

John Steel, and A. Keith, Esquires. Dartmouth.—
E. Lowe, George B. Creighton, H. Y. Mott, John
Tompest, Esquires." I will not enter into the res-
pective qualifications of those gentlemen; but I
think it is too bad they should have the exclusive
administration of justice, and that ten thousand
Catholics should remain unrepresented on the Ma-
gisterial Bench. Hoping that the *Cross* will not
lose sight of this practical grievance,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours, &c.,

A HALIFAX CATHOLIC.

[We are not quite certain of the accuracy of our
Correspondent's statement. But, if what he alleges
be true, we think it is a curious state of things in a
Catholic community like this.—EDITORS OF THE
Cross.]

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.—NORTH END.

We have to report gratifying progress in this
holy work. The Collectors have begun their
monthly labours, and are cheered on, in their reli-
gious task, by the generosity of the faithful.
Thank God, there is hardly one to be found
amongst us so dead to religion, so insensible to the
claims of creed and country, as to refuse his aid
towards the completion of St. Patrick's Church.
We will have an ample and profitable list to record
when the Collectors' returns shall be handed in at
the commencement of June. Meantime, the fol-
lowing donations and subscriptions have been
received by the Treasurer:

Rev. Mr. Tracy	£2	0	0
Mr. John McAuliffe	2	0	0
“ John Tobin	5	0	0
“ Ellis	2	0	0
“ Peter Power	1	0	0
“ Michael Galvin	1	0	0
“ Denis Donohoe	1	0	0
“ Moynahan	1	0	0
“ Daniel Cronin	10	0	0
Miss Mary Murpay	0	5	2 1-2
Mr. John Etchingham	0	10	0
“ James Mooney	1	0	0
“ Thomas Prandy	5	0	0
“ J. Collins	0	2	6
“ Mathew Heffernan	1	0	0
Mrs. Frances Boyle	5	0	0
Mr. Denis Heffernan	2	10	0

The Very Rev. Dr. Walsh, P. P. of Sliverue,
has been appointed Bishop of Ossory by the Pope.
Dr. Walsh was for many years President of the
Diocesan College of Birehfield, and Vicar General
of the Diocess. He was born about five miles
from Waterford, on the Kilkenny side of the Suir,
and has always borne the reputation of a pious and
able divine. At the recent election he had the
majority of clerical votes, and we are certain his
appointment will give very general satisfaction.

LITERATURE.

Tales from the Canon Schmid,
AUTHOR OF THE WOODEN CROSS.

The Fire.

A TALE

In five Letters addressed by Lewis May to his Mother.

LETTER III.

Continued.

God be praised and glorified, dearest mother!
He has brought my innocence to light. I must tell
you the whole affair from beginning to end, though
it is only the result that has been of such happy
consequence to me.

You will, doubtless, remember the fire about
which I wrote to you, and at which I was so fortu-
nate, with God's help, as to rescue two children
from the flames. The father of these children,
Signor Bellini, had lent to Mr. Fein, a merchant
of this town, a sum of five hundred florins, which
he now required, in order to rebuild the house that
had been burned. Mr. Fein was dead; but his son
had acknowledged and undertaken the debt, and
paid the interest regularly. Signor Bellini now
wrote to him, and called for the principal; though,
as he somewhat imprudently admitted to him,
thinking he had a man of honour to deal with, both
his father's bond and his own letter perished in the
fire. But young Fein now asserted, that neither
his father had borrowed, nor himself acknowledged
any such sum. Signor Bellini was compelled to
bring an action; and the proofs which he pro-
duced, made it very probable, but not absolutely
certain. The judge put Fein to his oath, and he
offered to swear it on the spot, charging Bellini
with wanton falsehood. "Well," said Bellini, "I
will rather suffer the loss of five hundred florins,
than cause you to take a false oath." The suit
was broken off, and the affair was forgotten.

In the beginning of spring, Signor Bellini, in
order to commence the re-building of his house,
set about getting the ruins of the fire cleared away,