

## ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

BALFAX, July 27th.

The Quarterly Meeting of the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Temperance Society adjourned from the 10th of June was held this evening in the Parochial School Room the Rev. E. Dail in the chair. The Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Patron of the Society was present. There was a tolerably good attendance of members present.

The Secretary having read the minutes of the last meeting and several of the members having paid their Quarterly dues, an interesting conversation ensued on Temperance;—the influence of Temperance Societies in advancing the cause, and the importance of all pledged Teetotallers meeting frequently and acting energetically against the spread of intemperance too apparent in the community.

The meeting was addressed by the Rev. Chairman, Messrs. Patrick Walsh, P. Power, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Wall, and several other members, together with the Rt. Rev. Patron who entered freely into the conversations and manifested much interest in the proceedings.

A Lecture by the Rev. V. P. was announced to take place as soon as convenient, during the ensuing quarter.

Several other matters having been gone through, and the meeting about to adjourn, the following resolutions proposed by Mr. Patrick Walsh, and seconded by Mr. Patrick Power were passed unanimously—

*Resolved*, That all the members of this Society be requested to attend the Festive celebration at the Dutch Village on Tuesday the 3rd of August, and that they wear their Medals on the occasion—also, that the Band lately in connection with this Society be invited to lend their assistance on that day,

PATRICK MAGEE,

Secretary.

The Temperance Pledge will be administered at St. Mary's on To-Morrow, immediately after Vespers.

## TYPHUS FEVER IN MONTREAL.

The ravages of this Fever in Montreal have been very great, not only among the unfortunate Emigrants, but the Clergy and nurses who have attended them, and residents of the place. The Hospital accommodations there have been found totally inadequate, and steps taken to increase the facilities for housing the sick. The *Pilot* says.—“Within the last five days the community has been deprived, by the hand of death, of three Roman Catholic Clergymen—the Rev. Messrs. McEnerny (Irish), Carof, and Gottofrey (French). The last named gentleman came to a most melancholy end by falling through a gallery behind the Bonsecours Church about 9 o'clock on the evening of Sunday last. He was called to see a sick person living in a building attached to the church, and after having performed his duty at the sick bed, he went from the Vestry of the Church to the rear, and was suddenly precipitated through an opening lately made, and of which no notice had been given him by the person in charge. The other two fell victims to their labours in behalf of the emigrants. They died of typhus fever.” The same paper gives the following sad picture of suffering and death:—“There are at the present moment 45 nuns sick from exposure, fatigue, and the attacks of the disease. All the grey nuns in attendance, 2 of the sisters of charity, 5 physicians and 3 students, now lie sick, to which gloomy and sickening record we must add the number of 1586 persons, of all ages and sexes, lying on beds of wretchedness and corruption, in many cases without an attendant to offer a drop of water or even attend to these decent formalities which the sad solemnities of death require. And still the emigrants are coming by thousands.” An Emigrant Agent in Canada has received lists of emigrants who sailed between the 1st and 19th of June for America, to the number of 9 000 !”

## REV. P. FORBES' LETTER TO THE GLASGOW PARSONS.

The following Letter requires no Preface: it will best explain its own object. Some years ago a most unwarranted attack was

made upon the Rev. P. Forbes, one of the Catholic Clergymen of Glasgow, by the Established Parsons, merely because he had the “Christian kindness and generous liberality” to acquaint two or three of them that some of their people were lying dangerously ill of fever in the Royal Infirmary. It is well known that the Law Church Parsons are nearly as much terrified of fever as they were of cholera. They can well make a noise when danger is distant—denouncing their neighbours and raising the alarm cry at the “advance of Popery;” but when the hour of peril comes none so “afraid,” none so faint hearted as they. In consequence Mr. Forbes soon received a letter from one of them, stating that he was “not sure as to the duty of visiting of a fever-ward of an Hospital; and if that were clear (said he), I must humbly confess I am afraid.” But this was not all. Furious to see themselves thus warned of their duty by a Catholic Priest—and that he might not in future send them any more such troublesome notices—they formed a truly Parson-like conspiracy, and determined to get “*this Priest, at least*,” (and, if possible, *all Catholic Clergymen*), excluded from the Infirmary. A plea, however, must be devised; and the one fixed upon, was to accuse Mr. Forbes of “pressing Popery on the patients, and of a conspiracy against the Ministers.” They therefore attacked him publicly and privately—by open accusation and secret intrigue;—they assailed him by the public press, and tried every means of prejudicing the public mind against him; they even called for the aid of the Directors of the Infirmary, as if something awful had taken place, and clamourously demanded his immediate expulsion. Thus forced and dragged forth to public view, Mr. Forbes addressed to the Parsons of the Church by Law Established, the subjoined Letter.

## PRIEST FORBES' REPLY TO THE “SCOTTISH GUARDIAN'S” CHARGES.

To the Editor of the Glasgow Argus.

SIR,—The *Scottish Guardian* having seen fit to postpone again the insertion of my letter, and at the same time to repeat for a third time, its own statements,—I am driven to request you to afford me the means of stating my case to the public. Of course I should have wished my defence to appear first in the same columns with the charge; but in justice to myself, I can no longer wait for the indefinite period when my letter may be allowed to appear.

I am, &c.,

PETER FORBES.

To the Editor of the *Scottish Guardian*.

Glasgow, 6th October, 1836.

SIR,—In your paper of last Tuesday I am formally and personally called upon to answer certain charges there adduced. You therefore, can have no reasonable objection to the insertion of the following reply:—

The charges then against me are chiefly two.—I am accused 1st, Of “a plain, pre-determined conspiracy, to injure the character of the Established clergy of the city. 2nd, Of an attempt to press Popery on the patients in the Infirmary.” As you, Sir seem inclined to wrap this whole affair in mystery, I shall proceed to unravel it, by giving, in the first place a plain statement of facts.

“It is well known,” says your correspondent, “that the Romish priests visit the Infirmary.” That is true; and be it known further, that they visit the Infirmary by turns—month about, or two months in rotation, as may be among themselves agreed upon. Then he whose turn it is, visits the whole of the Infirmary, almost every day, particularly all the fever wards September chanced to be my month, and what has yet gone by of October also. In course of my rounds now some weeks ago a man very ill in fever, and who seemed likely to become yet still worse, expressed to me a feeling wish to see his own pastor. I at once declared my readiness to send for him. The poor man man manifested a peculiar gratitude, and we parted. On my return home, I forgot not the pledge I had given to the aged sufferer in the fever ward. I took my pen and wrote the following note:—