

my sweet Marjorie. God grant they may last till his eyes are sealed in death!"

We could say nothing that would add to the beauty of this charming picture. But we will hope no one will ever doubt again about the reality of the existence, and conversion of the excellent Mrs Pittar.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

The usual monthly meeting of the Collectors was held on Tuesday evening 9th inst. the Vicar General in the Chair.

The following Collectors were present and handed in the sums received through their respective districts: Messrs. P. Ryan, W. Walsh, T. Prandy, P. Murphy, P. Morrissey, E. Barber, J. Wallace, M. Murphy, Thomas Walsh, W. Jamieson, J. Barron and P. Magee. The Collection of Mr. Roger Cunningham was also handed in at the meeting. We will publish the list of Subscribers next week. Though this is the dullest season of the entire year, it will be seen that the zeal of the people for the completion of God's House is undiminished.—Considerable progress has been also made at the works on the Church itself.* It is hoped that on an early day in summer the building may be thrown open for the accommodation of the faithful. It was suggested at the meeting that a vigorous effort for this purpose ought to be made on the approaching Festival of St. Patrick. We have no doubt that it would be successful.

CATHOLICITY IN HOLLAND.

According to the last census there are in Holland 288 Parishes, 761 Churches, 1413 Priests, 4 Colleges, 1 Benedictine Monastery, 3 Apostolic Vicariates, the Hague, Breda, and Limbourg, and one million, seventy five thousand Catholics.—This is an extraordinary increase during the last few years.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

There has been recently very sad news from Cochin China.—It was thought the persecution was over, but it seems to have broken out again, two French Missionaries, Rev. Messrs. Duclot and Lefevre have been discovered and cast into prison.—Mr. Duclot who was previously exhausted by the fatigues of his Apostleship, expired in prison four days after he was seized and has received the crown of martyrdom. His holy companion has been sent in irons to the Royal City, and as he has been attacked by a severe illness, fears were also entertained for his life.

A chapel has been lately erected near Tunis on the spot where the Sainted King Louis IX., closed his life by a death so edifying that it astonished the very infidels themselves. The Bey of Tunis who was in Paris last December, went to St. Denis to visit the tomb of this holy King.

The celebrated Patriarch Archbishop of Erlau in Hungary, Mgr. Ladislas Pyrker, celebrated on the 8th of December the 50th anniversary of his priesthood. The ceremony took place in his Cathedral which was entirely built at his own expense, and a great number of illustrious persons were present. It is said that the Emperor of Austria intends to ask the Pope to bestow on this Venerable Patriarch the Cardinal's hat which has become vacant by the death of the Archbishop of Milan.

The Rev. George Kellermann, Canon of the Cathedral of Munster, in Westphalia, has been elected by the Cathedral Chapter, Bishop of Munster, and the Government has confirmed the nomination. Dr. Kellerman had been the intimate friend and Confessor of the late celebrated Archbishop of Cologne, and his appointment has given universal satisfaction to the Catholics of Germany. He was for a long time a Professor in the College of Munster, and had acquired great renown as a preacher.

LENT.

The Ceremonies of the Holy Season of Lent were ushered in at St. Mary's on Ash Wednesday morning, which is styled in the language of the Ancient formularies the *Caput et Initium Sacratissimi Jejunii*. The Ashes were solemnly blessed, the Mass celebrated and a Sermon delivered by the Bishop. He was assisted in the distribution of the Ashes by the Vicar General, and Rev. Mr. McIsaac. The attendance, notwithstanding the severity of the weather, was most numerous.

We are delighted to be able to assure our readers that many of the most respectable Members of the various Churches in Halifax, were loud in the expression of their disgust and disapprobation, at the recent Newspaper attacks against their unoffending Catholic fellow-citizens, and that they had no pity for those Journals which received so well merited a castigation at our hands.

If Mr. H—, do not make the *amende honorable* for his late insult, we may prepare for him a Bottle of Catsup out of his favourite *Mushrooms*, which will serve to tickle his palate during the remainder of the Lent.

We cordially unite in the praise bestowed by our Contemporaries on Mr. Woodgate, for the many valuable improvements he has effected in the Post Office Department.

We have received a copy of Humorous Verses on a cheap mode of making a present, headed

"The watch, the watch, the beautiful watch."

Though a deserved castigation of a very mean transaction, in which the feelings of a Clergyman were wantonly trifled with, we cannot give it insertion. We are too keen sportsmen to waste our ammunition on dead game.

CHARITABLE IRISH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this Society was held last evening, when the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen as Office Bearers for the ensuing year:

President—Joseph Howe, Esquire, M. P. P.
Vice President—Bernard O'Neil,
1st Asst. V. P.—Patrick Power,
2nd " "—James Cochran,
Treasurer—James Wallace, re-elected,
Secretary—Joseph Quinan, "
Asst. "—William Walsh, "

Committee of Charity—Messrs. Patrick Magee, John Barron, John Hollihan, John Tobin, Patrick Walsh, Timothy Cadigan.
Committee of Collection and Investigation—Messrs. James Donohoe, Richard Nugent, Mich. Monaghan.

The evening's collection amounted to £37 14s. The Secretary stated that the Society had now £107 14s. including the Uniacke legacy of £50, at their disposal for charitable purposes—and £250 additional at interest.

The officers of the Society were instructed to carry out a Resolution passed at the last Quarterly meeting in reference to the distress in Ireland, (namely, the calling of a public meeting of Irishmen and their friends for the purpose of raising means of relief,) should the accounts by the steamer now due, aggravate or confirm those already received. The Society resolved on celebrating St. Patrick's Day in the usual manner, unless the news from Home should be of so distressing a character that it