

point at the time, by those who habitually reviled all that was sacred.

Some hundreds of bodies have been already interred in the New Cemetery. The Clergy of St. Mary's have performed in connection with those funerals the most severe, laborious, and inconvenient duties. The Church Bell has been rung, palls, &c., supplied, and all the comforts of religion afforded. How much has the Church or the Clergy received for all those services since 1843? We are ashamed to answer the question at present.

One thing is clear, that something must be done, and that speedily. A small house for the sexton is indispensable, and should be commenced without delay. Provision too should be made for his salary, which, God knows, is doubly earned.

HOLY WEEK.

On Tuesday in Holy Week the Second Clerical Conference was held at St. Mary's for the district of Halifax, at which were present, the Bishop, Very Rev. T. Conolly, V. G., and the Rev. Messrs. Doyle, McDonnell, Tracey, Nugent, Hannan, Phelan, McIsaac and Hennessy. On Wednesday evening the office of Tenebræ was chaunted at the Cathedral, and on Holy Thursday morning a Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh, assisted by Rev. Messrs. Tracy and Hennessy, as Deacon and Sub-deacon, and Very Rev. Mr. Conolly as Master of Ceremonies. During this Mass the Holy Oils were solemnly blessed according to the rite in the Roman Pontifical, and in addition to the Clergymen above named, the Rev. Messrs. Power and Lyons from Liverpool and Lunenburg were also present. An appropriate altar was fitted up, on which, after the solemn procession, the Most Holy Sacrament was reposed. In the evening, the Office of Tenebræ was again chaunted. On Good Friday morning the Mass of the presanctified was celebrated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Hannan, and Hennessy, as Deacon and Sub-deacon. In chaunting the Passion, the Right Rev. Celebrant was assisted by Rev. Edmond Doyle, and Rev. Alexander McIsaac. After Mass Vespers were said and the altar stripped, as on the previous day. At the conclusion of the office of Tenebræ in the evening, the Passion-Sermon was delivered by the

Rev. Mr. Tracey to an overflowing audience. During the entire day on Holy Thursday and Good Friday crowds of fervent worshippers visited St. Mary's to adore our Lord in the great mystery of his Love, to meditate on his bitter Passion and to perform the salutary devotion of the Holy Way of the Cross. On Holy Saturday morning the Bishop commenced the solemn ceremonies of Easter Eve by blessing the New Fire and the Five Grains of Incense for the Paschal Candle which was afterwards blessed by the Deacon. The Twelve Prophecies from the Old Testament were then chaunted, the Bishop singing the Orations between each. His Lordship and the Clergy then went in procession to the Baptismal Font where the Easter Water was solemnly blessed by the Bishop with all the usual ceremonies. The procession then returned to the High Altar, where the Bishop and his attendants prostrated whilst the Litanies of the Saints were chaunted by Rev. Messrs. Tracy and McIsaac. The Organ Choir, who had rendered most valuable services on the two preceding days, gave the Responses of the Litanies with fine effect. The Bishop and his attendants having exchanged their violet vestments for white, his Lordship celebrated the Pontifical Mass of Easter Eve, the Bells were rung out at the Gloria in Excelsis, the joyful Allelulias were intoned, and the glad Season of the Pasch was ushered in with all its wonted solemnities.

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

On Thursday evening, the 2d instant, a very instructive and eloquent Lecture on Temperance was delivered in the Parochial School Room, by the Rev. Mr. Nugent, President of the Society. We publish a report elsewhere. There was a numerous and respectable attendance. The Temperance Band also played several airs during the evening, and the whole affair passed off in the most agreeable and rational manner. We hope we shall be often gratified with a repetition of this Literary and Musical treat. Such lectures, and such delightful evenings, will not only be most creditable to the Society, but most useful to the cause. On Sunday evening after Vespers, the Rev. President after having made some appropri-