

the assistance and prayers of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith the Adorable Name of Jesus has been announced to the uttermost bounds of the earth, and the voice of his apostolic ministers has gone forth into the whole world. As in the infancy of the Church, the blood of her martyrs is the fruitful seed of innumerable converts, so that all Christendom is astonished, and the venerable Head of the Church transported with holy joy at the triumphant progress of truth. Does not that glorious epoch in the history of the Church seem to appear, of which it was written? 'Lift up thy eyes round about and see: all these are gathered together, they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. Then shalt thou see, and abound, and thy heart shall wonder, and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee.'

The Catholics of Halifax have given their adhesion to this great religious league—this holy alliance of the children of light—formed, not for the acquisition of wealth, or territory, or renown, but for the conquest of immortal souls. Their money had been generously contributed before; their prayers and thanksgivings ascended on Sunday before the throne of grace. May it be our delightful task to record many similar commemorations of their charity and zeal!

At Vespers a most numerous congregation were assembled to listen to an Appeal in behalf of the Association, by the Rev. Mr. Conolly. The Rev. gentleman spoke with much fervour, drew a harrowing picture of man's fallen state before the coming of the Redeemer, contrasted the manifold blessings of the Gospel with the miseries of Paganism, and described, in glowing terms, the august mission of the Church of Rome through every age in evangelising the universe, and extending the empire of civilization with the knowledge of the true God.

ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S
TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

On Wednesday evening last, the Annual Meeting of this Society was held in the Parochial School Room. The attendance was numerous, and all present seemed animated with one spirit in the furtherance of the good cause.

The chair was ably filled by Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, Esq. The Bishop, as Patron of the Society, was also present throughout the proceedings. After the minutes of the last meeting had been read by the Secretary, Mr. Walsh, the Society proceeded to the election of a President, Officers, and Committee, for the ensuing year.

The Rev. John Nugent, of St. Mary's College, was unanimously elected President of the Society, and the Rev. James Hennesy, Vice President. The Rev. James Kennedy of Dartmouth, and the Rev. Edmond Doyle, of Prospect, two ardent supporters of the Temperance movement, were proposed as honorary Vice Presidents of the Society. In putting this resolution, the Chairman paid a well-merited compliment to the exertions of those gentlemen in their respective districts, where, both by word and example, they had given a powerful impetus to the Temperance movement. The proposal was carried with acclamation. A very complimentary resolution of thanks to the late President for his able and efficient services during the last two years was then passed amidst much applause. Mr. Doyle returned thanks and expressed the delight he felt at seeing the respected clergy of the city and neighbouring parishes connected with the Society. He also praised in the warmest terms a Lecture which was delivered before the Society some time ago by Father Nugent, and declared that his appointment to the presidency for the ensuing year was a most auspicious one. Mr. Doyle promised his hearty co-operation in future to the Society, which had so highly honoured him, and given him so many marks of confidence.

Mr. Thomas Ring, and Mr. William Walsh, were re-appointed as Treasurer and Secretary, with complimentary allusions to their past services. Mr. Patrick Walsh and Mr. Patrick Donohoe were named Assistant Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Patrick Going as Marshal of the Society. A Committee of eighteen were then appointed, whose names we shall give in our next.

A deputation were appointed to wait on a few of the Members who, though Teetotallers themselves, were reported as venders of ardent spirits, with a request, in the name of the Society, that they should either discontinue this practice, or allow their names to be removed from the Society's books.

It was also moved and carried, that the present, and late President, Rev. Mr. Nugent, and Lawrence O'Connor Doyle, Esq., be solicited to deliver a lecture to the Society, at any time that may suit their convenience.

A financial statement was then submitted, from which it appeared that the funds of the Society were in an improving condition, and it was