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#### HERRING COVE AND FERGUSON'S COVE.

A meeting of the Catholics of Herring Cove was held a short time since under the presidency of the Rev Mr Doyle, to consider the state of the Catholic Church in that Settlement. The old Church is not by any means sufficient for the accommodation of the people, and is also in a very tottering condition. It was unanimously resolved that a new Church be speedily erected on a more appropriate site and in a locality where there may be sufficient room for the purposes of a Cemetery. A spirited subscription was immediately set on foot, and the good Catholics of the neighbourhood promised their Pastor that they would lend him their hearty co-operation in the execution of this pious work. The dimensions of the New Church will be 55 by 35, and the Rev Mr Doyle lately contracted in the County of Queens' for the frame of the Building. He secured at the same time a frame for the intended little Church at Ferguson's Cove. We hope that both will be considerably advanced before the close of the next Summer. We will watch their progress with great interest, and will freely give the use of our columns for any thing connected with this blessed undertaking. Ferguson's Cove is one of the most picturesque and delightful spots in the vicinity of Halifax, and when the New Church shall be completed we understand it will be visible from almost every part of the city.

ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S

#### TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

It is delightful to witness the steady progress of this Society which has already accomplished so much good in Halifax. On Sunday last an additional number were enrolled. The Rev John Nugent who preached an eloquent and instructive discourse on the Gospel of the day, announced at the close of his sermon that, as President of the Society, he was about to administer the Temperance Pledge, and earnestly conjured his hearers not to lose so favorable an opportunity. The word of the Lord, spoken by the voice of his Minister, did not return to him in vain. No less than seventy candidates approached the Altar, and expressed their determination to remove one of the most fatal causes of sin. The Pledge was administered by the President, the newly enrolled received each the Episcopal Benediction,

and the whole scene was one which afforded evident delight to an edified and numerous congregation.

#### WINDSOR.

Every part of this extensive Mission has been now visited by the Rev Mr Hannan. The accounts of the state of religion vary in different places. In some districts where the visits of a Missionary were of necessity, 'few and far between,' fervour had decayed, and faith itself was languishing. In others the pure lamp of religion shone brightly, and the piety of the faithful responded to the zeal of the priest. It would be invidious to specify particular places, for there are some who are sleeping in the lethargy of death, who are in that lukewarm, tepid state, 'neither cold, nor hot,' which is so strongly reprobated in scripture, and which God holds in such utter abomination as to 'spew out of his mouth, like water.' Let us hope that those to whom we allude, will hearken to the voice of God in time, embrace the opportunity now afforded them, make atonement to the Almighty for their past infidelities, and return with heartfelt sorrow into the bosom of their Holy Mother the Church. We have every confidence in the persevering zeal of Mr Hannan, and we trust he will prove an instrument of salvation to many in that part of the Diocese.

#### TRAPPIST CONVENT AT TRACADIE.

We publish with great pleasure the following letter with the subjoined poetical effusion which have been forwarded to us by an esteemed correspondent. We are certain it will be read with much gratification, not only on account of the venerable age of the writer, and her singular conversion to the Catholic Faith, but also for the just tribute which it pays to the merits and virtues of the holy community at Tracadie.

To the Editor of the Cross.

Sir,

The enclosed is the production of Mrs Janet McNab of Cape Breton, a lady who has attained the venerable age of 88 years. She was lately converted to the Catholic Faith by the instrumentality of the fathers of the Convent at Tracadie, and has been for the last fifteen months a resident in the Nunnery at Tracadie. She composed this little piece in gratitude for the great benefit of faith, and to testify her sense of the great kindness she has received from both branches of the Trappist Order at Tracadie.