

On the following day a Visitation was held at the chapel of St. John, near the Nine Mile River. At eleven o'clock, Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, at the conclusion of which the Bishop delivered an exhortation on a text from the Gospel of the Day—"Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it." He afterwards gave an instruction to those who were about to be confirmed, on the nature of that sacrament. Some Indians who had been prepared on the previous day were amongst others signed and sealed with the Holy Ghost. The Absolution of the Dead was then performed in the adjoining Cemetery. In addition to the other clergymen, the Rev. Father Vincent of Tracadie assisted the Bishop during the ceremonies.

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY.

MARY is the Name of our Most Merciful Mother, of the Queen of Heaven, of the Great Mother of God himself—a Name, signifying the *Star of the Sea*, the *light of the world*, and *Our Lady*, which Titles are glorious to her, and most consoling to us—a Name which should be always impressed on our hearts, and which we should have frequently on our lips, during life, but more especially at our dying moments.

To encourage the faithful to a frequent invocation of this sacred Name, together with that of JESUS, Sixtus V. by a Brief dated July 11, 1587, granted for ever to the faithful, an Indulgence of 25 days, each time they invoke these most sacred Names, and a Plenary Indulgence at the time of death.

ST. MARY'S.

On Saturday, in Ember Week, an Ordination was held by the Bishop, in the Cathedral, when Mr. Alexander McIsaac and Mr. William McLeod received the Holy Order of Sub-deaconship.

On Friday morning, 26th September, the Rev. Mr. Kennedy sailed from Dartmouth for the Eastern portion of that district. The long-neglected Catholics of Pope's Harbour, Ship Harbour, Sheet Harbour, &c., will have been thus visited for the first time, for the last two years. Those who constantly enjoy the benefit of a resident priest should be most grateful to God, for those priceless com-

forts of their religion, of which so many of their fellow-Catholics are deprived.

On Friday evening, 26th September, a Meeting of the Catechistical Society was held, the Bishop in the chair, supported by Rev. Messrs. Tracy, Nugent, and Hennesy. Some new members were admitted, various subscriptions towards the funds of the Society were paid in, and a new classification of the children was made. A sufficient number of teachers, both for boys and girls, then volunteered their services for the next three months. They have engaged to teach not only at the Cathedral, but also at St. Patrick's Church, North End, from which a very satisfactory report was made of the attendance of children at Catechism, on Sundays. It was resolved, that at the next Quarterly Meeting, preparations should be made for the examination of the children, and a distribution of Premiums.

On Monday, 29th September, Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, an Ordination was held at St. Mary's, when the Rev. Messrs. Hennesy, McIsaac, and McLeod, were promoted to the Holy Order of Deaconship, by Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, assisted by Rev. Thomas Tracy and Rev. John Nugent.

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LETTER V.

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He comes as a propitiatory victim for sin, as the giver of grace, as the daily friend, to return to heaven in the odour of a sweet-smelling savour before his heavenly Father as the sacrifice consumed upon our altar, obtaining for us salvation and benediction, and peace, and grace in this world, and glory for the next. 'We have, therefore, only humbly to pray and beseech thee, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these gifts, these presents, these holy unspotted sacrifices.' Heaven is now opened to us as we raise our hearts in most earnest supplication. We ask all that we most stand in need of in these fervent moments. We do not come with prayer alone, but with sacrifice, a sacrifice 'holy, unspotted.' We offer to thee first, for thy holy Catholic Church, for the