

Sit raving here in this wild manner,
 He'll treason speak to his dishonour;
 Which if the magistrate but know,
 'Twill cost his life, and our lives too.
 This said, his arms about her neck
 She gets; at low parts of his back
 The sexton lifts, till round her waist
 She gets his legs to hold him fast;
 Thus, like the devil upon Dun,
 Madge with her burden marches on;
 The sexton lifting still behind,
 At side to which the weight inclin'd.
 B'ing thus in safety home conveyed,
 He gets his supper and to bed;
 For always, whether well or ill,
 His stomach was infallible:
Their church itself was never so
Infallible as parson's maid.

POPE PIUS IX.—THE JUBILEE.

The Jubilee which has been extended by His Holiness, Pius IX., to the entire Christian world, will commence in the Diocese of Halifax on Trinity Sunday the 30th of May, and terminate on the 20th of June, the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

NEW CATHOLIC MISSION.

The Vicar General and the Rev. Mr. Walsh, left town for the westward on Tuesday morning. The latter gentleman has been appointed to the new mission of Annapolis which will include Digby, Granville, Bear River, Bridgetown and Aylesford. All those places formerly belonged to the vast district of Windsor, which extended from Petite to Digby, a distance of at least 130 miles, and was served by only one Priest. Hence, the appointment of a resident Missionary at Annapolis is an event fraught with important consequences to the Catholics in that beautiful part of Nova Scotia. They have been long sighing for the advantage of having a priest amongst them.—Thank God, their pious wishes are now gratified, and from what we know of their unswerving attachment to their faith, during the many long years that they were deprived of nearly all its comforts, we are sure they will co-operate with the intentions of the Bishop, and do every thing in their power to second the efforts of the worthy clergyman whom he has sent to console them. There are two handsome Churches at Annapolis and Digby, and the Catholics of Aylesford have got a convenient piece of land from their excellent and worthy Protestant neighbour Mr. Wicket, for the erection of a Church in that neighbourhood. We offer our hearty congratulations to the Catholics of Annapolis and of the entire district on this auspicious event, and from the exertions of Mr. Walsh during his six months Curacy at Prospect (where we understand he received into the bosom of the true Church every Protestant in the place) we have great reason to hope that his mission at Annapolis will, with the blessing of Heaven, be productive of immense good. The Missionary has taken with him every thing necessary for Divine service, including a beautiful Remonstrance, Chalice, Ciborium, Cope, Vestments, Thurible, &c., and a new altar and tabernacle will be immediately sent to Annapolis. May we not hope before long to see the ancient Catholic glories in Annapolis Royal revived? We need not tell our readers that this picturesque town was the former capital of Acadia, and the residence of the French Governor, and the principal station of the French Clergy in the Province. Its ancient Catholic Church has long

since disappeared, and every vestige of Catholicity seemed to have vanished for ever. A few years ago, a zealous Irish Catholic from the County Limerick, named Hannan, conceived, in the midst of difficulties a project worthy of his country and his religion. It was to erect again the standard of the Cross in the ancient city of Annapolis. For this purpose he procured a fine piece of ground, and though the attempt in such a place was almost deemed insane, he commenced the present handsome Church, and having lived to see his labours crowned with unhoped for success, his remains were interred in the adjoining Cemetery. Still however, the resident missionary at Windsor was more than 80 miles distant, and Annapolis could only receive an occasional visit. Those few details may give some notion of the importance of the new arrangement. There are vast multitudes of our fellow subjects in that part of the Province in utter ignorance of the principles of our Holy Faith, and knowing Catholicity only through the perverted medium of misrepresentation and bigotry. Those who have no religion, or who make religion a stalking horse for political or worldly purposes, we cannot hope to convince. But the immense majority of the people of Nova Scotia are serious, well-disposed, religiously inclined people; and all we require is to make our real doctrine doctrines fully known to them, in order to make them turn their attention to the true religion of Christ. We beseech every Catholic who reads those lines to offer a fervent prayer to heaven for the success of the Annapolis Mission, and for the prosperity of the New Church of St. Louis in that city.

The Catholics of Halifax can do much for their scattered brethren in the remote districts of Nova Scotia. Bibles, Testaments, Religious Books, Controversial Tracts, Pamphlets, Catholic Newspapers, &c., which are not required here, might be sent to those parts of the Province where there is most ignorance of Catholic Doctrine. Let our friends examine their libraries great and small, and see whether they could not afford to send even one Book or Tract, for the use of the New Mission.

The Windsor District will now be confined to Windsor, Petite, Rawdon, Horton, Kentville and Cornwallis. The zealous missionary will thus be enabled to attend more fully to the duties of this important Mission.

As Digby has been annexed to Annapolis, the recently established mission at St. Croix will receive in exchange the Church and District of Courberie, which has been long isolated and deprived of the assistance of any clergyman. St. Croix and Courberie will then be almost exclusively a French District and the Priest of St. Mary's, Frenchtown, will be relieved from the care of the most laborious and remote part of his former mission. The Vicar General has gone to complete all those important arrangements and also to distribute the Holy Oils amongst the Clergy of the West. He will return to town before the commencement of the Jubilee.

We are delighted to announce these gratifying facts in connection with the progress of our Religion in Nova Scotia, and from the signs of the times, we have every reason to believe that before the close of the year, other Districts which have never had the happiness of possessing a Catholic Priest, will be adorned by the unexpected appearance of a Minister of the true faith.