

Bury, 20; Compton, 14; Coaticook, 26; Hatley and Waterville, 22; Lennoxville, 54, (in addition to 17 confirmed in the College Chapel last Summer—in all, 71); Melbourne, 32; Valcartier, 24.—Total, 477.—The Bishop also consecrated the handsome new stone Church at Drummondville. This Church was burnt down uninsured three years ago; but through the exertions and liberal contributions of the Hon. W. Sheppard, Mr. Watts, Mr. Hemming, and others of the parishioners, it has been rebuilt and now presented to the Bishop for consecration, free of debt. For Drummondville this is a noble work.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford, to whom Mr. Butler of Wantage referred the question whether he ought to accept the call of the Natal Clergy to be their Bishop, have returned an answer which has been published, an answer which will cheer the hearts of all true churchmen. They say, "we have carefully weighed the difficult question which you have proposed to us as to your acceptance of your election to the office of Bishop in South Africa; and we have concluded:—That the decision of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council having determined the position of our Church in South Africa to be that of a Voluntary Spiritual Society, and that the Letters Patent held by Dr. Colenso confer on him no territorial jurisdiction or authority, there is nothing in his legal position to prevent the election of a Bishop, to preside over them, by those of our communion in South Africa, who, *with ourselves*, hold him to have been *canonically deposed from his spiritual office*. Considering, then; *the post of Bishop to be vacant*, and the needs of this district of South Africa to be urgent, we dare not advise you to refuse the call which has reached you." The Bishops, however, advise Mr. Butler to suspend his decision until he is satisfied that he was duly and canonically elected, by a majority of the orthodox clergy and faithful laity of the Diocese, of which they think there are grave doubts. The result will probably be that as soon as the noble and soul-stirring letter of the Archbishop and the Bishop of Oxford reaches Natal, those doubts will be set at rest, and Mr. Butler's election reaffirmed, if not unanimously, at least by an overwhelming majority. Meantime all true-hearted churchmen must feel devoutly thankful that Divine Providence has placed at the head of the English Church, at this critical period in her history, a prelate so wise, so truly Christian, so loyal to English Church principles, so free from the leaven of Erastianism, and so fearless in the discharge of his duty. So far as her peace and prosperity depend upon her Primate, the English Church is safe for the life time of Archbishop Longley.—On the 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation, three Bishops were consecrated at Canterbury Cathedral; the Rev. Robert Milman, Vicar of Great Marlow, Bucks, Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India; the Rev. C. R. Alford, an Islington incumbent, Bishop of Victoria, Hongkong; and the Rev. W. C. Sawyer, Bishop of Grafton and Armidale N. S. Wales. The selection of Dr. Milman to be Metropolitan of India is considered a most excellent one. Twenty-eight years in orders, his whole ministerial life has been spent in hard, earnest, and most successful parish work. Besides the restoration

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