RIDGETOWN.

THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

To the Editor of the CATHOLIC RECORD. Bunday, the 30th May, was a day of joy and gladness, not only to Rev. Father Michael, O. S. F., the zealous and much esteemed pastor of the above mission, but to all the good and pious Catholics of Ridgetown and vicinity. The first Catholic ceremony ever performed in this village was performed on Sunday, when the cor biceremony ever performed in this village was performed on Sunday, when the corner store of the new Church of St. Michael was laid by Mgr. Bruyere of London, saisted by Rev. Father William, O. S. F., Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Chatham, and Rev. Father Michael.

At 10,30 o'clock Monseigner Rev.

eemed to take the deepest interest in the

The ceremony of laying the corner stone, commenced at 3 p. m., after which Rev. Father William preached a most power-ful and eloquent sermon before a vast concourse of people, a large percentage of whom, as I have stated already, were Pro-

The rev. gentleman chose as his text : You are no more strangers and foreigners; but you are fellow-citizens with the saints and the domestics of God, built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone. Eables a H

ner stone. Ephes., c. II.

He then proceeded to say that he could
not select more appropriate words of welcome than the ones he had chosen for this

For some time past, in Ridgetown, it had been a deep-seated conviction that a Catholic Church would be a necessity for quite a number of its inhabitants. All, without distinction of religion or nationality, showed most efficaciously that it was their ardent wish to make Father Michael succeed in his work. Not merely by words, but by acts, had they proven that there is but by acts, had they proven that there is a spirit of generosity for every noble object in matters of religion, as well as the moral and material improvements of Ridgetown. As always, they had flocked together to-day to witness the laying of the corner stone for the temple to which they had all and would all give their support for the honor and glory of God. To-day they had come in crowds to be the witnesses and co-operators of this good and but where they are also fulfilled according nesses and co-operators of this good and holy work; and he assured them that they had not assembled here in vain; they had come to a glorious feast of religion.

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"We have a great work before us," says
the froyal prophet, "the work is great, a
dwelling is to be prepared, not for man
but for God." It is for such a dwelling of

It is true God is not limited by any space. Heaven is His throne, and the earth his

day.

It is true God is not limited by any space. Heaven is His throne, and the earth his footstool.

All the heavens cannot comprehend Him. Hence we are well aware that He is not in need of a limited dwelling; but he demands that we should be in possession of a material temple. "Behold I lay a corner-stone in Zion." Christ founded His Kingdom upon earth; He appointed St Peter as the visible foundation of the Church.—"Thou art Peter." "It is my joy to dwell amongst the children of men." In His holy name the nations should be assembled, that there might be one fold and one shepherd. For this purpose we are erecting this house of God and of prayer. "In the faith of Jesus Christ we lay the cornerstone, in the name of the father, Son and Holy Ghost, that true faith, fear of God and brotherly love shall prevail, and this place be dedicated to prayer, to the invocation and praise of the name of the same Lord Jesus Christ."

But why, you may ask, why build an other church? Wuy not build a poorhouse, shool-house, hospitals, orphan-house, school-house, hospitals, orphan-house, seloul-house and praise of the name of the same Lord Jesus Christ."

But why, you may ask, why build an other church? Wuy not build a poorhouse, shool-house, hospitals, orphan-house, seloul-house, hospitals, orphan-house, seloul-house a firm and lively faith, and teach the things, having promise is occume." Religion first, and secular true faith, fear of God and brotherly love shall prevail, and this place be dedicated to prayer, to the invocation and praise of the name of the same Lord Jesus Christ."

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But why, you may ask, why build another church? Why not build a poorhouse, school-house, hospitals, orphanasylum, or some other charitable institution instead of a Catholic Church? Hea the answer from the mouth of Christ Himself. "The poor you shall always have in your midst, and you may do good to them if you will, but Me you will not always have." Prayer, union with Christ, in other words, religion—true religion—is an indispensible necessity for humanity an indispensible necessity for humanity.
"He that believeth not shall be condemned." "If he will not hear the church let him be to thee as the heathen and the publican." Without faith it is impossible to please God." "Go teach all nations all those truths which I have committed to you, and behold I am with you all days even to the end of the world," which was just the same as to say: Go and be Catholic, be in every place, teach all truth, and versal-that which exists everywhere, and comprises all places, all truths, and all

The rev. speaker now proceeded to the subject of his discourse,
"THE BLESSINGS OF RELIGION."

