

The Convocation of Canterbury is to meet for despatch of business on Tuesday, February 18th.

Extremes meet :—The Rev. Charles Bullock, Rector of St. Nicholas, Worcester, on Michaelmas Day allowed several persons attending a sermon by the Dean of Down, in St. Nicholas' Church to sit within the altar rails.

The Mayor of Cork has, for the first time, attended service at a Romish Church in his official robes, and attended by his sergeants, who stood on each side of him as he sat in a handsome carved chair "at the left side of the altar within the sanctuary!"

On Tuesday the "Lambeth Conference" of Bishops re-assembled at the palace of Lambeth. Many of the American and Colonial bishops have left England for their distant dioceses, but no fewer than forty-two attended. The decisions arrived at, with respect to the state of the Church in Natal, were as follows :—"That whilst we accept the spiritual validity of the sentence of deposition pronounced by the metropolitan and bishops of the South African Church upon Dr. Colenso, we consider it of the utmost importance for removing the existing scandal from the English communion, that there should be pronounced by some competent English court such a legal sentence on the errors of the said Dr. Colenso as would warrant the Colonial Bishops' Council in ceasing to pay his stipend, and would justify an appeal to the Crown to cancel his letters patent." Another most important subject was the consideration of proposed legislation as regards colonial Churches. (On this point the committee approved the principle of the bill introduced into the House of Commons, in 1866, by Mr. Cardwell so far as it (1) repealed disqualifying acts; (2) gave legal validity to appointments and ministerial acts in case of past ordinations by bishops not possessing legal jurisdiction; and (3) by requiring that all persons ordained by any bishop, "not being a bishop of a diocese in England or Ireland," shall be in the same position as clergy ordained in the Episcopal Church in Scotland, viz., shall hold no preferment, except with the consent of the bishop of the diocese (which he may refuse without assigning cause), after having made all the declarations, &c., required at ordination, and shall not officiate on more than one day in three months without notice to the diocesan; these provisions, however, not applying to persons once admitted to any preferment.—*Christian Times*.

The Metropolitan of Aboonah of Abyssinia is dead.

The Nestorian Christians in the East are earnestly looking to the Anglican Church for missionaries. A petition to this effect, signed by three of their Bishops and several Priests, Deacons and Laymen has reached the Archbishop of Canterbury. In this document they candidly acknowledge that there is not one of their Bishops who has a perfect knowledge of Holy Scripture. Even their late Patriarch on being asked how many of the sacred books he had read, replied :—"When I was a lad, I remember reading as many as five chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew." This answer was received with applause by those who heard it.

Our readers will rejoice to hear that at length one has been elected to the office of Bishop of the Church in Natal. It is the Rev. W. K. Macrorie, M. A. Oxon : formerly a master of Radley College, afterwards incumbent of Wapping, and since presented to the living of St. James', Accrington. He was elected to take the place of Dr. Colenso, by the Metropolitan of South Africa and the Bishop of Grahamstown, in concurrence with the Archbishop of Canterbury, according to the unanimous vote of the clergy and laity of the Church in Natal, assembled at Pietermaritzburg, on October 25th, 1866,—thus providing against the possibility of a failure on the part of the Rev. Dr. Butler to accept the office.

UNITED STATES.—In our last Number, we noticed the formation of a Society of Low Church clergymen, having for their object a closer fellowship with the various non-episcopal Bodies. Their published determination was to violate one of the Canons of their own Church by officiating and joining in the public worship of non-episcopalians, and in turn inviting non-episcopal pastors to preach and otherwise publicly officiate in their churches. In order to discourage this confusion, and disregard of