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The first Catholic college of the Mari-time Provinces was that of St. Andrew P. E. I, built in 1822 by Bishop Mc-

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Eachern.

In the year 1796 Captain Burns one of the proprietors, or scigneurs, in the eastern part of Prince Edward Island, towards the head of the Hillsborough River, announced his intention of selling his property and returning to Scotland. The Rev. Eneas McEachern, at that time the only Catholic missionary in the Province, only Catholic missionary in the Province, saw in this his opportunity of securing a desirable parochial farm, and with that end in view collected £100 from the Highland emigrants, borrowed £60 from one Mr. Blanchard, a well-to-do Acadian at Rustico, and purchased three hundred acres from Captain Burns. Upon this setate was an old log house, in which Mr. McEschern lived while superintending the clearing of the land and the preparation of the timber for the church, the building of which was commenced about

building of which was commenced about the year 1806.

After providing a church for his flock, Mr. McEachern began to turn his attention towards furnishing them with a school, so that young aspirants to the priestbood might receive at least a rudimentary education before going up to the seminary at Quebec He petitioned the king for aid in this matter, and with such good results that a bonus of fifty pounds sterling was awarded to him as an annual grant, to be used in the maintenance of building of which was commenced about grant, to be used in the maintenance of the seminary. A large two story house was then erected upon the hill at St. Andrew's, to the westward of the existing church; this, of course, was not accom-

church; this, of course, was not accomplished without the generous aid of all the Catholics of the Province. The bishop himself, so says tradition, furnished the boards, shingles and nails at his own expense. In this house a school for boys was opened in 1822, one year after the consecration of Bishop Mc-Eachern. St. Andrew's College was productive of much good, and furnished two bishops and twenty two priests to the Church in Canada.

As time wore on, the Catholics of Prince Edward Island incressed in number and in prosperity; education was

ber and in prosperity; education was esgerly sought for, and the old College of St. Andrew was not sufficiently cen-tral to be accessible to all. In the days of Bishop McEachern it had been for a while His Lordship's residence, and even after he removed to his own house it was within easy distance and close to the chief or Metropolitan church of the diocese. But when the Right Reverend Donald Bernard MacDonald received the mitre, a charge was beginning to be noticeable in Prince Edward Island. The farmers were becoming more prosperous, and their sons were striking out in new directions to grapple with and overcome the difficulties presented by the "forest primeval." In "the forties" the Irish nimmigration commenced, and soon the tinkling of the altar bell was heard in Charlottetown. The first Mass publicly celebrated in the capital of Prince Edward Island was offered by Father. Edward Island was offered by Father Luke FitzSimmons, a Recollet friar. In a very interesting article written some vears ago by Mr. John Gaffney, the U. S. Vice-Consul at Summerside, there is a graphic account of this service, and also of the second public Mass there, which was held in a two story house on Water street, nearly opposite to the P. E. I. railway station, on which occasion an old Protestant gentleman of marked peculi arities chanced to intrude. This old gentleman stared awhile at the devout congregation, then walked into the room artities chanced to intrude. This old gentleman stared awhile at the devoit congregation, then walked into the room with his hat on, whereupon two stout Irishmen, moving to put him out, he made off, and reported through the town that he had surprised a lodge of Freemasons in full working order! From this small beginning the Catholic congregation was formed; it soon took large proportions, although chiefly composed of the working classes—poor as to this world's goods.

Bishop MacDonald received the episcopal consecration on the 15th October, 1837, and continued as Bishop to reside at Rustico, the much-loved scene of his pastoral labors for the eight years previous to his preconization. This, however, did not prevent His Lordship from seeing that the capital would one day be the centre of Catholicity in Prince Edward Island. He therefore, as soon as possible, set about furnishing that city in the path of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre ard pallium of the archdiocase of the archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the archdiocase of the archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the holy priesthood, and so we destined within two decades to receive the mitre archdiocase of the holy priesthod, and the call pallium of the archdiocase of the holy priesthod, and so we destined wi

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In September, 1854, the following pastoral was issued: pastoral was issued:

