

taught him that he is a member of the Most Glorious Society that ever existed on earth, that he is united in Communion with the Saints, that he is an heir of heaven, and a co-heir with Christ. It has brought before him in regular succession the various Festivals of the Church, and taught him, though absent in body, how to assist in spirit, at her solemn and beautiful offices.

This sacred standard of salvation has been unfurled in Halifax under the auspicious protection of the Managing Committee of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. We may venture to say that it has not disappointed the just expectations of the friends of religion, and if continued and increasing support be a proof of approbation elsewhere, we can proudly point to this indication of success.

In New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, as well as in Nova Scotia, Cape Breton, and Bermuda, the Cross has received most valuable assistance, and we are happy to add that it is read by several in England, France and Ireland.

As we have stated before, nothing but a very large circulation could enable the Proprietors to continue its publication at so cheap a rate; and we have made its price so low that it might come within the reach of that large portion of our fellow Catholics in North America, who are so much in need of religious instruction, but who cannot afford to purchase Books or expensive Periodicals.

We take this opportunity of returning our unfeigned thanks to the many excellent and zealous Clergymen who have tendered us their valuable support since the commencement of our humble labours. We shall endeavour at all times to deserve their support, and to pay every attention to their wise suggestions. They will find that our columns, as hitherto, will be always open to every communication that can tend to the promotion of religion, and that whilst we rationally explain and calmly defend our own principles, the golden rule of charity to all mankind shall be our invariable guide.

We are happy to add that our little Journal, during the past year, fallen into the hands of very many of our brethren of other Communion, both in Halifax, and throughout the Province. We could mention several gratifying instances in which it has been the humble means of removing much prejudice against our religion, and of superinducing a juster appreciation of our consistent and holy principles. If

this, we should consider its mission to have been very successful.

We hope therefore that every friend of religion will lend us his gratifying support and that our own respected supporters and kind friends will renew, and if possible increase, their zealous exertions in the good cause.

Our Politics are the Gospel. The interests which we advocate are immortal, the blessings which we would secure for our readers are eternal, and the Banner under which we glory in fighting is the Banner of the Cross!

Whilst we therefore again entreat a continuance of their support, we sincerely wish all our Kind Readers MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE NEW YEAR.

CHRISTMAS TIDE AT SAINT MARY'S.

ELECTION OF A MICMAC CHIEF.

On Sunday and Monday last a great number of the faithful approached the Holy Communion. On the evenings of both, the Bishop who preached after Vespers, gave a Solemn Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. The Church was more crowded on New Year's Day than we remember to have seen it on a Holyday for a very long time. A large batch of postulants came forward to begin the New Year well by taking the Temperance Pledge, and his Lordship, before he administered it, delivered an earnest advice on the subject for the space of half an hour. His address seemed to have made a very deep impression, especially that part in which he depicted the horrors of intemperance in former days.

On Wednesday, the Octave of Saint John, Doctor Walsh, celebrated a High Mass for the Micmac Tribe of Indians on the occasion of the election of their Chief. They had unhappily disagreed as to the object of their choice, there being two rival candidates for the dignity. One hundred of them came to the Bishop on Tuesday morning and implored him to settle their differences. After an interesting audience of some hours, at which several other persons were present, and some rich specimens of Indian eloquence were delivered, Dr. Walsh recommended a friendly compromise, and his advice was listened to with the greatest docility by those religious children of the forest. At 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning they assembled in the Church by appointment to assist at the Holy Sacrifice and receive the Bishop's blessing. They soon formed an effective choir, and sang the various pieces of the High Mass with a precision and effect which delighted the entire congregation, and seemed to surprise not a little the B-