

East, that anything can be done to build up the Catholic Church.

WHAT HOME RULE MEANS.—A writer in an English paper says: "Not long ago I met an Irish Roman Catholic priest, and in the course of conversation I asked him what the Irish really did want. His reply was given with no uncertain sound. 'Sir,' he said, 'in the first place, we want the land; secondly, complete and entire separation from England; and thirdly, the expulsion of every heretic from the country.' I replied, 'Surely the English Roman Catholic hierarchy, including Dr. Manning, would not view such a programme with favor?' 'We do not look upon Cardinal Manning as a good Catholic at all,' said the priest. 'He was only sent to Westminster to quiet the English people as to the "No Popery Cry." This is the case in a nutshell, and I think the British people ought to know it."

DIVISION OF PARISHES.—Bishop Pearson, of Newcastle, New South Wales, in the course of his address to the Diocesan Synod said:—

"The result of the division of parishes into areas of manageable size has been invariably, so far as my observation goes, to evoke a spirit of church work and church giving, which, if it existed at all, was to a great extent latent before. It seems as though what is sometimes said with a touch of sarcasm about our legal friends—that two can live where one would starve—were literally true of clergymen, although not, we will hope, for the reason which is commonly assigned in the other case. If a clergyman can visit a district but once a month, the people are not so likely to give him a hearty and liberal support as when he can visit them once a week, so that I am disposed to say that within reasonable limits, the more the workers be more liberally will each worker be supported. I do not know of a single instance in which the incumbent of the original parish has suffered pecuniarily through its subdivision, but I do know that the subdivisions which have taken place during the past five years have been fruitful in new churches and parsonages, as well as in stipend contributions. Bishop Pearson's experience seems to favour the opinion of the Metropolitan of Canada that the Rector and parish of St. Paul's Portland, had sustained no injury through the successful work of the Mission Chapel, and further suggests the assignment of a district to the latter as the best solution of the difficulties.

A PROMINENT Clergyman in the Diocese of Niagara writes: "I like your paper (THE CHURCH GUARDIAN) very much, and only wish it were in the hands of every member of the Church in our Dominion."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ANNAPOLIS.—The next meeting of the Annapolis Rural Deanery will be held at Weymouth on the 24th and 25th inst.

August 24th.—7.30 p.m., Evening Service at St. Thomas Church, Weymouth Bridge.

August 25th.—10.30 a.m., Divine Service with Holy Communion at Parish Church. 2.30 p.m., Chapter Meeting at Rectory. 7.30 p.m., Public Missionary Meeting.

PIRON.—The new Pipe organ in St. James'

Church was used for the first time last Sunday. It is an excellent instrument and gives general satisfaction.

The ice cream festival held in the new Mason Hall by the ladies of St. James' choir in aid of the organ fund was a complete success. Proceeds, \$130. At the same time the handsome silver mounted Wanzel machine given by A. P. Willis & Co., Montreal, was presented to Miss Davies, the organist, who for many years has given her services gratuitously.

HALIFAX.—The Bishop of the diocese has addressed a circular to the clergy in reference to the education of their daughters, in which it is said that it has been determined to accept the liberal offer of Mr. Sumichrast, who has undertaken to receive the daughters of the clergy for \$250 per annum, to cover all expenses, except for books. The Bishop also says that it is proposed to raise \$500, or half the cost of the education of four girls, to be so appropriated that two clergymen may each have a daughter educated at a cost of \$100 per annum each, and two others at \$150 each; the nomination to be in the hands of a Committee consisting of the Bishop, the Archdeacon, the Rectors of city parishes and three Laymen.

Every clergyman whose daughter is nominated will be required to pledge himself to pay in advance one-third of the stipulated annual payment on September 1st, January 1st and April 1st of each Academical year to the Secretary of the Committee, besides providing such apparel as may be necessary for a pupil of a school for young ladies in Halifax, with reference to which Mrs. Sumichrast may be consulted. The scheme is arranged solely for the benefit of the clergy whose daughters cannot be properly educated without such assistance, and it is understood that no one should apply who can dispense with it. And only one daughter can be received on the proposed terms.

Application for admission next September should be made immediately to the Ven. Archdeacon Gilpin, with such particulars as will enable the Committee to decide upon each case according to its merits.

(The example is one that might be followed by other dioceses.—ED.)

