

SERMON ON EDUCATION.

The Duty of Catholic Parents.

The following sermon was preached by the Rev James Quinn, in the Catholic Church, at Milltown, N. B., on Sunday, December 5th, 1875, from the text: "And you fathers provoke not your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and correction of the Lord."—Eph. VI, 4.

"Such," he said "is the wholesome advice given by the great Apostle of the Gentiles to parents. They are to take the utmost care and use the greatest prudence to educate their children in the discipline of the Lord. This means, according to St. Jerome and Ephraim, to teach them to observe the Law of God, and follow the life of Christ. Long before the time of St. Paul, God himself, as mentioned in Deut., XII, 25, encouraged parents to observe his Law, and instruct their children to do likewise, 'That it may be well with thee and thy children after thee when thou shalt do that which is pleasing in the sight of God.'

"In all the passages which are to be found in the Sacred Scriptures, concerning the education of children, the whole obligation of performing the most important of all duties is upon the parents. To them are promised all the honors, blessings, and merits for discharging well that duty; but on the other hand the most severe punishments, both temporal and eternal, await them for the neglect of that awful duty. 'He that teacheth his son when he died he was not sorrowful neither was he confounded.'—Eccles. XXX, 35. And he shall save his own soul by the virtuous education he shall have given his children. 'She shall be saved