

will probably need some constitutional changes to adapt itself to the new order of things. It will be remembered that upon the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, a permissive Act of our Legislature was passed, with the Royal assent, for which it was reserved by the Governor-General, authorizing the Bishops, Clergy and Laity to meet in Diocesan and Provincial Synods, and frame laws for their own government. They have so met accordingly, in each Diocese and as a Province. But there underlies all these proceedings a recognition of that Royal Supremacy which now seems to amount to little or nothing. Thus, the "Declaration" which the Provincial Synod adopted at its first meeting, says, "We desire the Church in this Province to continue, as it has been, an *integral portion* of the United Church of England and Ireland. * * * In particular we maintain the ancient doctrine of our Church, that the Queen is rightfully possessed of the chief government and supremacy over all persons within her dominions, whether ecclesiastical or civil, as set forth in the 37th of the Articles of Religion; and we desire that such supremacy should continue unimpaired." But if the Queen, as is now discovered, cannot exercise jurisdiction in her own right, but only through the Colonial Legislatures, it is not probable that the Royal name will be used where there is no power. Nor is it likely that Colonial Legislatures will establish Episcopal Churches. The only thing these have a right to ask of any Government, is, power to hold their property according to their own constitution, and in all other matters, to be left alone. But there will be a hankering after some State recognition, which must be resisted. Let Episcopalians have all the *status* before the law possessed by other bodies; not a whit more. This matter should be watched.

The Rev. Matthew Macfie, for several years agent of the British Colonial Missionary Society in Vancouver Island and British Columbia, was, on the 10th inst., elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. In Messrs. Longman's list appended to the number of the *Edinburgh Review* for this month, we observe an octavo volume announced, from the pen of the rev. gentleman, to appear in May, on the history, resources, and prospects of the interesting colonies above mentioned.—*English Paper*.

A ROMISH UNIVERSITY.—There is reason to believe that the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda and the Pope are likely to take steps immediately to found a Roman University in England. The design of this movement is frankly stated by the *Tablet*, in a passage which strikingly justifies the apprehensions entertained by Lord Castlerosse and his friends. "We desire," says the *Tablet*, "to leave to others to enforce the moral and religious considerations which suggest themselves against education in Protestant colleges, and we confine ourselves to the argument that the very desire expressed by some of assimilating their son's minds and manners to the minds and manners of Protestants of their own rank, is a desire for a bad thing and not for a good one. We don't want to see the next generation of English Catholics assimilated in mind and manner to their Protestant countrymen." The English Roman Catholic gentry can thus see, that what is desired to be effected is to perpetuate hatreds and feuds, by establishing a gulf between their sons and those of their Protestant countrymen.—*Correspondent of the Cambridge Independent*.

The Pope has issued a decree for the canonisation of nineteen martyrs. The *Times* correspondent thus describes this curious document:—

It opens with the announcement that since the Church of Christ was relieved of the persecutions of the heathen it has been exposed to those of heretics, who, affecting the name of Christ and the profession of His religion, deceived the un-