

## Colonial and Foreign Church News.

The members of the Church in St. John should make a point of attending the anniversary meeting of the Diocesan Church Society at Trinity Church Sunday School Room on Thursday evening, July 5th. The proceedings will begin at 7 P. M. The clergy and lay-delegates are to meet for the transaction of the business of the Society on the previous Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the same time and place.

There is likely to be a much larger attendance than usual of lay-delegates this year at the Diocesan Church Society meetings, as many of them are to represent the lay element in their parishes at the discussion of the Synod question. This will take place during the first week of July, but we have not yet been informed where it will be held.

On May 16th the Lord Bishop of the diocese held a Confirmation at All Saints Church, Loch Lomond. Prayers and Lessons were read by the Rector of the Parish, and the Litany by the Rev. W. H. Doveber Rector of St. Paul's Church, Portland. The Rev. W. Scovil, M. A., Chaplain of the Lunatic Asylum read the commencement of the Confirmation Service, after which the Bishop confirmed sixteen persons. Five other candidates were prevented from being present by the heavy rain which fell nearly all day. His Lordship then delivered a very impressive address on self-dedication, a subject of great importance to all persons, but especially so to those who had just been admitted in so solemn a manner to the fellowship of the Church.—*Com.*

We rejoice to hear that the Church Needlework Society has done such good service and has been so well appreciated in so many parishes of the diocese. We wish it every success in its career of usefulness, and hope it may receive still more substantial evidences of appreciation from those who were once its enemies, but are now its friends.

We may add that the Society supplies—SURPLICES, STOLDS, HOODS, COMMUNION LINEN for Church and private use. ALTAR CLOTHS, KNEELING MATS, and CUSHIONS, &c., &c., to the clergy at a reduction on the cost price of the materials. TEXTS, printed on coloured paper of large size are also supplied at \$1.00 the set of three. Application for the Society's work, or for a list of the Texts, to be made to MRS. MEDLEY, or MISS HOPKINS, Fredericton.

ANYTHING coming from the pen of the good Bishop of Newfoundland will, we feel sure, be attentively read by those of our subscribers who have heard of his self-denying labours. In a pamphlet containing 46 pages entitled "A plea for Colonial Dioceses," the Bishop introduces a statement of the progress in his diocese, short extracts only of which our limited space will allow:—

"Let me" says Bishop Field, "express my earnest hope and desire that, if it should be made to appear that much progress has, by God's blessing, been effected, during my episcopate of twenty years, it may not be supposed that I have any intention of magnifying, or displaying, my own labours or services. I believe that any Bishop, favoured and assisted as I have been, would, with the Divine help and blessing, have effected as much; and that many would have, as some in similar situations have, effected more. Looking at the progress of the Church in New Zealand, or South Africa, or Canada, I can well believe that the zeal and piety of a Selwyn, a Gray, or a Mountain would have secured better provision, and, it may be, supervision, for the many still desolate places, and scattered sheep of this poor diocese.

The number of "New churches" since my arrival is very large; many of them in entirely new localities (five on the Labrador), but the majority to replace smaller and less sightly buildings of the primitive style. There are now in this portion of the Diocese (Newfoundland and Labrador) eighty churches, consecrated and in use, seven ready for consecration, and eight others in progress. Of those already in use, I have been privileged to consecrate fifty two, nearly all of which are of much improved construction; and, in the majority, there is a font of stone, with silver vessels for the celebration and administration of the Holy Communion. Several of these churches were assisted from funds put at my disposal by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, but more, and more largely by our own Church Society. Our 'Cathedral,' built after the great fire, chiefly from collections made in England by a Queen's Letter, in which the restoration of the Cathedral and Parish Church was specially mentioned, (it happened that our Church was the only place of Public Worship destroyed in that fire) was consecrated in 1850. It was designed by Gilbert Scott, and as far as it is finished, is well and faithfully executed, and is admired by all who have seen it. The furniture is of oak, the seats open and entirely free. All the windows on the sides, and at the west ends of the aisles, are filled with painted glass. We have a good font of stone, a plain silver set, and a splendid double silver-gilt set of vessels for the Holy Communion, of exquisite workmanship. They were procured by the joint contributions of many friends, through the kind and effective in-