P. E. ISLAND.—Ven. Archdeacon Road has left for a long visit to the Old Country. The Archdeacon, freighted with years and worn with service, seeks rest from his labours. Rev. Mr. Jones will take charge of the Archdeacon's work during his absence.

CAPE BRETON.

SYDNEY, C.B.—The Bishop of the Diocese has just concluded his twelfth triennial Confirmation visit to the Island of Cape Breton. He arrived in Sydney on the morning of July 28th, and after a short rest proceeded to the Mission of Louisbourg, and thence to the parish of Cow Bay, returning to Sydney on Tuesday, August 3rd. The next morning he administered the Rite of the Laying on of Hands in the Parish Church to thirty candidates. A second Confirmation was held on the afternoon of the same day in St. Mark's, Coxheath, when sixteen persons were confirmed. On Thursday the 5th inst., the Apostolic Rite was received by fishermen in St. John's Church, North West Arm. The total number confirmed in the parish was 51; 23 males and 28 females. The Bishop's addresses and sermons were, as usual, very appropriate and impressive, and were listened to with much earnestness and attention by the candidates and congregations. On Saturday, the 7th instant, his Lordship left for Sydney Mines, thus ending a most welcome, and, it is hoped to the parish, a most profitable visit to this his native place.

COW BAY.—St. Paul's Parish.—The Lord Bishop of the Diocese visited this Parish on

the 1st and 2nd inst., and administered the Apostolic Rite of "Laying on of Hands" to 94 candidates. The services were as follows:—On Sunday morning: Matins, Laying on of Hands and Holy Communion at Christ Church. Twenty-four candidates: fifteen males and nine females were presented. The service, as usual, was rendered in a very reverent and hearty manner by the large congregation, both outside as well as inside the Church. The Church in this part of the parish is growing rapidly, and a few years will demand a new Church for a congregation, which as year succeeds to year increasingly loves and values the services and privileges of the dear old Church of England.

On Sunday evening—Evensong, Laying on of Hands and sermon at the Parish Church, Cow Bay; there were present twenty-six candidates; fourteen males and twelve females. This beautiful little Church looked its best; much care and pains having been bestowed upon it by the Rector and congregation, to make it somewhat worthy of this solemn and happy occasion. The body of the Church had been newly painted, both outside and inside; but the most care was rightly bestowed upon the chancel, sanctuary and altar, which certainly looked very beautiful with its dorsals, banners, reredos and mottoes, the gifts of kind friends in England and America. Over the Bishop's chair, on the south side of the sanctuary, was a canopy and hanging of purple, decorated with mitre, keys and other emblems of Episcopal authority. The service all through was remarkably bright and hearty, whilst the chanting of psalms and canticles would do credit to more assuming choirs and more pretentious congregations. Miss Edith Bown is our organist, and seems to realize her important part in the service of God, being most regular and self denying in her attendance at all the services.

On Monday evening—Evensong, Laying on of Hands and sermon. Here forty-five candidates were presented. This Church has received a little attention of late and looked very neat. The altar was vested in white and decorated by the ladies of the congregation with most beautiful flowers, which together with the altar lights looked very chaste and church-like. There were present at the services: the Rev. the Rural Dean of St. George's, Sydney; Rev. T. Fraser Draper, incumbent of St. Bartholomew's, Louisbourg; and Messrs. Shreve and Smithers, of Halifax; one and all rendering useful service, for which the rector, Rev. W. J. Lockyer is truly thankful. We need hardly mention that our good Bishop's visit is always a time of strength and encouragement to both rector and people for the coming years, and we deeply regret that his fatherly presence cannot abide with us for at least a few weeks to go in and out amongst us, than which we know of nothing that would do more to bind the people together in their love for the Church. We trust the absence of the pastoral staff in the Louisbourg and Cow Bay parishes, indicated his Lordship's belief in the healthy and submissive state of those hard worked sister parishes.

LOUISBOURG MISSION.—The Bishop of the diocese reached this Mission on the evening of Wednesday, July 28th. His Lordship was driven to Mira by the Vicar of Sydney (Rev. David Smith), and was there met by the priest of the mission (Rev. T. Fraser Draper) and conveyed to Main-a-Dieu.

The sun rose clear and bright on Thursday morning, and at an early hour worshippers could be seen wending their way to the little village church looking so neat and picturesque as the rays of the rising sun beamed upon the cross-mounted steeple pointing its way heavenwards.

By 10.30 o'clock the church was filled with a devout and attentive congregation who took their part well in the singing and responses,