

PRESENTATION OF A PIECE OF PLATE TO T. B. ANDERSON,
ESQ.

On Wednesday, June 19th, immediately after the adjournment of the Morning Session of the Diocesan Synod, the Bishop and most of the Clergy proceeded to the Library in the Cathedral school-house for the purpose of presenting a "Silver Salver" to T. B. Anderson, Esq., the Treasurer of the Diocesan Church Society, as a small token of their sense of the valuable services he has so long rendered to the Diocese in connection with the above Society, and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The presentation was made by the Lord Bishop, to whose address Mr. Anderson made a most appropriate reply.

THE POLYNESIAN CHURCH.

SIR,—I am desirous of laying before your readers a short statement respecting an application for the establishment of the Church in Hawaii, the Owyhee of our early navigators, and the scene of the death of Captain James Cook.

The group of islands, known by the name of the Sandwich Islands, which are under the government of the King of Hawaii, has at present a native population of about 70,000 souls, exclusive of a considerable number of English, American, and German residents, of whom no fewer than 300 live at Honolulu, the capital.

Last year the King of these islands forwarded to this country an address from the foreign residents, requesting him to take steps to obtain for them the services of an English clergyman, and he sent with this, formal instructions to his Consul-general in London to ask the prelates of the English Church to consecrate a Bishop, and to send such Missionaries as they might think fit, he on his part promising such pecuniary aid as he was able to give.

Immediately on the receipt of this unexpected but welcome summons to "come over and help" them, a communication was made to the Church in America—the merchants of which country are largely interested in the commerce of these islands—proposing that the mission to be sent forth should be the joint work of the mother and daughter Churches of England and America. This proposal was cordially received by the Church in the United States, and an arrangement entered into by which it is provided that the Church in this country shall send forth the Bishop, accompanied by two clergymen at the least, and that three other clergymen shall be sent by the Church in America.

The means of the King are very limited, but out of these means he has promised to contribute £200 a year, together with such other assistance as he may be able towards building churches, schools, &c. This contribution, together with what is expected from the islands themselves will, it is believed, relieve the Church here of any anxiety as to the maintenance of the Missionaries. It is, however, desirable to collect sufficient funds to furnish a moderate endowment for the Bishop, together