

the French language, and we can easily conceive with what delight our excellent fellow-Catholics in that quarter will receive them. Since the lamented death of their beloved Father and Pastor, the venerable Abbe Sigogne, they have been deprived of almost all the benefits of the sacred ministry.

DARTMOUTH.

The Rev. James Kennedy, of Prospect, has been appointed to Dartmouth, and officiated in the Church there on last Sunday. The Bishop, who was present during the High Mass, introduced the Reverend gentleman to his new flock, and in doing so, explained at considerable length the solemn obligations mutually contracted by the Priest and the people. It was also announced that the Sacrament of Confirmation would be administered there on Sunday, the 17th instant.

HOURS OF ATTENDANCE AT ST. MARY'S.

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Baptistery, at the Cathedral, every morning, except Sunday, precisely at 10 o'clock. It is particularly requested that children to be baptized, may be sent at the above hour, in order that no disappointment should take place. The Roman Ritual directs that parents should be admonished to send their children to the church, as soon after their birth as possible, with becoming Christian modesty, and without any vain pomp, that they may not be exposed, by delay, to the danger of losing so necessary a Sacrament. Children that have been privately baptized at home, when in danger of death, should be also brought to the Church as speedily as possible, in order that the ceremonies of the Church should be supplied, and a conditional Baptism administered if, after a careful examination, the Clergyman should deem it necessary. Persons selected as sponsors should be always members of the Catholic Church, and well instructed in Christian Doctrine. It would be likewise most proper that sponsors should have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents should never wish to have their children called by ridiculous, improper or fabulous names, or by the names of pagans or wicked men, but rather by the names of saints and servants of God, by whose patronage they may be assisted, and by whose

pious examples, they may be inflamed with the desire of leading a holy life.

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.

Our readers are already aware that by powers entrusted to him by the Holy See for that purpose, the Bishop has constituted the 15th of August, the festival of the glorious Assumption of the Mother of God, a holiday of strict obligation throughout the new Diocese of Halifax. It will be solemnized as such, on Friday the 15th instant, and after his sermon on Sunday evening, at the Cathedral, the Bishop announced that he would administer the Sacrament of Confirmation there, on the approaching Holiday.

CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

A Meeting of this Society was held after Vespers, on Sunday, the Bishop in the chair. After the report of the children's attendance at Catechism, both in the Cathedral and the North End, had been handed in, the Meeting adjourned to Tuesday evening, August 12, when the Annual Meeting will be held in the new Vesury, at seven o'clock, p. m.

SICK CALLS.

It is most earnestly requested, and for the convenience of the faithful themselves, that all sick notices may be left, at least, before 12 o'clock each day, with the clergyman on duty.

SERVICES FOR THE DEAD.

On Monday morning there was an Office and High Mass in the Cathedral, for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Mary Walsh, the mother of the Bishop. The Mass was celebrated pontifically by Dr Walsh.

On Tuesday, there was an Office and High Mass for the venerable Abbe Sigogne, the late pastor of Clare. The Bishop presided at the Office, and the Mass was chaunted by the Rev. Mr. O'Brien. On both occasions the Altar and Church were hung in mourning. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord!"

The Rev. Mr. Tracey has been appointed curate of the Curates at the Cathedral.