

Synod of Nelson, approved by the General Synod of New Zealand, and also subsequently by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to Nelson. The Rev. H. L. Jenner, to Dunedin, New Zealand.

The Lord Bishop of the diocese held the annual meeting of the Archdeacons and Rural Deans at the Palace on Friday. Various subjects of general and diocesan interest, the state of the Colonial Church, lay readers, diocesan inspection, &c., were discussed. The most interesting circumstance, however, connected with the meeting was the formal appointment of J. D. T. Niblett, Esq., as a reader for the parish of Standish, in accordance with the resolutions come to at Lambeth by the Archbishops and Bishops on Ascension day last. The service, which took place in the chapel of the Palace, consisted of the Litany and a short form of prayer, accompanied with the formal giving of the New Testament by the Bishop to the appointed reader. Mr. Niblett was presented to the Bishop by the Rev. J. W. Sheringham, vicar of Standish, and is, we believe, the first reader in our Church appointed under the recent useful resolutions above alluded to.—*Gloucester Chronicle*.

The *Naval and Military Gazette*, writing on the Church in the navy, says the want of the Naval Church is more *voluntary* services for those who seek them:—

Valuable as are the compulsory services for which the police provide the congregations, these cannot supplant *voluntary* action, for religion is eminently a delicate sensitive plant, calling for careful nurture, and cannot be coerced on the wills of men. The communicant classes and pastoral visitations are, in fact, the little feeders to the great congregation, and the Holy Communion is a public office instituted by a far more positive command than any other portion of divine worship. All that is required to supply these wants of officers and men is to allow the naval clergy some of the liberty and conveniences accorded to their brethren in the sister service. The chief great want is a screened place for meeting men off duty during the evening hours. In all ships bearing chaplains this could be easily effected, as it already is with good effect in some.

The Committee of the *Hawaiian Mission* has just given directions to Mr. Slater to put in hand immediately the first portion of his design for the memorial church at Honolulu—viz., the choir with its aisles, and the tower, which is placed at the north-west side of the choir. Its estimated cost is between £5,000 and £6,000. It is hoped that additional funds will have come in by the time this portion is finished, to enable the committee to complete the church. We should have failed to mark adequately the universal appreciation of Queen Emma's virtues, if her visit to England did not produce the £10,000 necessary to complete this church for her islands, which is also to be the appropriate monument to her late husband.

On Sunday, August 26, fifty-four convicts at Portland received Confirmation at the hands of the Bishop of Salisbury. His lordship arrived in the morning with his chaplain, and conducted the Communion Service himself. Altogether in the Chapel there were about 1,200 convicts including William Roupell, who, although looking careworn, evidently took much interest in the proceedings. The Fenian prisoners, twenty-three in number, were, of course, absent, but were receiving the ministrations of a Roman Catholic gentleman in another building jointly with others of the same creed, altogether about sixty. His lordship also preached to the convicts in the morning, and during the afternoon service, in the course of which the Confirmation took place, addressed himself especially to the catechumens. He hoped they would consider the final account they would have to give, and well