Bernard Donald MacDonald, by the grace of God and appointment of the Holy See, Bishop of Charlottetown, etc.,

etc., etc.
To the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of

Charlottetown:
DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—We now address you with an affectionate interest on a subject which must be gratifying to you. From the time we were charged with the spiritual care of this destitute diocese we fully comprehended that a regular succession of clergy could not be maintained without a diocesan seminary, however humble in its pretentions. To effect so desirable an object we hesitated effect so desirable an object we hesitated not, some years ago, to give the savings of many years, being all we possessed, to purchase a piece of land in the vicinity of Charlottetown, on which has since been erected, entirely by means of successive donations received from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, established in France, a magnificent building, in which it is intended to give a literary, moral and religious education to all who choose to avail themselves of it. Circumstances, to which we need not allude now, prevented us from, ere this, putting this institution into active operation. But now, considering the general presperity of the country, the time seems to have arrived that, to deprive any longer the faithful of our diocese of this boon, might be considered as exhibiting

vidence, as also of your justly expected co operation. We, therefore, seize this occasion to announce to you that it is our intention to open the college for the reception of pupils on or before the 1st January next. We exhort you to contribute cheerfully towards its support according to your means. It is an obligation of pressing importance. Donations of any sort will be thankfully received. The ecclesiastical state, especially here, is not a profession to prepare bis child, for which a parent will make extraordinary sacrifices, in the expectation that the future income will indemnify the present outlay; and the education necessary for a priest is one not to be sequired without considerable time and no small expense."

After a long continued exhortation to his precale receiption. We, that their beloved paster was to leave them, and the sacrifice for "Father Charles" was qually great. But the call was in the voice of duty, and the man of duty obeyed. From the day upon which the present rector took the college in hand it has been steadily prosperous. There is now a staff of eight professors, the chief of whom is Rev. John Alexander have been steadily prosperous. The number of day scholars is in proportion small on secount of the distance from the city. It is not necessary to have a very long purse in order to send your sons to St. Dunstan's College. Board, tultion, bed, bedding, washing and medical attendance are all included in the modest sum of one hundred and twelve dollars per annum.

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After a long continued exhortation to his people regarding the duty now devolved upon them of contributing to raise a diocesan clergy, so that their own sons might minister at their altars, the bishop concludes with the words of St. Paul: "And we have confidence concerning you in the Lord, that the things which we command, you both do and will do, and the Lord direct your hearts in the charity of God and the patience of turn from After a long continued exhortation to his people regarding the duty now devolved upon them of contributing to raise a diocesan clergy, so that their own sons might minister at their elters, the bishop concludes with the words of St. Paul: "And we have confidence concerning you in the Lord, that the things which we command, you both do and will do, and the Lord direct your hearts in the charity of God and the patience of Coriet." These, chap. iii. v. 4.5

The grace of our Lord Jesus Carist be with you all. Amen.

Given at Rustico this 21st Sept., 1854, 1B. D., Bishop of Charlottetown.

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The Mas Fhelan, Secretary.
It was not until the 17th January, 1855, that St. Dunsten's College was open with the Rev. Angus McDonald rector and professor, and Mr. (after-wards Rev.) James Phelan as assistant professor. The opening term showed a roll of eighteen students, among whom

Rev. Ronald Bernard Macdonald, S. J., the once popular and beloved pastor of Misconche, who at the time of his entering college was but eleven years of age.
The Rev. Donald Francis MacDonald, the present genial parish priest of Souris, P. E. I. The Rev. Neil McKinnon, S. J., Presi-

dent of St. Francis Xavier's College, New The Rev. Donald James Gregory Mac-Donald, of St. Margaret's, Bear River, P. E. I.

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The Rev. Patrick Doyle, the silver bells of whose sacerdotal jubilee are now chiming throughout his parishes of Summerside, Kincora and Cape Traverse, P. E. I.

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Mr. Edwin Kelly, who died an ecclest. ssitc, and Mr. Henry O'Meara, the well-known Boston journalist.

The following year saw added to this band of queffers of the Pierian spring:

Mr. Patrick Bowera, the clever editor of the Newfoundland Colonist, to whose enter, prise that isolated Province owes her first illustrated paper.

