

RELIGIOUS.

CATHOLIC.

On Sunday last, the Rev. Father Biggs preached one of his able and eloquent sermons to a large and appreciative congregation, in St. Mary's Cathedral. Such a sermon does more to draw the hearts of a people to the "fount of faith, hope and love," than can be fully understood by many of those whom it does not reach.

The Catholics of the United States will shortly be formally asked to supplement the one million dollars already subscribed for the new Catholic University. Each "ecclesiastical" chair of the projected institution is to have an endowment of \$50,000; each "lay" chair, \$100,000. It is proposed to give at first only post-graduate courses in Philosophy and Theology. After a little time, it is intended to have strong literary and scientific courses, for which some eminent men are already informally engaged.

The best educated Catholic laymen in the Maritime Provinces are beginning to express themselves freely in favor of a Maritime Catholic University. Certainly, not more than one first class University can be supported by the 285,000 Catholics of these Provinces. But where is it to be situated—Halifax, Antigonish, Memramcook, or Charlottetown? At present, Antigonish does the most advanced work.

Rev. Dr. Bernard O'Reilly, author of *True Men as We Need Them*, is a Catholic priest and a Canadian. Through a mis-printed item which has been widely copied, he has lately been referred to in several papers as "Rev. Dr. Bernard."

Rev. Edward Kennedy, P. P., of Bridgewater, has been in the city for several days.

An effort will shortly be made to get Monsignor Capel to lecture in Halifax after New Years.

Four or five years ago, it was believed that Catholic missionaries would always be treated with hostility in Japan. Now, the Mikado has entered into diplomatic negotiations with the Vatican, and has promised to give every desired protection to Catholic missionaries.

The students of University College, Stephen's Green, Dublin, continue to be very successful at the examinations of the Royal University of Ireland. Since its re-opening University College has been conducted by the Jesuit Fathers.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The English Church newspapers are full of the memoirs and reminiscences of the late Bishop of Manchester, whose life and work was pure, noble and successful. It will be hard to replace him with a more devoted man.

The English nation appears to be thoroughly aroused on the question of Disestablishment. The Church will be a unit in the matter, and will forget political parties in saving the Church from being robbed of her property.

The Bishop of the Diocese is expected home for the Christmas ordination.

A Mission Sunday School has been opened by the St. George's congregation near the Elevator on Water street, which, it is hoped, will supply a want in that locality.

PRESBYTERIAN.

The congregation of Grove-church, Richmond, Halifax, has extended a hearty and unanimous call to the Rev. John M. Allan, lately of Madeira. It is believed that the reverend gentleman will accept.

The Rev. John Wallace, for some years pastor of a church at Bermuda, has resigned his charge, and returned to this Province. He is at present at Bridgewater.

The Rev. W. T. Herridge, of Ottawa, was, last week, married to a daughter of the Rev. Thos. Duncan, late of St. Andrew's Church, of this city.

The Rev. Dr. C. R. Vaughan has accepted the Professorship of Pastoral Theology and Sacred Rhetoric, at Columbia College, S. C. The case of the Rev. Dr. Woodrow, President of the College, who was dismissed for heresy, is yet undecided.

The Rev. Dr. Archibald, of St. Paul, Minn., delivered two able sermons in St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday last. He is to occupy the pulpit next Sabbath.

The Rev. Dr. Burns is to deliver this evening, in the basement of Fort Maesoy Church, a lecture on "A Summer Ramble on the Continent of Europe."

METHODIST.

A few weeks ago, a meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States was held, at which Bishop Bowman presided. It was decided to raise \$1,000,000 for Missionary purposes during the coming year.

Last year, there were 341 students in attendance at the Wesleyan College, Negapatam, India, 25 of whom were Christians.

In a late issue, we referred to the illness of the Rev. Dr. W. P. Pope, of England, a native of this Province. A contemporary states that he is in no respect worse than he has been for some months past, but the long continuance of the extreme nervous exhaustion, from which he is suffering, naturally gives his friends deep concern.

Rev. G. Whillans, of Ottawa, who has, during the summer, been assisting the Rev. K. Mackenzie, at Baddeck, C. B., returned to Ontario last week.

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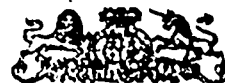
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By order.

A. GOBEIL,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 10th November, 1885.



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