

cision, however, the Supreme Court of Natal appears to have overlooked the fact, that if Dr. Colenso's Letters Patent are valid, the jurisdiction of the Metropolitan must be allowed to be effective; the deposition of the Bishop was disallowed as a legal act by the Privy Council on the ground, that they recognized neither a Bishop of Capetown nor a Bishop of Natal, and if therefore now this decision is invalidated, the English Courts must enter upon the question of the validity of the sentence. In fact the deposition of Bishop Colenso may prove to be legally valid, as well as spiritually valid, and if this appears likely to be the ultimate result of the finding of the Supreme Court in Natal, it is yet possible that delay in the consecration of Bishop Macrorie might be deemed advisable. At such an important crisis in her history, this wearied South African Church needs the prayers of all members of the Church, that God may of His great goodness grant to her a period of rest and prosperity after her many difficulties and trials. A most earnest address of thankfulness has been sent by the clergy of Natal to their Metropolitan, in which they express their appreciation of his labours and sufferings on their behalf, and their joy at the prospect of a Bishop being appointed over them, "to restore the waste places and to build anew that which has been broken down." The pastoral also of the Pan Anglican Synod has tended to restore confidence, and to strengthen the Churchmen of that diocese by the belief that the sympathies of the whole Anglican Communion are with them, and their prayers offered for them in these struggles.

The Pan Anglican Synod of Lambeth has been the subject of a debate in the Lower House of Convocation, in the course of which the Dean of Westminster spoke of the Assembly of Bishops in the same offensive way in which he had previously spoken. In this case, however, he spoke in an assembly of learned men, where his words met a meet reply and rebuke; the idea that Bishops had assembled from Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Africa, and other countries, merely to attend what the Dean styles a "convivial meeting," found no response from other members of the Convocation of Canterbury. While indeed the council assembled at Lambeth neither desired nor claimed to make Canons for the Church, yet it should be spoken of with reverence, and its decrees accepted as being the expression of the convictions of the highest rulers of the Church, from whom if the Holy Spirit of God depart, so as to cease to guide them in their words and acts, it really leaves the Church over which they are appointed to preside. In the course of the discussion Archdeacon Wordsworth stated that the latter was regarded by members of other Churches as the greatest act of the Anglican Communion, and quoted in support of his views the Abbé Guetté, who had said that the