

On Friday last 17th inst., the Festival of St. Patrick was duly solemnised in Saint Mary's Church. The preparations made for the ceremonial were on the most extensive scale, and the Sacred Edifice was crowded in every part with a Congregation of some of the most respectable Citizens of Halifax. At ten o'clock, the Bishop entered the Church and was received by the Charitable Irish Society. Soon after the Ceremonies commenced with the Solemn Blessing of a Splendid Processional Cross, and a pair of Reliquaries of a very costly and tasteful description, in which were afterwards enclosed a portion of the True Cross, with Relics of the Apostles and other eminent Saints. Pontifical High Mass then commenced. His Lordship was attended by Rev. Mr. Quinan, as Deacon, Rev. Mr. Connolly, as Sub-deacon, Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, O'Brien, Brun, Hannan and Nugent assisted in Copes and Dalmatics. The Rev. Mr. O'Brien delivered a very eloquent panegyric of St. Patrick, which we hope to see printed for the use of the Society; after which a collection was made, and a handsome sum received. The ceremony closed by the chanting of Sext in the Choir by the Bishop and his attendants. At seven o'clock in the evening there was a benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. On the whole, we may assert that St. Patrick's Day in the year 1843 will long be remembered by the Catholics of Halifax.

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