

sire. Clergy, 11, 4 of whom are natives. The first ordination in the Islands was held last year, when the Rev. Edwin Sakebran was ordained. The Bishop has lately appealed for "four more men, who will go anywhere and do anything."

Honolulu.—Bishop Willis exercises spiritual jurisdiction within the Hawaiian or Sandwich Islands. There is a Diocesan Synod. The population is 52,000; clergy, 6, with 189 communicants, 'a seed of the Church of the future, which the Bishop prays will one day overshadow these isles.'

Thus in adversity and prosperity the work in New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific goes bravely on. Under the wise superintendence of the great Selwyn, the foundations were well laid, and in no part of the field have greater results been accomplished. The noble race of Maories has been won largely to Christ, and the examples of the pioneer clergy, and of the sainted Patterson, have stirred the hearts of the sons and daughters of the Church to renewed efforts and increased zeal in the cause of missions. *Laus Deo.*

THE Rev. T. H. Gill, Rector of Whalley Range, near Manchester, in addressing a public meeting, recently held in London, said: "My lot is cast in a large suburban parish, which has grown in a few years from 7,000 to 27,000 inhabitants. The people belong mainly to the middle and lower middle classes, and I should say by far the larger part have hitherto been Nonconformists. The demand for Church accommodation is, so far, unlimited. We have now three Churches—a

fourth is rapidly rising. Our congregations are very largely recruited from the ranks of Nonconformists, and many of our most generous givers and best workers were formerly Nonconformists.

QUESTIONS ON CONFIRMATION.

Q. WHAT is Confirmation?

A. "The laying on of hands upon those who are baptized and come to years of discretion."

Q. Have we any express mention of it in Scripture?

A. Yes.

Hebrews vi: 2. "Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

Q. Why do you conclude that this passage refers to Confirmation, and not to ordination of ministers, or to the laying hands on the sick?

A. Because it is classed with other "foundations" or elementary truths and ordinances, as among "the principles of the doctrine of Christ."

Q. What are the other things with which it is classed?

A. "Repentance from dead works and faith towards God, the doctrine of baptisms, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."

Q. Are not all these matters of universal and permanent interest?

A. Yes.

Q. What then would you conclude concerning the "laying on of hands" which is here joined with them?

A. That it is of universal and permanent obligation.

Q. Have we any examples of the "laying on of hands" in Scripture?