

Church in Natal was one of the subjects referred to a Committee, and, according to the form of the resolution of the Conference, the Committee had two questions with which to grapple :

I. How the Church may be delivered from a continuance of the scandal now existing in Natal ?

II. How the true faith may be maintained ?

On the first question the Committee recommend an address being made to the Colonial Bishopric's Council, calling their attention to the fact that a stipend is being paid to a Bishop lying under the imputation of heretical teaching, and that it is of the utmost importance that there should be pronounced by a competent English Court, such a sentence as would warrant the suspension of the stipend. The report of the Committee, is, by the resolution of the Synod, to be forwarded to all Bishops of the Anglican communion, whose opinion upon it is to be asked ; but, from the accounts given of the action of the Committee, it does not appear who is to make the address to the Colonial Bishopric's Council, nor who is to undertake to bring the matter before the Court, if any mode of laying the allegations of the Committee before such Court, be discovered. It is to be hoped that this weak point does not exist really, but that some persons may be entrusted speedily with the duty of taking action upon these resolutions.

On the second question, the action of the Committee is very clear and explicit ; their decision is, that in consequence of the acts of the South African Church in this matter, having been approved by the Convocations of Canterbury and York, by the Convention of the Church in the United States, and by the Episcopal Synod of the Church in Scotland, and the Provincial Synod of the Church in Canada, and further, on account of the spiritual validity of the sentence of deposition having been accepted by fifty-six bishops on the occasion of the Lambeth Synod, the see is spiritually vacant. Consequently they consider that it is the duty of the Metropolitan and the Bishops of South Africa to proceed, upon the election of the Clergy and Laity, to consecrate a Bishop to discharge the spiritual functions, of which the members of the Church in Natal are now in want. After these resolutions of the Committee, we may trust to see a Bishop sent out soon, for in the meantime the Church is suffering sorely in Natal. On the one hand, Dr. Colenso is attempting to force his authority upon all her members, and on the other, his pernicious heresy appears to be spreading rapidly. Clergy, who at first resisted firmly, are now presenting candidates to the deposed Bishop for confirmation, and one at least of their number, appears formally to have submitted himself, perhaps in despair at the present aspect of affairs, to Dr. Colenso