

ties, and now makes haste to send out the complete machinery of the Church of England to establish Episcopacy in the infancy of the colonies. Rev. George Hills has already been designated as Lord Bishop of British Columbia, and a complimentary meeting has been held in London, at the rooms of the Society for Propagating the Gospel, at which the Bishops of Pennsylvania and Ohio were present, and added much to the interest of the meeting, at the request of the Rev. E. Hawkins, in giving some account of the American Bishops of California and Oregon, the adjoining dioceses to Columbia. *The Colonial Church Chronicle* says:—

"It was announced by the secretary, at the monthly meeting of Nov. 19th, that Miss Burdett Coutts had given £25,000 for the endowment of British Columbia, viz., £15,000 for the Bishopric, and £10,000 for the other clergy. This is the third Bishopric which this lady has endowed."

WESLEYAN MISSIONARIES TO COLUMBIA.

—Four Missionaries of the Wesleyan Church have left, or are just about to leave, for British Columbia.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. CHEEVER.—A very interesting and gratifying scene occurred on Monday evening last, at the monthly congregational gathering of the Church of the Puritans. A large company composed of members of the congregation and invited guests assembled at the house of Dexter Fairbanks, Esq., in West Fourteenth street, to meet Dr. Cheever. At a signal from the host, Mr. T. S. Berry was called to the chair, and Benjamin K. Phelps, Esq., in behalf of the company, addressed Dr. Cheever in a very neat and pertinent speech, alluding to his fidelity alike to the sins of his people and the sins of the nation; and requested him to accept, as a token of the esteem of numerous friends, a purse of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Great regret is felt in Scotland that Dr. Cunningham, Principal of the Edinburgh Free Church College, is in such a state of enfeebled health as to give ground to fear that his noble career of usefulness is rapidly closing.

ATTRACTIONS OF THE PULPIT.—The tricks of the pulpit to draw an audience, are beginning to enter into competition with those of the theatre. The Rev. Mr. Baylies of New Bedford, Massachusetts, announced on a late Sunday morning, that he should preach in the afternoon with reference to the unfortunate affair of brother Thomas, but requested that meanwhile he should be asked no questions.

This excited more curiosity than the glad tidings of Great Joy usually does. "What has brother Thomas done?" He preached from, "But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came." Subject, non-attendance at church.

A clergyman was charged with having violently dragged his wife from a revival meeting, and compelled her to go home with him. The clergyman let the story travel along until he had a fair opportunity to give it a broadside. Upon being charged with the offence, he replied as follows:—"In the first place, I never have attempted to influence my wife in her views, nor a choice of meeting. Secondly—my wife has not attended any of the revival meetings. In the third place—I have not even attended any of the meetings for any purpose whatever. To conclude—neither my wife nor myself have any inclination to these meetings. Finally—I never had a wife."

News of the Month.

Since the publication of Her Majesty's Proclamation in India, numbers of the petty chiefs who joined the rebellion are taking advantage of the terms of amnesty therein offered, by making their submission, and delivering their forts and arms to the British authorities.

Tantia Topee is now the most troublesome person in arms. This rebel leader has managed hitherto to elude our troops. Albeit nearly surrounded at different times, yet, owing to the roughness of the country, and his perfect knowledge of the ground, he was able to escape. Complaints are made by our officers, also, of the difficulty they meet with from the native inhabitants, in furnishing correct intelligence of this man's movements. This is the more extraordinary, as he supports his army mainly upon the plunder extracted from their towns; nor does he even spare their dwellings, but often burns whole cities. Many maintain Tantia Topee and the Nana Sahib, the butcher of Cawnpore, to be the same person, under different names. He has a large force, well provided with arms and other munitions of war. We may, however, expect soon to hear of his capture.

The French and Spaniards are at war with Cochin China, a territory lying between our Indian possessions and China proper. The alleged cause is cruelties perpetrated by sanction of the King upon the persons of French