

our actions, for 'tis he who guides with a guardian hand all our undertakings, and leads to a successful issue whatever is necessary to be done.

The words of the Royal Psalmist "I have loved, O Lord, the beauty of thy house and the place where thy Glory dwelleth," are always dear to the genuine Catholic. In fact they constitute the ground work of one of the most noble principles in the genius of Catholicity. The face of Christian Europe attests the working of this principle in the numberless magnificent temples erected by Catholic hands to the honour of God. Well indeed it may be said that when we see a Catholic congregation, and I trust there are but few, acting upon the uncatholic, sordid, utilitarian, sectarian principle of considering as a useless expenditure, whatever exceeds mediocrity in the embellishment of the House of God, genuine piety is at a low ebb in that congregation, and there is every reason to fear that the shepherd is like the flock. If praise is due to any parish in Nova Scotia for attesting to the world that they are in heart and soul alive to the duties incumbent upon them as Catholics, and of carrying out the same principle which now actuates the devoted Catholic elsewhere, and to which I have already hinted, the parishioners of St Andrews have earned to themselves everlasting credit and honour. The 29th June of last year, the great feast of SS. Peter and Paul witnessed a spectacle never seen before in this quarter, on such a scale, viz. the imposing ceremonial of the consecration of a new church according to the Catholic ritual, it is said that no less than five thousand persons attended on that interesting occasion. It must have been a most consoling sight to the venerable Bishop of the Diocese as he officiated on that great occasion to see so noble a temple erected, where a few years before the trees of the forest stood in all their native beauty and the wild beast roamed in quest of prey.—Surrounded as he was on that auspicious day by hundreds of the hoary sons of Ossian and Fingal, heirs to the faith of the sainted Palladius and Columba, descendants of the heroes of Bannockburn, while the thousands that thronged the aisles of the new temple stood to him in the sacred relation of spiritual children, for he it was who regenerated them with the laver of Baptism, confirmed them with the chrism of salvation, and finally it

was he, who blessed before the altar of the most High, the matrimonial union of their parents.—This new Church cost upwards of £1800, a sum not great in the eyes of many—when they compare it with the cost of other churches, erected in wealthy cities and under more propitious circumstances but it must be recollected that this sum was collected within a short period from about two hundred families, cultivators of the soil. The exterior, though after the common style of architecture in this country, is highly imposing. Its beautifully tapering spire carries the sacred emblem of man's salvation to the height of 117 feet, the interior is well finished and elegantly painted, I believe 1200 persons can be accommodated with ease. The altar is really magnificent and the altar piece painted expressly for this Church is a splendid one, representing the martyrdom of the holy apostle St. Andrew. It reflects much credit upon the artist, Signor Roberto Pompiano, a young painter of eminence in Rome. The columns that stand on each side of the altar, supporting a large entablature and pediment above, are most elaborately and scientifically executed,—finally the short but comprehensive gaelic inscription, "Tigh De," "The House of God," in gold letters executed in relief on the large entablature, tells the sacred character of the place and elevates the mind of the faithful beholder to sentiments of a higher and better world.

Having thus Mr. Editor led your readers to form an idea of our new Church at St. Andrew's allow me to give you a few details of our proceedings a few weeks ago: It being generally known through this, and the adjoining parishes, that the 29th of June the anniversary of the consecration of the Church was fixed upon as the day for giving confirmation to the numerous youth of the parish and promoting to the holy order of priesthood, the Rev. Hugh McDonald lately from St. Mary's seminary, Quebec, hundreds from the neighbouring settlements flocked to witness the imposing ceremonial of admitting to the onerous duties of the priesthood one who already earned for himself favourable opinions by many traits of a kind and affable disposition. The church was most appropriately decorated for the occasion, the whole ceremonial was carried out with a scrupulous attention to the ritual of the church. The venerable and really Patriarchal appearance of Bishop Fraser in his Episcopal robes attended by Rev. Alexander and Ronald M'Gilvary as Deacon and Sub-deacon, Rev. Doctor M'Kinnon, Pastor of the parish, as Arch-deacon and Rev. Mr. Quinn, as Master of Ceremonies, must have left a lasting impression on the minds of the faithful; in fact the ceremony of the ordination of the young Levite, must have taught