

eration to break away from it. One good resolution so kept outweighs any number taken only to be broken.

The calamities of our fellow-beings naturally arouse our sympathies. Whether the devastating element be fire or water, the afflictions of others are sure to call out our kindest feelings. Doubly true is this when the sufferers are found stemming life's stubborn tide shoulder to shoulder with ourselves. The year had attained only its sixteenth day when the news flashed over the wires that St. Ann's College, Church Point, Digby, had been destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered in the early morning, long before the dawn, and despite the heroic efforts of the Fathers and others the flames spread so rapidly that the hundred and more students had barely time to escape, leaving behind them what earthly goods they possessed. They were thus ruthlessly handed over to the inclement keeping of a January morning until some arrangement could be effected for their comfort. Fortunately all concerned escaped with their lives. The loss is estimated at \$75,000 — a very considerable one when we remember what exertions must be made before it is made good. In our country Catholics comprise the poorer portion of the population, and appeals to their charity and good-will of necessity at times bear but limited fruit. But where there is a will there is a way, and no doubt the Eudist Fathers, who are in charge, will at once recommence building; for although but a few years in operation, the College has become by this time almost indispensable. The want of it would now be sorely felt, and the people of the district are no doubt willing to make a deal of sacrifice to rebuild it. In all truth the cause is worthy the assistance of those who desire to see education and religion go hand in hand.