

might express the same hope with regard to many other communities who are now for the first time regularly enjoying the consolations of a Catholic ministry. If there be any lack of priests now in any part of the Diocess, *the people will have to blame only themselves.*

#### MISSION TO COLCHESTER, CUMBERLAND, &c.

On Wednesday morning last, the Rev. Mr. Kennedy of Dartmouth, at the express desire of the Bishop, left town on a visit to those important counties through which he is to make a missionary tour. We heartily say "God speed" to our Rev. friend, on his errand of love to our poor fellow Catholics in Parrsborough, Minudie, Napan, Amherst, Wallace, Tatmagouche, &c., who are so soon destined to receive from him the sacraments of their cherished faith. We know that they have not been blessed for a long time by the sight of a Catholic priest, we can easily conjecture the delight with which they will receive him. As Mr Kennedy has instructions to make the necessary arrangements for the establishment of a resident priest in that part of the Diocess, his visit will, we hope, be productive not only of present, but of much future good.

It is not unlikely that on his return Mr. Kennedy will visit the Catholic Churches at the mouth of the Shubenacadie, and the Nine Mile River. We mention this, in order that the Catholics in that quarter may prepare themselves for their Christmas duties.

#### WINDSOR.

The Rev. Michael Hannan, formerly of St. Mary's College, and late of Montegan, has been appointed to the Mission of Windsor, in place of the Rev. Lawrence Byrne of Frenchtown. On his way to his new mission, Mr. Hannan was enabled to officiate at Digby, Annapolis, &c., and also to make a most gratifying visit to the poor Catholic Indians at Bear River. At Annapolis, we believe, he and the Rev. Mr. Conolly offered up the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the repose of the souls of all who died in those parts without the benefit of a priest in their last moments. This touching service must have been not only salutary to the departed, but most consoling to their sur-

viving friends. O Holy Catholic Church! how profound is thy knowledge of the wants and feelings of man! How tender thy care, how anxious thy solicitude, O Most Holy Mother! From the cradle to the tomb thou watchest over thy beloved children with unceasing vigilance, and pursuest them with the yearnings of thy maternal affection even into the realms of the dead!

God grant that the day may speedily arrive when no Catholic in Nova Scotia will depart this life without the rites of his Church! God grant that those who at present enjoy those blessings may know how to value them as they ought!

We copy from the Manchester Argus the following just tribute to the memory of a Catholic Missionary in that town, whose long career of usefulness had endeared him not only to the members of his own flock and communion, but to his fellow-citizens of every denomination. The sacerdotal virtues which called forth this warm eulogy from the writer of another creed, must have shone with no ordinary lustre. It may be a consolation to the numerous friends and admirers of Father Billington, to learn that on the very week after his death the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered up by the Bishop, in our Cathedral, for the repose of his soul. We have reason to know that Dr. Walsh was a personal friend of Mr. Billington, and a sincere admirer of his sterling worth, and the truly conscientious and punctual manner in which he discharged all the laborious duties of his sacred ministry. — Requiescat in Pace.

#### THE LATE REV. JOHN BILLINGTON, OF SAINT JOHNS THE EVANGELIST, SALFORD.

It is with sincere regret that we record the death of this excellent man and exemplary pastor, which took place on the 10th instant, at the residence of Miss Boardman, Stretford Road. To set forth the many merits for which he was so distinguished, his indefatigable zeal, his patient industry, his benevolence towards the poor, and his unbending honesty towards the rich, is a task which we enter upon with alacrity; for though it brings in review before us a host of rare qualities, which are now lost to the community amongst which he so usefully laboured, and which are not likely soon to be supplied again, yet there is a deep and pleasing satisfaction in upholding to public regard the virtues of a truly good man.