

PROSELYTISM.

We have now lying before us a small pamphlet which was printed at the expense of one of the Reformation Societies in England, and which has been handed us by a reverend friend. It is entitled, 'The Nunnery; or Popery exposed in her tyranny.' The contents are quite in keeping with the insulting nature of the title, and are a *crambe repetita* of the 'Maria Monk' school, whose 'Awful Disclosures' have been not only proved, but acknowledged to be, a tissue of impudent forgeries. On the first page of the pamphlet, to which we allude, the following words were written, 'A gift of Charles Owen to Christopher Boyle, of Sherbrooke, a Roman Catholic.' We could not believe that Mr. Owen, the M. P. P. and Collector of Excise, was the *Colporteur*—as the French call it—of this kind of lying trash, or that he would so far forget himself as to wound the feelings of his Catholic neighbour by presenting him with such a book. We are assured however that such is the fact, that Mr. Owen is a celebrated distributor of Anti-popery tracts, and that he has thereby acquired an unenviable notoriety in that part of the country. Now we beg leave to ask him in sober seriousness, what would his own feelings be if a Roman Catholic presented him with a Book which professed to expose the tyranny, wickedness, and cruelty of his own Church (whatever it is) and in which the Ministers of his own religion were politely denominated 'Beasts?' We can assure him that Roman Catholics have feelings as well as himself, and that any insult on the score of religion offered to the humblest member of our communion in the Province will be deeply felt and properly resented by the entire body.

Perhaps we should give the same charitable admonition to certain pious dames and sanctified maidens in our own city, who, under the mask of charity, carry on the disgusting work of proselytism, and who cannot afford to give their fellow-creatures the smallest relief without offensively thrusting into their hands an insulting Tract. This is neither charity nor religion, but a clear proof of the total absence of both. An appeal to the religious judgment through a starving stomach or a shivering back is disgusting in the extreme; and a convert so made is a convert to hypocrisy, and not to truth. Thank God, the number of those pious fools is limited indeed, and their silly efforts are laughed at by all that is estimable, both clergy and laity, of every denomination. If they continue to tamper with the poverty of some of our people, we promise an exposure of their cant and hypocrisy which may excite a ghastly smile even from those holy babes of grace themselves. Meantime we commend to their diligent perusal the Parable of the Good Samaritan, and if they discover that he made any attempt at Proselytism on the suffering fellow-creature, whom he so humanely relieved, we will give them a *carte blanche* for sour sanctity, and canting humbug for the rest of their lives.

ST. MARY'S.

In the course of the last week the vast quantity of firewood and coal, which had been deposited in the Cathedral yard, was distributed at a very low rate to our mere indigent fellow-citizens to whom this assistance has been a seasonable relief. With the funds in hand the Committee were to have purchased more fuel, which is to be distributed in a similar manner. We entreat all those who have not yet subscribed to send their contributions to this excellent charity. To be effectual, the relief should be immediate. During the present severe weather, 'he who gives quickly, gives twice,' according to the old proverb. A single dollar now for the purpose of charity, is worth five times that sum at another period of the year. Even those who have already given should continue their assistance to the poor during this trying season.

CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.—ST. PATRICK'S.

The premiums purchased by this Society for the children of both sexes who attend Sunday Catechism at the North End, were distributed in St Patrick's Church, by the Bishop, on Sunday the 1st instant. Several copies of the New Testament were amongst the books given out on this occasion.

The first Clerical Conference of the season, for the District of Halifax, was held at St. Mary's, on Wednesday last. The Bishop and the Clergy dined at the Glebe in the evening.

LITERATURE.

THE WOODEN CROSS.

A RELIGIOUS TALE.

Chapter 5.

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"I perfectly agree with you. God has given us so many favours that we cannot be too thankful. Another thought has come into my head. Whilst the good man is recovering himself with us, we will have time to make inquiries about his son and his property. For it is not enough that we preserve so worthy a man for society, we must also, if possible, recover his property." On hearing this the old man looked like one awakening from a profound lethargy.—The proposals of William and Sophy had deeply affected him. He raised a hopeful countenance to Heaven, and cried out—"Oh, yes! it is true, then, that piety is not dead in all hearts, since there are still some charitable Christians to interest themselves in the fate of the wretched. Ah! generous souls, you may be certain that the Lord will reward you for all your kindness to a poor creature, who, if he receives his property will not forget your goodness."