

ity for saying that there appears to be no mode of proceeding by which I could be legally called upon to act in that capacity. The censure, therefore, which you would impute to me on this ground proves to be entirely without foundation.

“As you ask me to point out the errors to which I have alluded, I have merely to refer you to the reasons for your deposition, as stated in the judgment of deprivation passed upon you, and to state my belief that for such errors in doctrine an English clergyman would have been ejected from his cure.

“I am not aware that I have ever endorsed with my approval every act of Bishop Gray's connected with your deposition, up to the time at which you wrote, as you seem to assert.

“No one can more deeply deplore than I do the present unhappy condition of the diocese of Natal; but let God be the Judge with whom rests the responsibility of this lamentable division in a regularly constituted branch of the Church of Christ. May it please Him to guide into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived, and to restore peace where there is now, to our great sorrow, discord and dissension.—I am, my Lord, your faithful and obedient servant.

“C. T. CANTUAR.”

THE Archdeacon of London made a statement to the assembled clergy recently, at the close of a meeting on Convocation reform, in reference to a proposed new order of lay deacons in the Church, about which many erroneous reports have appeared in the Church papers. He said that a number of gentlemen interested in the subject was held at his house a few days since, when it was held that the time had come for recognizing lay agency in the Church, inasmuch as it was known that a great many persons were willing to help. He had undertaken to receive the names of the gentlemen who were so disposed. For the step he had taken he had the authority of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of London; indeed the Bishop of London wished it to be known that the course now adopted was taken with his full approbation. When the names of the gentlemen were sent in, it would be considered how this important matter could be put into due order and regularity. In reply to questions from the clergy, the Archdeacon explained that the duty of the new order of deacons would be to assist the ordained ministers, but at present there certainly was a difficulty as to the authority that should be committed to them. That at present was a matter which had not been defined. When the number of gentlemen willing to help was known, he thought there would not be much difficulty in defining the authority which should be conferred upon them. He hoped this public invitation to persons to come forward to engage in the work would be a prelude to a calm consideration of the whole matter by the heads of the Church. The Rev. A. J. Ram (Rural Dean) and other clergymen said they knew persons who would be willing to assist, but that they felt some delicacy in coming forward until they knew what would be the nature of the duties required.—*Christian Times*.

A meeting was held recently at Lambeth Palace, under the presidency of his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, to raise a fund for the purpose of increasing the incomes of curates of long standing. A paper was read by the Archdeacon of Exeter, explaining the main object of the fund—viz. : to augment by an additional £100 a year the incomes of curates of fifteen years'