CONVOCATION AT EXETER.

At a Diocesan Convocation holden at the Chapter-house of the Cathedral on the 6th of August, the Rev. Dr. Coleridge and the Rev. Mr. Cullyns were chosen to represent the diocese of Exeter in the Lower House of Convocation. The Rev. Prebendary Dennis, in a learned and eloquent address, brought before the clergy the present state of our ecclesiastical system, pointing out the innovations and perversions by which it has been so lamentably deranged, and the duties of the clergy as assistants of the bishop in the examination of candidates for orders, an office now delegated to an examining chaplain: the appointment of bishops by the Sovereign—an innovation utterly at variance with the principle and practice of the Church of Christ for the first 1,500 years at least of her existence: the heavy blow inflicted on the church by the cutting off of her tithi hitherto paid to the papal usurper over the church by the silencing her voice in convocation; the ignorance of ecclesiastical law, even of the ecclesiastical courts; the ecclesiastical commission, and the recommendation of the suppression of the petty ecclesiastical courts and Manx, which, however, the combined exertions of the church and the memory of bishop Wilson defeated, Dodwell and most other topics, the very learned Prebend dwelt on with much eloquence, and appealing to the canons of the church, the statutes of the realm, and the decisions thereof, drew how the ancient principles and customs of the church had been violated by modern aggression and innovation.

Prebendary Dennis has embodied the main points of his address in a petition.

POLITICAL CONFERENCE OF PREACHERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

The first move of the next movement of the Anti-Corn-Law League it to take place in Manchester on the 17th instant, the proposed congregation of a kind of "Parliament of the Conference on the Corn Laws," which, in explanation, may be understood to mean "A conference of ministers of the Gospel," in a ministerial anti-corn law-league conference, for the purpose of devising some new mode of action, and of inviting a certain portion of the manufacturers at the expense of the great interests of agriculture. This meeting of the "Parliament" has already publicly announced that "already 280 clergymen have signified their intention of being present," "some thousands" of petitions to parliament have been quite a sensation, particularly among the lodging-house keepers, who anticipate the reaping of a rich harvest.

It is feared, however, that the golden dreams of this class of the community of the cotton manufacturers will be very disagreeably broken, as the committee of correspondence and management have issued a circular, containing advertisement, "earnestly soliciting parties intending to entertain one or more of the visitors to signify the same to the secretary of the Anti-Corn Law League." The *Manchester Guardian*, a paper in the anti-corn law interest, also contains an advertisement, "earnestly soliciting parties intending to entertain one or more of the visitors to signify the same to the secretary of the Anti-Corn Law League." The *Manchester Guardian*, a paper in the anti-corn law interest, also contains an advertisement, "earnestly soliciting parties intending to entertain one or more of the visitors to signify the same to the secretary of the Anti-Corn Law League." From these feelers, it will be seen, much is to be expected from the "rank and and hostesses, that the clerical visitors are determined to have cheap corn in Manchester, that the only difference is not to be confined to sect, but merely to party, and it is to be composed of preachers of every denomination, a most heterogenous admixture is expected to grace the town with their presence, and to mingle with the cotton and sugarcane conversation.

The following is a list of a few of the sects who endeavour every Sabbath to instil religious sentiments into the minds of the Manchester operatives, and, as the conference is open to all, every political religious body is expected to send and to disbud up on the 17th:—Unitarians, Socialists, Roman Catholics, Owenites, Baptists, Swedenborgians, Methodist Independents, Razters, Brothertonists, Johannahs, Gadabyites, Mormonites, Sir Latter-day Saints, Shakers, Muggletonians, Bawlers, and street preachers of every denomination.

Several Whig clergymen of the Church of England, and some few Wesleyan and Primitive Methodists, have signified their intention to attend the conference!

THE DEPRESSION IN TRADE.

(FROM THE *Manchester Courier.*)

We would fain be spared the pain of a task after week having to report continued embarrassments, losses, and unprofitable business in the commercial world, but the truth compel us to do so.

A more harassing week in business than the past we do not recollect to have known. There has been a great want of confidence manifested, and other parties have been compelled to force sales, the most ruinous sacrifices have been made. Orders, whether for yarn or goods, have been exceedingly restricted, considering the season of the year, and are variably executed at declining rates.

To tell the number of spinning and manufacturing concerns which are at a total stand, or only partially worked, and of the multitude of houses dependent thereon, would be a disagreement, and reduced to beggary and starvation, would be next to impossible, and appal the stoutest heart. Let any attempt take a survey within a circle of 12 miles round Manchester, and see the dilapidated and deserted state of dwellings, the numerous auctions and notices seeking about the country for work, or craving a morsel of bread; let him mark the gyves of bankruptcy, and a ruinous depreciation of property; which everywhere meet him, and then ask himself if such a commercial hurricane ever desolated the country before. And whereas has this arisen! One says from the corn laws—another from the violent policy of the Bank of England—a third, overreading has brought the curse. That the calamities of the times have not been brewed about by the corn laws is pretty obvious, because in the countries where no corn laws exist, they are as severely off than ourselves. That the vicious policy of the Bank of England, in its violent banks through it directors, has caused unlimited issues of local notes, and unlimited credit and speculation, have induced the overtrading and overbuying upon men of straw to compete with men of sterling wealth—have induced the building of railways, and paper hands, the endless moonshine schemes and bubbles, which are now recalling with such terrible effect on those who are realling into this air. A concern which has this week failed in Liverpool is said to owe a joint-stock bank 100,000*l.*; and we know that a very extensive firm in Manchester while ago in this neighbourhood, and whose proprietors had notoriously no property of their own, owed a joint-stock bank here nearly a million of money! Now, this scheme of joint-stock banking is the adoption of the Bank of issue, and it seemed carrying us with a flood-tide towards the haven of prosperity and success, "when" and "where" arose that hypocritical empiric, "how trade flourishes, and the people too, under our benign sway!" But the check has been imposed, the master is come, the terrible indeed, are its results. Yet there must be a thorough weeding—the false system must be entirely exploded—before we can have anything like a return to permanent prosperity.

SHIP NEWS.

BRITISH EXPLORING EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTH POLE.

The following is an extract of a letter received at Lloyd's from their agent at Hobart Town, dated the 19th of April, 1841:—

"By the last list you will have perceived the return to Port Jackson of her Majesty's ships Erebus and Terror, under the command of Captain Ross, on their antarctic discovery expedition, and it is pretty well understood that the cruise has been very successful, and those British ships have penetrated to a higher southern latitude than any navigators have ever before attempted, and have discovered a large tract of land, of more extent than any other vessel has ever yet reached; that there are mountains of ice, and that the variation of the compass has reached 180 miles distant from them, and that the dip of the needle has been found to be 88 degrees. The Americans who appear to have preceded these explorers

EAST INDIA SHIPPING.

The Fortitude, from Van Diemen's land, has arrived at Hull.

The Indiana, from Bengal, has arrived at Liverpool. Sailed April 2.

The Bellona, from Bengal, has arrived at Liverpool.

Arrived at Bombay, March 1, Van Diemen's land.—The Pioneer, March 26, from Sydney.—Ann from London—April 29th, from Mauritius.—The Ann