

Association for the Propagation of the Faith.

The Branch of this noble institution continues to flourish in Halifax. New Subscribers and collectors are every day presenting themselves. On Thursday, 14th inst., the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Dr. Walsh offered a Pontifical High Mass in St. Mary's Church, in thanksgiving to God for the continued success of the Association throughout the Catholic world, and administered the Holy Communion to the members who had prepared themselves for the Holy Eucharist on this occasion. Upwards of three hundred persons approached the Table of the Lord, and offered up their prayers in union with the Holy Sacrifice, according to the earnest exhortation of the Bishop, who on the previous Sunday had spoken at considerable length on the nature and objects of the Association.

An Instruction on Death.

Translated from the French of Pere Bourdaloue.

(Concluded from No. 28.)

In a word, to see yourself, if God should so permit, despised, abandoned, and humbled from that state of prosperity to which he has been pleased to raise you. This is what I call the blessed detachment to which you should aspire, and which the consideration of death should produce in your soul. Without this, no matter how detached you may be, or seem to be, from the world,

you should never imagine you are perfect according to God. You will find this reflection of great use for the discernment of your interior dispositions.

I. Be very careful that this detachment from the world, caused by the thought of death, should not turn into melancholy indifference, or make you disgusted with things to which it is God's will you should apply yourself, and which are your duties in the order of Providence; because, from the habit of contemplating death, and beholding it present, one may fall into this disgust, and into a certain indifference for every thing in the world, which would cause a relaxation even in duties, since one might see no longer in the world any thing which, if I may say so, would be worth the trouble of caring for. We should, therefore, ascend higher, and behold the things of the world, not in relation to death alone, but with regard to that which follows it, namely, that judgment of God, at which our actions will be weighed according to the measure of our obligations. The thought of death should not, under the pretext of detachment, weaken our courage; much less, should it lead to a relaxation of duties. It should retrench the excess, the impatience, the eagerness and restlessness of our too impetuous and too ardent desires; but it should not cool those desires that are praiseworthy and good, which a zeal for our state and our religion ob-