

they can, for the great scandal they have latterly given.

The following is a copy of it:—

To the Rt. Rev. Dr. Brown, Bishop of Chloa, and Vicar Apostolic of the Lancashire District.

We, the undersigned Catholics of Manchester and Salford, as dutiful children of the church, declare and acknowledge before your Lordship, that the principle of lay interference in the exercise of the Episcopal jurisdiction, and particularly with regard to the appointment or removal, guidance or direction of the Catholic Clergy, is in all cases decidedly contrary to the doctrine, spirit, and constitution of the Catholic Church; so much so, that the Catholic Church punishes, even with excommunication, those who extend by intimidation or force, the removal of any ecclesiastical censure.—(See the authority of S. Alphonsus Ligouri: Dubium IV. articulus I. "Quæ excommunicationes non reservatæ.")

Therefore, we acknowledge that all those steps which have been taken against the appointments and arrangements of your lordship regarding the clergy, within the last twelve months, in this town: such as preventing the usual contributions for the support and erection of Churches, disturbing meetings for ecclesiastical purposes, interruption of the Divine Service of the Church by clamour and riot, the assembling in Church yards, and causing persons to hold up hands in order to deny the dues for the maintenance of the clergy and public service,—are against the Canons, the system, and the spirit of our Holy Church, and Religion; and, therefore, in reparation of so great a scandal, we publicly ask pardon of God, and your Lordship, and of those to whom the scandal has been given; that our Lord may forgive our sins, and receive us again into his friendship."

The beautiful Church of St. John in Salford, is completely covered. The tower is finished, so as to commence the erecting of the great spire.

The new Church of St. Chad is progressing rapidly.

The Convent schools that had been deserted during the late schism at St. Patrick's, are now nearly full; and the effect of the education communicated by those ladies will be advantageously felt by the young females who frequent their schools.

As soon as the "mission" ends at St. Patrick's it will commence at St. John's in Salford. What a divine religion is that of the Catholic, that holds out such heavenly advantages to its people.

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Idleness is a great corruptor of youth, and the bane and dishonor of middle age. He, who in the prime of life, finds time to hang heavy on his hands may, with much reason, suspect that he has not consulted the duties which the consideration of his age imposed on him; assuredly he has not consulted his happiness.

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##### AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- DECEMBER 13, Mary, daughter of Luke and Margaret Franklin, aged 8 years.
- 13, Patrick Hayes, Native of Kerry, Ireland, aged 23 years.
- 14, Ann, wife of Patrick Caffery, Passenger of the Ship Tennessee, Native of Roscommon, Ireland, aged 49 years.
- 16, Ann, wife of John Smith, Native of Kilkenny, Ireland, aged 21 years.
- 18, Margaret, Daughter of William and Ann Haukens, aged 11 months.

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