

of the Battle of the Nile! 'Nam tua res agitur, paries cum proximus ardet.'

ST. MARY'S.

After High Mass on to-morrow, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last, the Litanies of the Saints were chaunted, in procession, by the Bishop and Clergy, immediately before the Mass of the Rogations.

An edifying spectæcle was lately witnessed in our Cathedral. This was a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving which was celebrated by the Clergy at the desire of the captain of a vessel, who had a narrow escape of his life during a violent storm in the West Indies, some time since. This worthy man, in the hour of peril, made a promise to Almighty God, that in the event of his being rescued from a watery grave, he would have a High Mass offered up at Halifax, on his arrival in this port, and also at Antigonish and Arichat, at the latter of which, we believe, he resides. It is Catholicity only, which can inspire such noble resolutions as these, in which an unshaken confidence in God's mercy is supported by a lively faith in the great Eucharistic Sacrifice of the New Law.

BERMUDA.—REV. MR. KENNEDY.

This zealous Missionary has lately returned from his long and interesting visit to the Summer Islands. During his stay Mr. Kennedy visited every part of the Island and administered the rites of our holy religion to nearly all the Catholics, both civil and military. There is one melancholy exception; he could not gain admittance to the Catholic convicts, although he applied to the Governor for that purpose. Rev. Mr. McSweeney had the same complaint to make in 1843. There are about 140 Catholics amongst the convicts at Bermuda. Within three years two clergymen have gone from Halifax, at considerable expense, a distance of 700 miles, to bring the comforts of Religion to those unhappy men; and yet both returned without seeing a single convict. This is a refinement of cruelty, and a disgrace to the Government which permits it. We are determined that the Catholics of England, Ireland, and Scotland, shall be made fully acquainted with this cowardly persecution of helpless men, and that the walls of Par-

liament shall ring with our just complaints. We feel happy in being able to state that the Officers of the Garrison were extremely civil to Mr. Kennedy, and that the Colonel of the XX. kindly granted him a room on Sundays for Divine Service, and the religious instruction of the Catholic soldiers. We believe that officer had no reason to repent of his civility, as a marked improvement was soon visible in the soldiers under his command. We understand that Father Kennedy has prepared a valuable report on the state of Catholicity in Bermuda, and that steps will be immediately taken to apply a suitable remedy to its long-suffering condition. Let not, however, our fellow-Catholics despair; in all human probability, they will never more be subjected to the trials and privations of the past. We will return again and again to this important subject.

Dr. Ullathorne, of Coventry, has been appointed Vicar Apostolic of the Western District, in place of the late Bishop Baggs. Dr. Ullathorne was a zealous Missionary in Australia, for many years, and has made himself a distinguished benefactor to suffering humanity by his persevering and successful efforts to alleviate the condition of our hapless convicts.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE CROSS.

Gentlemen,

I read with much pleasure, some time ago, an article in your paper on the small number of public situations which are filled by Catholics in this province. I particularly admired your observations on the Magistracy. I perceive by the last Cross, that two Catholics were lately appointed to the Bench at Parrsboro' and Minudie. This is certainly a move in the right direction. But as you seem to take such an interest in the welfare of the members of our Church, in the interior of the Province, may I beg to direct your attention to the capital itself? Halifax and Dartmouth contain upwards of ten thousand Catholics. How many persons of that religion administer justice here? Not one as far as I know. On consulting the Almanac I find the following list under the head of *Quarter Sessions of the Peace*:—Halifax.—J. Liddell, R. Tremain, G. N. Russell, L. Hartshorne, William Saltus, W. B. C. Pic-