



CHURCH IN BERMUDA.

fulness to the town till 1884, when it was destroyed by fire. The work which had taken so many weary years to accomplish was destroyed in half an hour by, as it was supposed, an incendiary.

Trinity Church was built as a chapel of ease, and as such only was allowed by the rector to exist; but its destruction by fire reopened the question of the desirability of rebuilding it as a cathedral. Time has gone heavily on and the rebuilding of the church is not yet completed, although many handsome subscriptions have been given towards it.

Strenuous efforts, however, largely through the influence of the present bishop (Dr. Llewellyn Jones), have been made to complete it and to set it apart as the cathedral of Bermuda. This has been agreed to by the parishioners, and it is believed by the rector also. It will be the bishop's church, and as his lordship spends every alternate winter in Bermuda it will be a suitable home for him. In his absence services will be conducted by a "canon residentiary," who will be the bishop's assistant minister.

Bermuda has been in the possession of the British crown since early in the seventeenth century, and the above brief outline of its ecclesiastical affairs, together with the accompanying cut of the cathedral—kindly loaned us by a friend in Toronto and indicating what the building will look like when completed—it is hoped may be found of some interest.

The building is of magnificent proportions and will make a grand rallying point for the Church in Bermuda.

FROM JAPAN.



THE following letter from the Rev. Arthur Lloyd, Tokyo, Japan, will be read with interest:

"Since my last letter we have had the meeting of the synod—a special meeting convoked to discuss the difficult question of jurisdiction in the two dioceses of Tokyo and Osaka. The decision seems to be about the best that could have been come to under the circumstances. It was decided not to divide the diocese, but to recognize the temporary jurisdiction over their own clergy of the American and English bishops. Hence we have now in the diocese of Tokyo a diocesan synod presided over, for the present, by Bishop McKim, and two subsidiary missionary societies, one for South Tokyo, presided over by Bishop Bickersteth, and one for North Tokyo, presided over by Bishop McKim. Osaka is treated in a similar manner, except that Bishop Bickersteth is the president of the synod there.

"I have had no news lately from Nagano. The bishop was there recently, but I have not seen him since he came back. We have had a good many ordinations. On Trinity Sunday, Bishop Bickersteth ordained two deacons, one English and one Japanese. On the same day, at the American Cathedral, Bishop McKim ordained four priests, and on the following Sunday one deacon. So the work goes on, and the clerical staff increases slowly and surely.

"A good deal of my own spare time is now taken up with theological study. I have been reading with Mr. Gemmill, who is now hoping soon to offer himself for the ministry. I was very pleased to be asked by the bishop to do this. It is always a pleasure to read a bit of theology.

"My little pamphlet on the Nicene Creed and Buddhism has brought me into a great deal of religious correspondence with Buddhist priests. It has been a very friendly correspondence, and one from which I have elicited a good deal of information about their various plans, hopes and thoughts. At the same time it has cost me a good deal of work, and some of my poor students, I fear, simply hate me for the amount of translation work I have put upon them. I hope, however, that I have left a seed there. A few good Buddhist priests (and there are such people), if 'obedient to the faith,' would be a great power to the Church.

"I am also just on the brink of another little step. Thanks to Gemmill's assistance, I have taken a little house next door. One room will be a little chapel; in the other part of the house