Religion is the source of peace. You may be as rich as Crœsus, your safe may be filled with gold and silver, you may be provided with all the luxuries of this life, if peace values yet surveyage within be provided with all the luxuries of this life, if peace reigns not supreme within your abode, but quarrels and dissensions, it is impossible that happiness and prosperity should dwell under your roof. The poor laborer in his hut who lives in peace with his family and neighbors is more happy than the rich man in his palace without peace and harmony.

words are spoken, and these are received with a good and candid heart; in order to preserve the peace and general good feeling every possible sacrifice is readily made.

O holy Religion, where thou art enthroned there is an abode of peace and happiness, a paradise of delight, a heaven with angels upon earth!

"Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Resisted by Rev. Father William, O. S. F.,
Pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Chatham,
and Rev. Father Michael.

At 10.30 o'clock Monseignor Bruyere
sang High Mass, assisted by the choir of
St. Joseph's Church, Chatham. The
musical talent of this choir needs no words
of praise here, as its reputation is already
well known to most of your readers.

After the Gospel the celebrant delivered
a most fatherly discourse on prayer, which
did not fail to make a very deep impression upon the congregation, which was composed largely of Protestants, and who
seemed to take the deepest interest in the
"Beware, lest perhaps your heart be

"Beware, lest perhaps your heart be deceived and you depart from the Lord and serve strange Gods and adore them."
"Lay up these my words in your hearts and minds. Teach your children that they meditate on them, when they sittest in thy house." 5th Book of Moses. Ch.

You have God's reliable promise for it; He has given this promise in His own hand-writing—as it were—that He will bless you if you keep His commandments
—His holy law. In vain will all your
endeavors be if you have not the blessings

and favors of heaven.
"Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. Unless the Lord keep the city, he watcheth in vain that keepeth it." (Ps. 126.) "Neither he that planteth is anything, nor he that watereth, but God who giveth the in-crease." I. Cor., III. 7. Nourish faith and religion and you will

enjoy God's blessing and protection. We read in the second Book of Kings (VI., 2.) that David caused the ark of the Lord the depository of the table of the Law to be carried into the house of Obededem.

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How much more will God bless every Christian home which is a tabernacle, a sanctuary, and Ark of the Covenant, de-dicated to the service of God the Most High, where not only the letters of the law of the ten commandments are kept, but where they are also fulfilled according to spirit and life! to spirit and life!

And here, fathers and mothers, I must

admonish you to not forget the words of Christ: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and everything else shall be added unto

How have you performed your duties? Are you faithful stewards of those treasures God has entrusted to you—of your

of this life are mixed with pains, and become disgusting.

An ample fortune is not to be gained

An ampie fortune is not to be gained without care, kept without fears and alarms, nor lost without affliction and anguish of soul. Dignities and high authority for the most part are heavy on those who have their, and by those who have them not they are usually envied and

Knowledge is one of the purest pleasures of human life, yet the wisest of the wise has said: "In much wisdom there is knowledge is one of the purest pleasures of human life, yet the wisest of the wise has said: "In much wisdom there is much indignation, and he that added knowledge addeth also labor." (Eccles. I.) Moreover, all earthly enjoyments, even if they were certain, could never give us entire satisfaction. Dignities destroy our repose, obscurity hurts our self-love; if we be hungry we are in pain; if we eat to the full we are uneasy; if in a low condition we fret and murmur, and if we are raised to greatness we are frequently farther from contentment than before; if we be poor we think ourselves miserable, and if we become rich we generally are miserable in reality, because there is more to trouble us.

Thus the world pleases with its promises, the very domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the bosom of the family; it brings down the favors and blessings of Heaven; it beautifies our homes and enlivens them with rejoicings; it sweetens the cup of bitterness and sufferings; it stands like a consoling angel at our death-beds, and points from our graves to the blue vault of Heaven, where we will all meet again in the mansions of immortality.

Religion thus brings home to us only true and reliable happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, because it promotes and preserves mutual love in the every domestic happiness, and sufferings; it stands like a consoling angel at our death-beds, and sufferings; it stands like a consoling angel at our death-beds, and points from our graves to the go on doing this forever. The Apostles understood the mind of Christ, and when they drew up their symbol of faith, they gave to the church the name Catholic—unitation we free and murmur, and if we are understood the mind of Christ, and when they drew up their symbol of faith, they gave to the church the name Catholic—unitation we be poor we think ourselves miserable,

Thus the world pleases with its promises, but displeases with its gifts. Far different are the delights of religion. They elevate

conscience.

He that has religion in his mind and heart is always satisfied, fulfils with pleasure the duties of his state of life. Of him the Bible says: (Pro. XV.)

