

Original.

[For The Catholic.]

ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Behold yon babe! now laid to sleep
Upon a virgin mother's breast—
Behold him thus—yet see him weep:
Say what disturbs that infant's rest?

Ah! sure that is not Sorrow's child,
Tho' thus so soon he weeps and sighs;
So softly fair—so heavenly mild—
So calmly bright his tearful eyes.

Mourns he for aught he feels of pain?
Ah, no! no pain his body knows;
Nor has his soul that fatal stain
Which from our earliest parent flows!

Then wherefore mourns a child so young,
Nursed by the tenderest mother's care?
His infant soul, with anguish wrung,
Mourns fallen Man, who drops no tear!

Alas! for man those tear-drops fall!
And ah! for man his blood must flow!
When those sweet limbs, exposed for all,
The keenest pangs of death shall know!

But lo! amid the falling tears
A placid smile illumines his face;
The smile of hope for endless years,
That now first dawns on Adam's race.

O! blessed is that heavenly smile!
It tells of man's redemption come:
It triumphs o'er the Serpent's wile,
It leads the weary wanderers home!

Oh! mingle, then, with his your sighs,
That cherub child invites to love:
Through him, tho' lowly there he lies,
We may obtain bright thrones above!

Lo! hov'ring o'er that infant, see
Whole countless hosts of angels sing!
To Him let nations bend the knee—
That child is Heav'n's almighty King!

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PERTH, 25 DEC. 1840.

REFORMATION SOCIETY IN NOTTINGHAM.—The agents of the miscalled Reformation Society have this week paid a visit to our town. They held a meeting at the Assembly room, Low Pavement, last evening, the 23rd inst the object of which, as stated in their hand-bills, a document, &c was to expose the errors of the "Roman Catholic faith," and stir up a missionary spirit among the Protestants in behalf of the "victims of that superstition." The Rev. G. Browne, of Lenton, was in the chair, and Messrs. Fine and Cumming formed the deputation from the parent society.

The room was filled, but was by no means respectable, and, on the whole, a decided failure. The fact of the whole of the clergy of the Establishment in Nottingham (with the solitary exception of the Rev. I. K. Disney, curate of St. Paul's) withholding their support and presence from the scene of action, speaks volumes for the discernment of that body, and plainly indicates that they begin to see, at this the eleventh hour, that the "ingenious devices" of Mr. Gashford Cumming and his associates, the M'Ghies and Stowell's are not calculated to promote their cause, but, on the contrary, admirably adapted as past experiences prove, to fill the Catholic chapel with secession and raise up a host of friends to the Catholics in the persons of all the liberal and right thinking Protestants in the town and neighbourhood. The chairman first addressed the meeting, and professed the greatest love for the Catholics present and their immortal souls, and assured them it was only against their religion

they protested, and he had no doubt that he and his friends of the British Reformation Society would be designated fire brands, and held up to scorn. He would bear all that: for if the master of the house was called Beelzebub, how much more them of the household. He trusted that the motto of this society would ever be "No peace with Rome!" and concluded by praying the God might defend the right, to which I heard a most audible "Amen" from the Catholics present. Mr. G. Finch then came forward and addressed the company on what he was pleased to call the superiority of the Protestant over the Roman Catholic rule of faith, or in other words, justification by faith alone versus the Roman error of faith accompanied by good works. On the whole, this speech was the timest I ever heard from these doves of the Reformation Society, and regret that I am not able to give it *verbatim*. On Mr. Finch resuming his seat, he was called on by Mr. Sisk, to contradict a statement made by him at their last meeting in Nottingham, when he stated to the meeting that their chairman, the Rev. Mr. Browne, had a brother in Ireland, a Catholic priest, since which time Mr. Sisk had made inquiries and found it was untrue. But, alas! contrary to the expectation of many who remember having heard him make assertion, he denied in toto ever having said anything of the kind. (This was the commencement of a disturbance to the meeting, and a great clamour ensued.) The Rev. J. Cumming next addressed the meeting on the good that must accrue from Protestants mingling with their deluded Roman Catholic brethren, and leading them from the destruction, which he said was under their feet, above them, and around them. For the encouragement of Protestants, he would state to them that at their meeting in London this summer, a convert from Romanism delighted the meeting by an account of his conversion, and who is now a missionary to America. He likewise stated that in London alone they had converted three Roman Catholic priests this last year. (Cries of "Name, name!" and a disturbance.) The rev gentleman endeavoured to go on, and threatened to call in the police, but the cries of "Name, name!" increased tenfold, and peace was not restored. He next attempted to bring forward the Printer of St. Bonaventure, the topic he harped so much upon last year, when another row took place, from the excitability of our brethren and sisters of Hibernia, one of whom was forcibly removed by the police. Order was not restored during the evening, and after many attempts to get a hearing the meeting was broke up about half past nine o'clock; the subscriptions at the door to defray expenses not being (as far as I was able to judge) one-third of the amount required for that purpose.—From a correspondent, an eye witness.

VAN DIEMEN'S LAND.—SCULPTURE.—On Tuesday evening we had the pleasure of seeing a very beautiful stone which Mr. Chisholme Ansey has presented to the new chapel in Macquharrie street, where it will be placed as soon as the chapel is roofed in. The font is after the model of the early Norman period, which now stands in Radley Church, Berks. It has eight beautiful pillars surrounding it, each different from the other, with different capitals, forming a succession of elegant arches; the pillars are about two feet high. The font is to stand on a octagonal pedestal of cut stone; one of the pillars to rest on each angle of the octagon. The workmanship reflects great credit on the artist, a stone cutter in Liverpool street, opposite the watch house. The font from which the model is taken had been, probably for centuries sunk in the ground in a farm yard, and used as a pig trough; its sculptural beauties being all concealed. A gentleman who had heard some tradition concerning it, had it dug up and cleaned; and then, perceiving its elegant workmanship, he presented it to Radley Church.—True Colonist, Presbyterian paper.

THE POPE AND TETOTALISM. We learn from a source on which we place

the most unlimited confidence, that his Holiness Gregory XVI., in a recent lengthened interview with a distinguished Irish priest, expressed himself delighted beyond measure to find that the Catholic clergymen of this kingdom were, as an order, taking the tetotal pledge. "Nothing more," observed his holiness, "is required to make them the best and most efficiently zealous priests in the world." The Pope is himself a tetotaler, in the literal acceptance of the term—he never tastes wine.—Belfast Vindicator.

BRISTOL HOUSE,
King Street, Hamilton, near the Market,
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September 15, 1841.

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Hamilton, Sept. 15, 1841.

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Hamilton, Sep. 22, 1841.

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THE Subscriber has opened his Retreat in Hughson street a few doors north of King street, and wishes to acquaint his friends that they may rely on every Luxury the markets afford; his Wines and Liquors will be selected with care, and no expense spared in making his guests comfortable.
Oysters, Clams, &c., will be found in their season. He therefore hopes by strict attention and a desire to please, to merit a share of Public patronage.

ROBERT FOSTER.
Hamilton, Sept., 1841.

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N. B.—The best of Hay and Oats, with civil and attentive Ostlers.
W. J. GILBERT.
Hamilton, Sept. 15, 1841.

NOTICE.

It is confidently hoped that the following Reverend gentlemen will act as zealous agents for the Catholic paper, and do all in their power among their people to prevent its being a failure, so our final shame and the triumph of our enemies.

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- Rev. Mr. Bishop Goulin, do.
- Rev. Mr. Burka, do.
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BY HENRY TOTTEN.

Orders left at Press's Hotel, (late Burley's) or at Davaux's Royal Exchange, will be promptly attended to October, 1841.