

## Church News.

ENGLAND.—In the House of Lords, the Bishop of London moved for copies of certain papers relating to the Colonial Church, thus introducing a discussion in which the Earl of Carnarvon, Lords Cramworth, Taunton, Harrowby, and the Bishop of Oxford, took part. Lord Carnarvon said that he would shortly introduce a measure dealing with the principal difficulties. He had no desire to separate the Colonial Church from the established Church of England; he simply accepted things as he found them, and in all civil and temporal matters he found that they were entirely separated. As to spiritual matters that was a wholly different question. There never probably was a time when on the part of the Colonial Church, there existed a stronger desire to maintain the same standard of faith and unity of doctrine. He was disposed to believe that the ardour of their attachment for the religion of the mother country had increased and would continue to increase, just as the loyalty and affection of the colonists for the mother country had kept pace with the generosity and freedom of the gifts made to them in matters of purely temporal government.

We learn, from the report of the last meeting of the S.P.C.K., that we are still to have the privilege of purchasing Keble's Christian year, without the alteration lately made to the great regret of many of its most ardent admirers, in the verses for Nov. 5th. Mr. Keble's executors have considered themselves under an obligation to print those verses with the alteration, proposed by himself shortly before his death, but they have agreed to reprint the *first* edition, which did not contain the verses for the "State Service" days, and this alone will be sold at the depositaries of the Society, for the future.

Dr. Butler, lately elected Bishop of Natal, in the place of Dr. Colenso, seeing the irresolution of some of the clergy of that diocese arising mostly from the over-cautious advice of Convocation in England, on the unusual question of the election of a bishop to a see not considered vacant by the British Privy Council, has decided not to seek consecration until he shall perceive a more earnest and general desire for this step, on the part of the clergy over whom he is to preside. Time will soon open the eyes of the Natal clergy to their needs and their duty. Meantime the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford approve of Dr. Butler's delay, for the reasons assigned.

A Bristol paper states that a split has occurred in an Independent congregation there on the "vestment" question. Seventy-two "Church-members" have seceded because they disapprove of the use of the black gown in the pulpit.

A correspondent of the *Nonconformist*, calls on the Independent ministers to give up the use of the black gown if they are in earnest in their opposition to ritualism, especially since it is proved to be of popish origin.

The Baptists in England are catching the prevailing epidemic of ritualism. A new Baptist church dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, with nave, chancel, transepts, clerestory, rose-window, tower and spire, communion-table, reredos and all the accessories was lately opened at Hull. The consecration services began with the administration of the Holy Communion, and the ancient hymn, "Angulare Fundamentum" was sung.

The Archbishop of York presided at the annual meeting of the Sheffield Church Extension Society. He referred to the trade outrages in Sheffield, and urged the wealthy people of Sheffield to provide their less fortunate brethren