

stern justice and rare benevolence;—but it had ceased at length from the esteem and protection of nations; had ceased as an Institution from existence. The reign of Louis XIV was the period of its egress from the scene in which it had achieved much of glory, and had not escaped much of reproach.

CHURCH INTELLIGENCE.

The conference of Bishops at Lambeth, or the Pan-Anglican Synod, was formally opened on Tuesday the 24th of September. A sermon was preached by the Bishop of Illinois. The whole number of prelates is seventy-eight, of whom eighteen come from the English dioceses, nine are Irish, seven Scottish, twenty-three from the British Colonies, and twenty-one from the United States of America. More than half the Bishops in direct communion with the English Church have assembled, some from this side of the Atlantic, some from the very Antipodes of England. The response to the Archbishop's invitation is as satisfactory as it was unlooked for; and though there are very many who delight to sneer at such things, who after having long been in the habit of impressing upon people, that the Church is at best but an unpractical idea, or as the "*Guardian*" expresses it, a theological fiction, cannot now endure to see their views disproved, yet the bulk of sincere English Churchmen rejoice in it with heartfelt satisfaction, and feel that a great and bold step has been taken, the fruit of which shall not pass away with this present generation, but endure and increase until the world's end. At this moment the attention of the world seems fixed upon England; Churchmen throughout Canada, and throughout the length and breadth of the United States, enquire eagerly from week to week about the progress of the great battles that are being fought out in old England. The question of ritualism, though perhaps it excites more discussion at large, is only, after all, one of the points of comparatively minor importance. The truths which the high ritual symbolises, are the inheritance of the English Church; and, if needful, we should be content with a ritual which may not satisfy some among us, so long as the truths of the Church Catholic, the eternal verities of the Gospel, are not endangered. But while there is a contest about these matters, while the strifes between high and low, ritualist and puritan, are growing fierce and hot, and extending downwards and upwards, until well nigh every man is obliged to take one side or the other, poison is being sown broadcast throughout the land, and infidelity gaining ground and displacing faith. Not in Natal only, but throughout England are men, even ministers of the Gospel, denying the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the judgments to come. It will be well for us if through God's abundant mercy, no national apostasy follow this terrible unsettling of faith!

Services which have been styled Pan-Anglican services, have been held during the week preceding the Synod, in the Church of St. Lawrence, Jewry. Bishop