

and veneration for the Holy See, as well as of your filial affection for Our person. But what in this letter, has, above all, filled Our soul with joy, is, that we have clearly seen in it, how much you have at heart to contribute with all your means, to render more and more flourishing the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, which has always been the object of our liveliest interest. We commend exceedingly, in the Lord, this remarkable zeal which you have shown for it; and We wish that you should know, that for everything which could be suitable to increase the prosperity and splendour of the Association, as far as depends on Our will, you can fully count on our concurrence,— Responding, moreover, to the testimony of the zeal which has dictated to you your words, by an equal expression of Our paternal Benevolence, We grant you all, affectionately and from the bottom of our heart, Our Apostolic Benediction.

“ Given at Rome, at St. Mary’s the Greater, the 19th of August, in the year 1846, being the first of our Pontificate.

“ Pius P. P. IX.”

LETTERS OF HIS HOLINESS TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF LYONS.

PIUS IX., POPE.

“ Dearly Beloved Sons, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

“ It is with much gratification that We have received, as a testimony of your pious affection and regard for Us, your dutiful congratulations on Our elevation, through a Divine dispensation, to the Supreme Pontificate of the Church. We have been very sensible to this act of duty, both because we have understood that it proceeded from your veneration for this Apostolic See, as well as because we have borne a paternal interest and zeal for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith instituted at the commencement in your city at Lyons, and which you glory in rendering daily more and more flourishing by your untiring zeal and labours. Knowing then with consolation the abundant and salutary fruits which, with the aid of the Lord, this Society produces, We most willingly take this occasion to give it a pledge and a new proof of Our special solicitude, and We wish

that you should be persuaded that nothing will be more agreeable to Us than to protect and favour it with all Our power, according as We shall judge it best in the Lord. In the meantime We lovingly give you, dearly beloved sons, from the bottom of Our heart, the Apostolic Benediction, as a foretoken of all the heavenly gifts, and a testimony of Our paternal and special affection towards you.

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#### ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

On Tuesday last, there was a High Mass at St. Mary’s in thanksgiving to Almighty God for the increasing success of this Association, and to implore a continuance of the Divine Blessing. The Very Rev. Mr. Conolly was celebrant. At the close of the service, the Bishop intoned the *Te Deum*.— A great number of the Collectors and Members of the Halifax Branch were present on the occasion.

The Temperance Pledge was administered to a number of persons after Vespers last Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Nugent, who delivered an earnest and eloquent address on the causes and direful effects of intemperate habits, and the impossibility of sustaining the Temperance movement without the influence of religion, and the faithful discharge of religious duties.

We are happy to hear that the Church of St. Croix, and the Church of St. Maude at Meteghan have been lately painted, and otherwise considerably improved. The Glebe Houses attached to each of those Churches have also been put into a state of decent repair, for the suitable accommodation of the resident Clergymen.

#### THE MARCH OF INTELLECT IN BERMUDA.

We have seen a letter from Bermuda, dated the 18th ult., from which the following is an extract :—

“ The fifth of November was celebrated with all the honours in every part of these Islands. Guy