

ced during the proceedings that he would distribute the Premiums in the Cathedral on Sunday next after High Mass. The Examination of the children at the North End will be held in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday the 21st inst.

CHARITABLE CLOTHING FUND.

A collection in aid of this Fund was made at St. Mary's Church on Sunday last immediately after Vespers. The Bishop made an appeal on the subject at the close of High Mass, and the Rev. Mr. O'Brien made another at Vespers. The result was eminently successful, and most creditable to the charitable feelings which have always distinguished the Catholics of our City. A sum of between sixty and seventy Pounds was realized for this Institution.

A considerable number of the Catholic Ladies of our city have attended every day since Monday at the Parochial School rooms, and have charitably occupied themselves in making up the clothes that are to be distributed next week to the children of the poor. Many a child of poverty will have occasion to rejoice at the result of their pious labours. Many a naked and shivering creature will be clothed and sheltered against the inclemency of the weather before the close of the ensuing week. The funds collected from the Parishioners, together with the sum voted by the Catechetical Society have been faithfully economised by those excellent ladies, to whose meritorious exertions too much praise cannot be given. But we know they seek not the empty applause of men. The divine injunction of charity, which they have so nobly fulfilled in this instance, comes with its own consoling promise—a promise which will be realized in another

life, "Deal thy bread to the hungry, and bring the needy and the harbourless into thy house; when thou shalt see one naked, cover him, and despise not thy own flesh. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thy health shall speedily arise; and thy justice shall go before thy face, and the glory of the Lord shall gather thee up! Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall hear, thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am." Isai. lviii. 9.

From St. Alphonsus Liguori.

ADMONITIONS,

NECESSARY FOR PERSONS OF EVERY STATE OF LIFE, WHO WISH TO SAVE THEIR SOULS.

God wishes the salvation of all. "Who will have all men to be saved." Tim. ii. 4. And he wishes to give to all, the help necessary for their salvation; but according to St Augustine, he gives it only to those who ask it from him. "*Non dat nisi petentibus.*" In Ps. c. Hence, it is the common opinion of theologians and of the holy fathers, that for adults, prayer is necessary as a means of salvation; that is, that he who does not pray, or who neglects to ask of God, the helps necessary to conquer temptations, and to preserve the grace received, cannot be saved.

On the other hand the Lord cannot refuse to grant his graces to those who ask them from him; for he has promised to hear all who call upon him. "Cry to me, and I will hear thee." Jer. xxxiii. 3. "You shall ask whatever you will, and it shall be done unto you." John xv. 7. "Ask and it shall be given you." Matt. vii. 7. These promises are not to be understood of temporal goods; for God gives temporal blessings only when they are profitable to the soul. But, he has promised spiritual graces absolutely to all who ask them; and, having pro-