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[For the Cross.]

TRACADIE CONVENT.

BY THE WIDOW OF THE LATE CHARLES MCNAB, ESQ.,
 That sweet retirement, free from sin and care,
 Where age no trouble knows, nor youth a snare,
 Two saint-like fathers here, with heavenly grace,
 Preside, support and sanctify the place,
 Like angels sent from heaven, to explore the road,
 That leads the doubting sinner back to God.
 The country round enjoys their pious care,
 Where sickness eases, you'll ever find them there,
 Physicians of the soul and body too,
 They daily each, a Christian task pursue,
 Mother superior, too, with native grace,
 Conducts the female portion of the place,
 Her form majestic—cultivated mind,
 And conscious virtue, in her face we find,
 Her friendly smile confirms her gentle way,
 And all with pleasure, her commands obey.
 In quiet harmony the sisters move,
 Each striving who will shew the greatest love,
 To their Redeemer and this Mother dear,
 To give offence is all they seem to fear,
 A troop of little orphans too, are seen,
 In summer evenings sporting on the green,
 Well clad, well fed, well taught to sing the praise,
 Of their Redeemer in their early days,
 More I could say but my ill-natured muse,
 Accords not with a wish to be profuse!

BERMUDA.

The Catholics of Bermuda—we make the announcement with unfeigned pleasure—will be soon gladdened by the sight of a priest, and of one who has on a former occasion brought them the consolations of his ministry. The Rev James Kennedy has again undertaken to discharge this charitable duty, and to bear the glad tidings of salvation to our afflicted fellow-Catholics in the Bermudian isles. Mr Kennedy has already made this winter two important missionary visits, one to the county of Cumberland, where his presence produced a fervent revival of faith amongst our long-neglected brethren, and another to the remote eastern parts of the vast county of Halifax. An immense number of Confessions and Communion have been made, on account of those visits, and the foundation of much future good has been happily laid. We believe that in consequence of the information on the state of religion in Cumberland, which has been afforded to the Bishop by Mr Kennedy, it is the intention of Doctor Walsh to station a permanent missionary in that county, as soon as possible. We have heard the good Father speak in grateful terms of the kindness and hospitality which he received from our fellow-citizens of all denominations in that beautiful part of the province, and we feel it a pleasing duty

to make this public acknowledgment of the fact. Indeed we may fearlessly state as a creditable proof of the kindly feelings of the people of Nova Scotia, that there is far less of acrimony and dissension on the score of religion in this province, than in any other part of the empire we have ever known.

We congratulate the Catholics of Bermuda on the happiness that awaits them, and we are certain that they will prepare with all diligence to avail themselves of the precious opportunity that is afforded them. None but those who have been long deprived of the sweet consolations of their religion, can tell the joy that is felt at the sight of the long-desired and long-expected Minister of Heaven, who will bless their unions, regenerate their children, feed and sanctify themselves by the word of life and the Bread of Angels, by the efficacy of the Adorable Sacrifice, and the holy sacraments of our religion. We have reason to know that when Mr Kennedy shall return to his flock at Dartmouth, from this charitable visit, he will be succeeded by a resident clergyman at Bermuda. Eternal honour to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith through whose assistance this work of mercy will be accomplished.

LITERATURE.

THE WOODEN CROSS.

A RELIGIOUS TALE.

Chapter 5.

[Continued.]

Her arrival at the village was a source of joy to her husband and children who had been impatiently expecting her. She did not wait for morning to pay the farmer the sum she owed him. How happy she felt at being relieved from this terrible weight which had so sorrowfully burthened her! From this time forward the affairs of Sophy prospered beyond all calculation.—The order and prudent economy which she had introduced into her house joined to a sincere and straightforward conduct to every one, insured her happiness and attracted a general esteem. Religion continued, as before to form the basis of all her undertakings.—The greatest harmony always reigned in her family she prevented by her wisdom every thing that would be likely to disturb the peace of her household. She superintended the education of her children with an ever increasing zeal, and inspired them with the same principles of piety which she had received from her virtuous mother, and which Madam de Linden had only strengthened and developed in course of time. If a cloud happened