

standing and upwards. It was stated that in one diocese alone there were no less than sixty-eight curates of from fifteen to fifty years' standing. The following resolutions were carried unanimously:—1. That the assistant curates of this country discharge such high and responsible duties, and so frequently cannot obtain independent positions for a long series of years, that it has become an act of simple justice that means be taken to secure to them a better and more permanent provision than is at present within their reach. 2. That the scheme presented to this meeting for creating a fund to be styled the "Curates' Augmentation Fund" is, in its general features, well adapted to carry out this object, and deserves the confidence and support of the members of the Church of England. A provisional council was formed to carry forward the proposed scheme on the basis of the draught constitution submitted to the meeting.

THREE colonial bishops-designate are waiting consecration, namely, the Rev. John Postlethwaite, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has been appointed to the recently founded bishopric of New Westminster, formed out of the enormous diocese of British Columbia; the Rev. Henry Lascelles Jenner, LL.B., of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, who has been nominated to the new-founded bishopric of Dunedin, New Zealand, which will include the Provinces of Otago and Southland, now in the diocese of Christ Church; and the Rev. Andrew Burn Suter, M.A., of Trinity College, Cambridge, who has been nominated to succeed Dr. Hobhouse in the Bishopric of Nelson, New Zealand. The bishopric of Victoria, Hong Kong, which became vacant several months since by the resignation of Dr. Geo. Smith, has not yet been filled up. It is said to have been offered to several clergymen, and refused; it is endowed with £1000 sterling a year, payable from the Colonial Bishopric's Fund, and includes the island of Hong Kong and the congregations of the Church of England in China.

The archdeaconry of Christ Church, New Zealand, has been conferred on the Rev. H. W. Harper, M.A., of Merton College, Oxford.

It is said that the title of the Bishop whom the Bishop of Capetown is about to consecrate in the room of Bishop Colenso will be not the Bishop of Natal, but the Bishop of Pietermaritzburg.

The first notice of motion given in the convocation of the Province of Canterbury was by Archdeacon Denison, for an address to the Archbishop requesting him "to take such measures as might seem to him best for assembling in London a *Synod of the English Communion*."

The Right Rev. Bishop Wilmer, having complied with the conditions required (in his special case) by the late general convention has been fully recognized as Bishop of Alabama.

The Diocese of South Carolina also, by a resolution of its Diocesan Council, has followed in the same course. When the resolution passed the council rose and joined in singing the *Gloria in Excelsis*, in commemoration of the restoration of peace, harmony, and reunion of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina with the Church of the United States.

There remain now Virginia, Mississippi, Florida and Louisiana, which have not yet placed themselves in their former position.

A movement is on foot in the Southern States, to erect a memorial Cathedral to the Confederate dead. As embraced in the Cathedral system, it is pro-