

past the Church of England—the oversight of which is, by Divine Providence and permission, committed to your Lordships—has suffered grievous inconveniences and injuries through the continued suppression of her Synodal action, whereby she has been prevented from exercising her proper authority for the regulation and wholesome exercise of her discipline, for the developement of her natural resources—that the result has been the weakening of the bonds of love and unity among Churchmen, the growth of unsound doctrine, great diversity of rites and ceremonies, and a lamentable deficiency of provision for ministering the word and sacraments and other means of grace to the people of this land, whereby it has come to pass that error and superstition, heresy and schism, ungodliness and immorality have greatly increased, to the injury of Christ's people and the reproach of the Church.

“That in consequence of the recent aggressive measures of the Pope, the attention of the Queen and the people of England has been forcibly directed to the religious position of the country, and that if at this time the real cause of the decrease of true religion, as well as the growth of Popery and other grievous errors and infidelity itself, were represented to Her Majesty by the Bishops of the Church, to whom it especially belongs to advise the Kings of the earth in regard to spiritual matters, there is great reason to hope that, by their representations and entreaties, her Majesty might be moved to restore to the Church the freedom of her Synodal action, as in ancient times.

“Upon which consideration, the undersigned petitioners, having approached her Majesty in a humble address for the revival of the active functions of Convocation, humbly implore you, Rev. and Most Rev. Fathers in God, that you will again urge the prayer urged by the two houses of Convocation of the Province of Canterbury in the year 1847, for license to deliberate, and with the royal assent, to do all such things as concern the settled continuance of the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England, to the end that, in concert with the Lower House of Convocation, you may be enabled to take such measures as may conduce to unity within the Church, and to her efficiency as the Church of the nation; and that so the salvation of souls may be promoted, and the mists of ignorance be dispelled by the bright beams of Christ's Holy Gospel.”

The Archbishop and Bishops having received the petition, it was ordered to lie upon the table.

During the time these proceedings were going on, the Lower House had assembled in an adjacent Chamber, under the presidency of the Very Rev. W. R. Lyall, D. D., Dean of Canterbury. A similar petition, *mutatis mutandis*, was presented by the Venerable Thomas Thorp, B. D., Archdeacon of Bristol.

A lengthened discussion arose as to the sufficiency of the Lower House to receive the petition; and reference having been made to the Archbishop of Canterbury, his Grace decided in the affirmative; and the petition was duly recorded.

Under these circumstances, the members of the Lower House considered themselves qualified to take into their consideration general matters affecting the welfare of the Church and had entered upon a discussion, when the meeting was suddenly broken up by order of the Archbishop, and a further prorogation was ordered, when the Archbishop again attended and took his seat as President.

After some preliminaries,

His Grace the Archbishop called upon Mr. F. H. Dyke, the Principal Registrar of the Province of Canterbury, to read the writ of prorogation.

Mr. Dyke then read the following document:—

“In the name of God, Amen. We, John Bird, by Divine Providence Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Metropolitan, President of the present Provincial Synod or Convocation, of the Bishops and Clergy of the Province of Canterbury, do by this present writing continue and prorogue the said Provincial Synod of Convocation lately to and until this day and place continued and prorogued (all and singular

the certificates and returns already made and delivered, and all others which have not yet been made and delivered, in the same state in which they are now), until February next coming to a certain upper chamber commonly called the Jerusalem Chamber, situate in the Deanery belonging to the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, Westminster, with further continuation and prorogation of days then following and places, if it shall seem necessary to be done in this behalf.

“J. B. CANTUAR.”

The proceedings then terminated.

The Rev. Owen Emery Vidal, Perpetual Curate of Holy Trinity, Arlington, Sussex, has been nominated, and is willing to go out, as the first Bishop of Sierra Leone. The Archbishop of Canterbury and Her Majesty's Government have signified their consent to Mr. Vidal's consecration, if a moderate endowment can be secured.—*Cambridge Chronicle*.

*Consecration of the Lord Bishop of Bombay.*—The Rev. John Harding, D. D., late Rector of the united parishes of St. Andrew's and St. Anne's, Blackfriars, was on Sunday, Aug. 10th, consecrated Bishop of Bombay, in the place of the Right Rev. Dr. Carr, resigned. The ceremony took place in Lambeth Palace, the Bishop of London and Bishop Carr assisting the Primate.

Payments received. Rev. Mr. Ples, Capt. Scott, D. A. C. G. Harris, Dr. Jaques, Messrs. Piton, Bonner, (Vol. 1.) Petry, (Vol. 1.) Brocklesby, Lawreson Mrs. Eppes, Mrs. Ashworth, Mrs. Stott, Miss O'Connor.

#### BIRTHS.

On the 13th ult., at the Rectory, Goderich, the lady of the Rev. E. L. Elwood, of a daughter.

On the 2nd ult., the wife of the Rev. W. Stewart Darling, of a son.

#### MARRIED

On the 15th September, at St. Peter's Church, Brockville, Thos. Reynolds, Esq., M. D., of Brockville, to Eleanor Sarah, eldest daughter of the Rev. Edmund John Senkler, M. A., of Horningatof, Elizabethtown, and formerly of Docking, in the County of Norfolk, England.

On the 18th September, at St. Paul's Church, London, Capt. Burrows, R. A. to Jane, eldest daughter of the Rev. B. Cronyn. A. M. Rector of London.

On Thursday, 18th Sept., at Christ Church, New Brighton, by the Rev. R. P. Irving, the Rev. George Bourn, Incumbent of Orillia, Canada West, to Louisa F., daughter of H. L. Routh, of New York.

#### DIED.

At Guelph, on the 19th ult., Nicholas Power, infant son of the Rev. Arthur Palmer.

On the 11th ult., at Bowling, near Bradford, Yorkshire, England, Mrs. Butler, aged 58, mother of the Rev. John Butler, Master of the Grammar School, Lennoxville.

#### NOTICE.

*Education of the Daughters of the Clergy.*

AN arrangement having been made by which the daughters of the Clergy in this Diocese (to a limited number,) are admitted as pupils of the Diocesan Female School at Montreal, at one-half the usual charge, all Clergymen desirous of availing themselves of this arrangement, are hereby requested (in accordance with a Resolution passed at the last meeting of the Central Board) to intimate their intention to the Secretary of the Church Society.

WILLIAM WICKES,  
Secretary C. S.

Quebec, Oct. 9th, 1851.