empowers the nomination of Suffragan Bishops to different posts in England, who may render every assistance that may be required—the Bishop to nominate two, and the Crown to select one of these. The recommendation was approved by the House and the President was requested to give effect to it.

The Lower House presented the following resolutions:—

1. That his Grace the President be requested to direct the appointment of a committee to examine the constitutions and canon ecclesiastical with a view to their amendment and adaptation to the present necessities of the Church, and to report to the house whether in the opinion of such committee it is expedient to apply for the consent of the Crown to alter and amend such constitutions and canons.

2. That his Grace the President be requested to direct the house to appoint a committee to consider and report upon that part of the report of the joint committee on Missionary Bishops, June 19, 1861, relating to the establishment of a Board of Missions.

In the Upper House of Convocation June 28, the President laid before the house the following communication from the American house of Bishops:—

“Whereas it has come to the knowledge of the Bishops, clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, in General Convention assembled, that ~~the Bishops and clergy of the province of Canterbury, in the United Church of England and Ireland, have desired the Primate of All England to express their hearty admiration of the courage, firmness, and devoted love of the truths of the Gospel, as this Church has received the same, which have been manifested by the Right Rev. Robert Gray, Bishop of Capetown and Metropolitan of South Africa, and the Bishops who assembled with him, in dealing with the sad departure from Christian doctrine by which one of the Bishops of that province had become notorious, and have declared their thanks to those right rev. brethren for the noble stand made by them against heretical and false doctrine, and their trust that even out of the present difficulties and embarrassments surrounding the church in South Africa it may please God to provide some safeguard for the maintenance of the truths once for all committed to the saints.~~

“Resolved—That the said Bishops, clergy, and laity deem it due to the holy cause in which the Right Rev. the Metropolitan and other Bishops of the Church in South Africa have borne such timely and efficient testimony in the face of so great difficulties, to declare our hearty concurrence in the expression of admiration, thanks, and trust made by the Convocation of Canterbury, and desire the Secretaries of the Houses of Bishops and Clerical and Lay Deputies to communicate to his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury and to the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Capetown duly attested copies of this resolution.

“(Attest) LEWIS F. W. BALCH, D. D., Secretary of the House of Bishops.
“To his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury.”

The Bishop of Salisbury most heartily welcomed this voice from America.

“It ought to relieve in a great degree any anxious questionings which have arisen in some minds as to how it would be possible under altered circumstances to keep up the union of Churches once legally connected with each other under a different state of things, and which we should always desire to remain one. We see if we look to America, a Church maintained in a different community, and in a very different state of things from our own, which has one faith and one object with our own, and to preserve