

feared from Mr. Coleridge's Bill for the abolition of University tests. It was agreed that a respectful reply should be sent to the writer of the letter. The Conference however did not endorse the views of Dr. Pusey in this matter.

MANSERS FOR INDIAN MISSIONARIES.—It is proposed to raise the sum of at least £50,000 to provide mansers for the Indian missionaries of the Free church. From the greatly increased expense of living, some movement of the kind is rendered necessary.

DAY OF THANKSGIVING.—We observe that the Commission of the Free Church Assembly, appointed the first Sabbath of October as a day of thanksgiving for the successful issue of the Abyssinian expedition, and for the harvest.

DEATH OF REV. DR. FULFORD, METROPOLITAN BISHOP OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—The Rev. Dr. Fulford, Bishop of Montreal, and Metropolitan of the Episcopal Church, died recently in Montreal, after a brief illness, shortly after the assembling of the Provincial Synod of the Church. He was a zealous minister of the Church to which he belonged, and was respected by the christian community generally.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Public attention has been largely directed to the recent meeting of the Episcopal Synod in Montreal. There were protracted discussions on the subject of Ritualism. After lengthened debate a resolution was unanimously adopted, the effect of which is to forbid the elevation of the elements at the communion, the use of wafer bread, &c., and to discourage the use of vestments, except those in general use. We are glad to read the very decided tone of some members of the Synod with reference to the innovations, which are being adopted so extensively.

SERIOUS EARTHQUAKE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—A most serious earthquake, extending over a greater extent of territory than ever before known visited the Pacific coast of South America about a month ago. The shocks were felt in parts of Chili, Peru, Ecuador, and slightly in Bolivia. The loss of life is reckoned at about 32,000, and the destruction of property at \$300,000,000. Eight or ten cities were greatly injured, some of them almost destroyed.

CLERICAL PRECEDENCE.—An "Order of Precedence" has been recently published in the *Canada Gazette*, wherein certain honours are conceded to persons bearing certain ecclesiastical titles as Archbishops and Bishops. Seeing that there is now no connection in Canada between Church and State, it seems absurd for the State to exalt a certain class of ecclesiastics above others. One practical effect will be to exalt the Romish Archbishops in Canada above all other ministers of religion, and above most classes of the community. We observe that some religious bodies have protested against this offensive order, and have agreed to communicate their disapprobation to the Dominion government. This absurd and offensive Order of Precedence should be cancelled at once.