In 1859 there came to St. Dunstan's a boy, who was destined in after years to abine as a bright star in the firmament of literature—Mr. James Jeffery Roche. Mr. Roche is best known in Prince Edward Island as Mr. John Boyle O'Reilly's assist ant in the editing of the Boston Pilot, but out in the great world, where men and out in the great world, where men and matters are the roughly sifted, and where neither local prejudice nor partisanship has any place, the gifted author of "Songs and Satires" shines with a brilliancy all his own, and amid the most exclusive literary circles of unapproachable Boston. He holds a high rank, and his acquaintance is

holds a high rank, and his acquaintance is eagerly sought after.

In 1860 the name of Stephen O'Meara was inacribed on the roll of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. O'Meara is to day secretary of the Associated Press of Massachusetts.

On the 12th December, 1862, there arrived at St. Dunstan's one who was destined within two decades to receive the mitter of a rollium of the archdoness of

ledge from this fountain, goes without saying.

In the year 1868 9, the Rev. Father Nolin, O M. I., of Ottawa, was on the teaching staff of St. Dunstan's.

At the commencement of the scholastic term in the autumn of 1869, Monsignor MacDonald, now of St. Andrew's, succeeded the Rev. Angus MacDonald as rector, with Mr. John Cavan, of Edinburgh, as head professor.

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Rev. Cornellus O'Brien from Rome, he was appointed head professor, a position which he relinquished to take charge of St. Mary's mission, Indian River.

In 1880 His Lordship Bishop McIntyre, who, in succeeding to the discesse of Charlottetown, had inherited his predecessor's love and solicitude for St. Dunstan's College, decided to put that institution on a different footing, and with that intent called the Fathers of the Society of Jeans to bis aid. In September, 1880, Rev. intent called the Fathers of the Society of Jesus to ble aid. In September, 1880, Rev. Father George Kenny, S. J., took possession as President, having under him Rev. Father Frank Ryan, S. J., Rev. William Gagnieur, S. J., and two other scholastics as professors, and Rev. Father Plante, S. J., as Father minister.

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Owing to the arising of unforesen difficulties, the agreement between the bishop and Jesuits was cancelled, and the latter returned to Montreal.

In September, 1881, St. Dunstan's opened with Rev. John Chaisson, D. D., as rector. When in 1882 Dr. Chaisson in the pastorate of Indian River, he pastorate of Indian River, he pastorate at St. Dunstan's by the late Rev. William Grant, D. D. In 1883 Dr. Grant's health commenced to give it. Circumstances, to which we need not allude now, prevented us from, ere this, putting this institution into active operation. But now, considering the general prosperity of the country, the time seems to have arrived that, to deprive any longer the faithful of our diocese of this boon, might be considered as exhibiting a neglect of duty on our part, an upjustifiable diffidence of God's assisting Pro-

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Scotia. Base ball is also a favorite game. Then the band—the fine new band that has lately been started under such happy auspices. The college glee club is well known in musical circles. The two literary societies, that of St. Thomas for the English boys, and that of Notre Dame de L'Assumption for the French cres, also de cred work.

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The college stands about a mile and a half from the city, surrounded by its 250 acres of land; around it are blooming gardens and fruitful orchards, spacious playgrounds, a fine farm, and from all directions blow briny breezes straight from the gulf.

The bridging itself was originally built

from the gulf.

The building itself was originally built of wood, but was afterwards encased in brick, by Bishop McIntyre. This was His Lordship's first undertaking after his consecration. To assist in defraying the very confiderable cost of the brick overlaying, the Sisters of the Convention of Nature

the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame held a bazaar in the college on the

8th July, 1863.
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jabilee. Here, too, in the long summer days, when the boys are scattered to their

homes and a great quiet reigns throughout the demesne of St. Dunstan's, the priests of the diocese assemble to listen to the preaching of some bo'y religious and to commune with their own hearts and with God. But it is very

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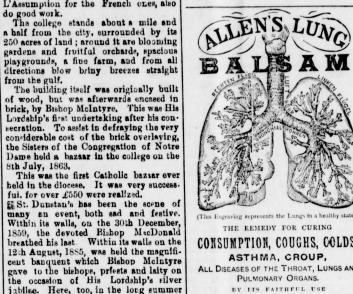
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