

in consequence of the refusal of her Majesty's Government to assent to the consecration of a successor, although such successor had been nominated by the Bishop of London at the request, and with the subsequent approval, of the Synod of the diocese; and whether such assent had not been requested by the Archbishop of Canterbury and by the Bishops and other members of the Church in New Zealand, without asking for any patent or for the grant of any temporal dignity or coercive jurisdiction? He also asked whether the assent of the Crown had not been given in respect to the diocese of Rupert's Land?—Mr. Cardwell said it was quite true that the succession to the bishopric of Nelson had remained vacant for some time in consequence of the inability of the Crown to give its sanction to the appointment of a successor in the usual way. That inability had been occasioned by the difficulties which had arisen in the law, in consequence of the decision of the Privy Council in the case of Natal. The Bishops of New Zealand had presented a memorial to the Crown, in which they prayed that they might be permitted to surrender their letters patent, and that their successors might be appointed without letters patent, the consecration being regarded as conveying no legal authority or effect; and they further prayed that they might be permitted to fill up vacancies in their own body by their own inherent right, without letters patent and without royal mandate. That memorial was accompanied by a minute from the Ministers of New Zealand, objecting to the creation of corporations within the colony by the act of the Crown without their advice, and objecting to any arrangement by which any *quasi* jurisdiction of the Bishops of New Zealand should receive any authority from the Crown. Under these circumstances, and considering the difficulties with which the question had been beset since the decision in the Natal case, it had been the opinion of her Majesty's advisers that a bill should be prepared in order that the whole subject might be brought under the consideration of Parliament. As to the question respecting Prince Rupert's Land, the Bishop was waiting consecration at the time that judgment was given, and in order to avoid the extreme inconvenience which arose in the Natal case, letters mandate were given by the advice of the law officers of the Crown. The bill would be brought forward at the earliest opportunity.

UNITED STATES.—The bells presented to St. Mary's, Burlington, in memorial of Bishop Doane, chimed out their first song of praise at sun-rise on Easter morning. It was the intention of the Rector to have a muffled peal on 27th April, beginning at the hour when the great and good Bishop entered into his rest. It is intended that this shall be an annual custom.—*Ch. Journal*

The Diocese of South Carolina seems to have suffered severely by the late war. Among other losses their theological library was nearly destroyed by fire. One of their clergy has gone to New York, and with the approbation of its Bishop is making an appeal for help to repair their financial condition. A correspondent of the "Church Journal" writes "The office of *Dean* on Long Island is a reality. It is found to be effective in the work of convocation. It interferes with the rights neither of the parish priest nor the Bishop. The Rector of the parish retains the right to dispose and direct the services. \* \* \* The Bishop of New York has expressed his approval of the institutions of the office, and his marked approbation of the movement.

CANADIAN.—The Bishop of Western New York has recently paid a visit, by invitation, to Toronto, for the purpose of addressing the Church Society of the Diocese. He was met at the station by the Lord Bishop of Toronto, now nearly ninety years of age. Every attention was shewn to the American Bishop during his stay, and his address to the Church Society was received with much approbation, the audience rising *en masse* to return their thanks.

