

heart. Mr. Kinglake was almost eloquent on the dangers to which property was exposed by the proposed measure. Mr. Gladstone's look was quoted, and his consistency, honesty, and judgment successively assailed.

Among the gentlemen admitted to Priest's Orders by the Bishop of London was the Rev. Henry Christopherson, formerly an Independent minister of high standing in London. Since his ordination to the Diaconate in our Church he has held the Curacy of St. Clement's, Nottinghill. He has now resigned this, and is engaged for the present to assist at St. Paul's, Campden-hill, Archdeacon Sinclair having given the title for Priest's Orders.

The Ritual Commission having (up to the close of the Second Report) sat forty-five times, out of the twenty-nine Commissioners those who have attended every time have been (when in order of their commission), the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mr. Beresford-Hope, Rev. H. Venn, Rev. R. Gregory, and Rev. T. W. Perry.

IRELAND.—In accordance with a memorial addressed to the Primate and himself, and signed by many hundreds of the clergy in both Provinces of the Irish Church, the Archbishop of Dublin has summoned a Synod of the Province of Dublin to meet on the 1st and 2d of September to deliberate "upon urgent and difficult cases concerning the state and defence of the Church of Ireland."

The suggestion as to urgent and difficult cases in the state and defence of the Church sounds something like a contemplated compromise, whilst the admission that such difficulties are known and felt throughout the Irish Church shows that consultation in Synod was needed long ago.

NATAL.—The *John Bull* states that the despatch of the Duke of Buckingham, dated Jan. 30, threatening to cancel the appointment of any ecclesiastical officer who took part in the consecration of a Bishop on the assumption that Bishop Colenso had been deposed, has been followed by another; and that when his grace found that a course could be adopted which the Crown would approve, he at once addressed the following despatch to the Governors of the Cape of Natal and of Mauritius:—

Downing-street, 23rd May, 1868.

SIR,—In my despatch of the 30th of January last, I informed you of a report which had reached Her Majesty's Government, that it was in contemplation by some of the Colonial Bishops to consecrate a Bishop to take charge of the diocese of Natal on the assumption that Dr. Colenso had been legally deposed, and I instructed you as to the course which you were to pursue in such an event.

I have, however, since received from the Bishop of Capetown various communications on this subject, which render it necessary that I should again address you respecting it.

His lordship entirely disclaims the idea that he and those who act with him contemplate interfering with any legal rights which Dr. Colenso may have; he explains that it is only proposed to consecrate a Bishop who shall perform Episcopal functions for such of the clergy and laity as well in *Zulu land* and the adjacent parts as in Natal &c., who may be willing voluntarily to submit themselves to him.

I am informed also by his lordship that although the particular title by which such Bishop should be consecrated will be a question for the decision of the several Bishops of the province, he does not desire that such Bishop should be consecrated by the title of Bishop of Natal, or of any place within that diocese, or by any other title which might be regarded as an infringement of rights purporting to be conferred by the letters patent.

Under these circumstances I do not think it necessary that Her Majesty's Government should interpose any obstacle whatever to such proceeding, or that you should use any influence to prevent it.