

tion—nothing austere or repulsive in the character of the people. The genius of Catholicity was visible throughout, for the Catholic religion is the religion of the soul. The Catholic Church alone knows how to touch the human heart, and to contribute to the temporal happiness of her children even while she is most earnestly engaged in securing their eternal welfare.

REV. MICHAEL McKEAGNEY.

We have received from a valued correspondent in the County of Sydney, the following letter, and we fully participate in the sorrow expressed by the writer for the loss of one of the best Priests in Nova Scotia:—

To THE EDITORS OF THE CROSS.

St. Andrews, July 30, 1847.

GENTLEMEN,—

It is with feelings of more than ordinary grief, I communicate the sad tidings of the sudden demise of the Parish Priest of Guysborough, the Rev. Michael McKeagney who departed this life on the morning of the 21st inst.

If sincere love and attachment on the part of the flock, towards its Pastor be a good criterion to judge of the Pastor's merits, then the late Rev. Michael McKeagney may well be said to have fulfilled his duties for whether he officiated as missionary amid the wilds of Cape Breton; or discharged the functions of a curate or Parish Priest in Nova Scotia proper, he was the idol of his flock, in fact his affability and humility rendered him dear to all.

If to fall in the battle field in defence of one's country, grasping the sword with which his country honoured him, be glorious for a man of the world how much more glorious in itself, is it for the minister of Christ, to resign his life in the actual discharge of the sacred ministry?

The lamented Parish Priest of Guysborough scarcely returned on the evening of the 20th from the death bed of one of his flock, when without laying aside even his ritual, &c., he was summoned before his God and Creator. O how mysterious are the ways of the Lord, how much it behoves us to be ready not knowing the day nor the hour in which we may be called!

CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

HALIFAX, July 20th, 1847.

The Annual Meeting of St. Mary's Catechistical Society, (postponed from last month) was held on Sunday evening the 18th inst., immediately after Vespers in the Vestry of St. Mary's the Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh in the chair, assisted by the Revs. Messrs Hannan, Phelan and Daly.

The routine business having been disposed of, the proceedings of the past quarter were stated by the Secretary, shewing that in addition to the supplies of clothing gratuitously afforded to the poor children attending catechism numbering over one hundred, and a large supply of fuel, twenty cords of wood dispensed to over one hundred and thirty of the poor of the parish and others. The sum of ten pounds had been appropriated from the funds of the Society, together with a sum of £15 contributed by members of the Society, and transmitted, at the request of the Society, by his Lordship, Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh, to his Grace, the Most Rev. Dr. Murray, Archbishop of Dublin, towards the relief of the suffering poor of Ireland.

The following resolutions were then moved and passed:—

1st, That in future the returns of the superintendants include the attendance of Teachers as well as the children.

2nd, That from and after the present quarter, the Teachers be selected from the roll of the Society and their names announced from the Altar.

3rd, That the examination of classes in Christian Doctrine be held in September next.

4th, That Mr. McDonald be appointed to superintend the classes at St. Patrick's Church instead of Mr. John Barron, resigned.

A vote of thanks was then moved, and unanimously accorded to Mr. Barron for his efficient superintendance of the classes at St. Patrick's Church, during the past year.

The following appointments were then made for the ensuing year:—

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh, *President*.

The Very Rev. T. L. Connolly, V. G., *Vice President*.

Mr. P. J. Compton, *Secretary*, re-elected.

Mr. A. Murphy, *Asst. do.* do.

There being no further business before the chair, a motion of adjournment was then put and carried,

P. J. COMPTON, *Secretary*.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Additional Subscriptions received by the Treasurer since our last publication:

Very Rev. Mr. Conolly	£2	0	0
Rev. Mr. Phelan	1	0	0
Mr. James Cochran	5	0	0
Richard Cahill	1	10	0
Peter Morrissy	3	0	0
William Doyle	1	0	0
Michael Doran	1	0	0
Patrick Deegan	1	10	0
Michael Power	1	0	0
Jeremiah Sullivan	1	0	0
Timothy Morrissy	0	7	6
John Hogan	2	0	0
McDonnell, McLean	2	0	0
Patrick Stokes	1	0	0
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Mr. Thomas Bowers	1	0	0
Martin Maher	1	0	0
Michael Scallan	1	0	0
Patrick Power	2	0	0
Andrew Mooniey	1	0	0
John Lanigan	1	0	0
Samuel Thomas	1	0	0
William Brown	1	0	0
William Jones	1	0	0
Morgan O'Brien	1	0	0
William Ahern	1	0	0
Barry	2	10	0
Thomas Mahoney	1	0	0
Richard Byrne	1	0	0
Thomas Kennedy	1	0	0
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