

See will elect such unprincipled clergyman to the vacant bishoprics of the Catholic Church? Do they know that each bishop at his consecration takes a solemn oath on the Holy Evangelists, and in presence of at least three bishops, that he will not sell, give way, alienate or unjustly dispose of any Church property confided to his care? Can they honestly believe that they, members of other communions, are more anxious for the preservation of Catholic property, than the Catholic Bishop, the Catholic Clergy, and the overwhelming majority of their flock? Are they not aware that the handful of opponents to this Bill, number amongst them individuals who are Catholics only in name, who never practise the duties enjoined by their Church, who by their insolent dictation, and impious interference have dared to usurp the functions both of Bishop and Clergy, and thereby lighted up the flames of religious discord in the city of St John? No doubt, it may be said, there are some respectable exceptions; some unsuspecting men who by the artful representations of others have been seduced into this false position. We give them the full benefit of this honourable admission. *Valeat quantum valere debet.* But, we certainly cannot wish them joy of their associates.

We said that we were filled with regret at the perusal of this eccentric debate, in which hardly one of the speakers knew what he was talking about. As far as we have read, the path and marrow of the question was left untouched, unless by Mr. Dal. The other speakers generally spoke *for and against* the Bill, complimented and insulted in the same breath, the Catholics and the Catholic Religion, created imaginary giants and forthwith most valourously demolished them, made sundry desperate passes at arms, against Quixotic windmills, and enchanted castles, knew and didn't know the sentiments of their own constituents on the subject, were exceedingly anxious to gratify the wishes of the Catholics of the Province, but by some unaccountable fatality, or obliquity of judgment, contrived to vote *against* the Catholic Bishop, Clergy and people, and *in favour* of the Spartan Band of 110, whom no doubt they must have looked upon as the small number of the Elect, the very Quintessence of Catholicity in New Brunswick! Poor innocent souls! What a charming simplicity is this, and how seldom it is met with in this deceitful world!

Out upon such disgusting Pharisees! Give us an

honest, open foe; and if we cannot admire his principles, we will at least respect his candour. But as for your puling, mawkish, dastardly bigot, who seeks to cover his cloven foot with a tattered rag of mock liberality, we have nothing to give *him* but our unmitigated scorn.

Catholics of New Brunswick! you are a third of the population of the Province, and you had not one member of your creed, or exponent of your principles in the House of Assembly whilst this solemn mockery was being enacted within its walls.

If there had been even ONE Catholic Representative in the House, his very presence would have shamed into silence some of those vapid orators who had neither the wit nor decency to shroud their own ignorance of the subject which they ventured to discuss—who

"Discourse upon a thing 'till all men doubt it,
And talk about it, Goddess, and about it!"

Certainly the pluvius nebulosity of that humid atmosphere must have deeply penetrated the otherwise impermeable skulls of those legislative wiseacres. We should be sorry to think that the fair region which lies at the other side of the Bay of Fundy, resembled in aught, that classic land, in which Cadmus smote a dragon, and built a city: but when you read the rhetorical rhapsodies of its Ciceros and Hortensii,

"*Brotum in crasso jurares aere satos!*"

Thank God, we could shew them countless specimens of enlightened liberality in Nova Scotia which would do honour to any age or country; and we are certain that there is not a single member in either of our Houses of Assembly who would utter one word which would wound the feelings of a Roman Catholic, or treat any petition from the Catholic Bishops, Clergy and people, in the manner that the Bishop's Bill has been dealt with in New Brunswick.

ST. MARY'S.

The Second Conference of the Clergy in the District of Halifax will be held at eleven o'clock on Tuesday next. The subjects to be treated of, are: in Sacred Scripture—The Three First Chapters of the Epistle of St Paul to the Hebrews,—and in Theology—Various practical questions on the Holy Sacrament of Penance.

The Holy Oils will be solemnly blessed by the Bishop during the Pontifical Mass on Thursday next.