

manners, costumes and general character of some of its Tallest Inhabitants.

By 'Quinbus Flestrin, the Man-Mountain.'
Embellished with *Cuts*. " "

"Here comes my noble Gull-catcher."
SHAKESPEARE.

We have seen a considerable portion of the above highly interesting volume, and we confidently predict that its appearance will create quite a sensation in the literary world. The Society under whose auspices it is brought forth, deserve well of the public here, and there is little doubt that 'their own position abroad will be immeasurably improved' by this spirited effort. We had almost forgotten to add that the work is appropriately dedicated to his Highness, General Tom Thumb.

* *Bunkum Epistles*. When the above was first published, a simpleton asked us the meaning of 'your own position abroad.' We reminded the poor fellow of the celebrated discovery of Sir Boyle Roche—viz., that 'nobody could be in two places at the same time barrin' a Bird,' and that the above being addressed to some of the feathered tribe, the explanation was most simple. He was quite satisfied.

CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

A very numerous Quarterly Meeting of this excellent Society was held on Monday last, the Bishop in the chair. The Rev. Mr. Conolly, Vice-President, and the Rev. Messrs. Tracey, Nugent and Hennesy were also present. When the Secretary had read the minutes of the last meeting, quarterly subscriptions amounting to upwards of Nine Pounds were handed in. The Rev. Vice-President and the Secretary gave an interesting account of the manner in which the charitable fund had been disposed of in the purchase of fuel and materials for clothing. A great number of ladies had most humanely employed themselves for several days in making up various articles of clothing, in consequence of which upwards of 150 poor children were relieved. It was truly gratifying to hear of the vast quantity of fuel which had been distributed under the active superintendence of the Managing Committee, and the conduct of the truckmen too in performing so much gratuitous and valuable labour in the cause of charity was beyond all praise. The Committee still continue to receive subscriptions for the purchase of fuel, and they hope to derive much valuable assistance from the collection to be made at St. Mary's on the Festival of St. Patrick. The

Irish Catholics of Halifax, renowned as they have always been for their devoted and unswerving attachment to their father-land, are ever ready to respond to the call of religion or suffering humanity. Even by the confession of her bitterest enemies, Ireland is pre-eminently distinguished for the generous hospitality, the cordial feeling and charitable sympathies of her kind-hearted people. Thank God, there is, in this respect, no degeneration amongst the Exiles of Erin in Nova Scotia. No matter what object may be proposed to our people—only tell them that it will serve their religion, promote charity, or assist in any way their suffering country—their hearts and purses are thrown open in an instant. The ardour of their zeal may sometimes carry them beyond the mark, or their unsuspecting natures may be imposed upon, but their hearts are always in the right place.

But, we have unintentionally digressed. Yet we are not sorry to have paid this spontaneous tribute to a people who, whatever may be their imperfections, contribute more in one year to religious, charitable, and national purposes, than twice their number in any part of the world that we are acquainted with.

Various teachers, male and female, were appointed for the next three months to take charge of the Catechism classes at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's. Mr. P. Morrissey resigned his office of Superintendant at the North End, after one year's useful services, for which he received the thanks of the Society, and Mr. J. Barron was appointed in his place. At the suggestion of the Bishop, the time for holding the Catechistical examinations, and for the distribution of Premiums, was changed from winter to autumn, as being much more convenient in every respect. Some New Members were admitted, it was announced that six or seven additional Male Teachers were required at St. Mary's, and after a prayer from his Lordship the Meeting adjourned.

ST. MARY'S.

As already announced, the Festival of the Glorious Apostle of Ireland will be celebrated at our Cathedral with all due solemnity. The necessary Powers have been received from his Holiness Gregory XVI. (whom may God long preserve)