"A glad heart maketh a cheerful countenance." A secure mind (conscience) is like a continual feast Religion does not

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carry them to the house in gleeful triumph. Having praised and thanked God, he goes to rest and enjoys the sweet slumber of the night, to be strengthened again for the following day.

On Sundays he does his duty with delight, and gives to God what belongs to God. When he has done a work of charty his conscience tells him that he is a friend and child of God and heir of Heaven. At the hour of trial and tribulation and sorrow, he thinks of the words of Christ. "Your sorrow shall be turned into joy, and your joy no man shall take from you." He loves to approach often Holy Cammunion, to receive Christ, the fountain of all happiness; his soul overflows with joy; he would go to church, obey the commandments, receive the sacraments, go to confession and communion, and live and die world the sacraments.

with sufferings everywhere. Crosses are found in the palaces of the rich, and in the cottages of the poor. Sickness, poverty and misfortune may come to us. Where can we find help and remedies in such gloomy

we find help and remedies in such gloomy occurrences? Go to all the drug stores you know, you will find a great many remedies, but not for all diseases.

There are many who claim to be your friends when you do not need them, but very few when you do need them, and even then they cannot help you, even if they would. Now I know an apothecary woo which you all can rely for medicine. upon which you all can rely for medicine, a balm, a miraculous and infallible remedy against all sufferings—and that is your holy religion. I know a friend that will, under no circumstances whatsoever, for-sake anybody, and that is your holy faith! When friends are scarce and cold, when When friends are scarce and cold, when the clouds of adversity gather over our heads, religior comes in and points to Heaven and teaches confidence in God. Religion is the good Samaratin that binds up the wounds and pours the balm of consolation into the soul; religion pronounces the words of Christ: "Your sorrow will be changed into joy." Christ compares him who receives His doctrine with a man who builthis house upon a rock; whosoever heareth these my words and whosoever heareth these my words and doeth them, shall be likened to a wise man who built his house upon a rock, and the rain fell, and the flood came, and the winds blew, and they beat upon the house, and it fell not; for it was a house founded upon a rock. Matt., VII.

A house without religion at the time of misfortune and affliction, is like a building without a roof, without closed windows, without doors, without a stove. In such a house there is no protection against the rain, against the storm, against the coldness of the winter. In the hour of need there is nothing but woe and misery, disconsola-tion and despair, and not a helping hand to alleviate their wants and sufferings. Be Christians, then, beloved brethren, in the true sense of the word, be warm friends

and adherents of our holy religion, that in the time of need and misery your holy church will be at your side as the consoling angel and good Samaritan and friend upon whom you can rely with hope and

safety.

Religion teaches us resignation in the will of God in cases of death. When

memortality.

Religion speaks as touching and consoling to us as the parting Saviour spoke to His disconsolate disciples: "A little while and you shall not see Me, and a little while again and you shall see Me; because

while again and you shall see Me; because I go to the Father you shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy."
What unsurpassable advantages are those of our holy religion. Religion is the foundation, source and shield of every domestic happiness, because it pro-

the christian families! Our ancestors loved to pray, to go to church, to receive the Sacraments, to keep the fast and to perform with joy all the Church of God not only commanded but wished them to

The families in those days were happy and content, and died in the grace of God, with bright hopes of a better life. How is it to-day? Unbelief and indifferentism have perverted the order of things. Where formerly was found the gospel and lives of the Saints we now find irreligious writings and immoral literature. Whilst in good old Catholic times the walls were

happy than the rich man in his palace without peace and harmony.

Now, I ask: who is it that enjoys this peace? It can only be found with religious fathers and mothers, only where the bonds of faith, hope and charity, unite neighbor to neighbor, and all the hearts of the members of the household. Religion teaches the practice of patience, reconciliation and mutual love. Hence the heathens, observing the faith, the religion and life of the early Christians, testified of them: "Behold how they love one another."

In a house where religion prevails not a horsh word or curse is ever heard, nor does a thought of revenge ever enter under its roof; but only kind and friendly

ion, to receive Christ, the fountain of all happiness; his soul overflows with joy; he would not exchange his delights for all the thrones of kings, nor for all the sensual pleasures and amusements of the world.

Religion is the only true friend and consoler in the hour of affliction. We meet with sufferings everywhere. Crosses are found in the care of the world around the sufferings everywhere.

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By Order,

F. BRAUN,

Secretary. Dept. of Railways & Canals, \\Ottawa, 7th Feb'ry, 1880.

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By order, F. BRAUN, Secretary



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F. BRAUN, Secretary. Department of Railways & Canals, Cottawa, 13th May, 1880. 85.3w



NOTICE TO BRIDGE-BUILDERS.

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