

been ascertained to have been recommended, it does not seem to me that the combined system is producing such good effects as could be wished.—First Report, Lords, p. 350.

This is a very cautious answer; but when divested of the hesitation which might naturally be looked for from a gentleman speaking with much authority, we find it to be the deliberate opinion of the Director best acquainted with the working of the institution, that it is nothing more than a large manufactory, in which criminals recover health and spirits, and are turned out again with renewed energies upon the world.

The whole scheme, in truth, is an audacious paradox. We give the dues of labour without the counterpart, and allow fraud to extract from us what we refuse to poverty and misfortune.—It is a resuscitation of those schemes of benevolent visionaries with which the world has often been made merry. Men will never be deterred from the gratification of their passions by holding out to them the reward of a comfortable subsistence as the consequence of their gratification.—It reverses all our notions of good government to find the industrious poor feeding upon husks, and those of them who have committed crimes, carefully tended. Is this consistent with any correct notion of retributive justice? Is it not, on the contrary, an anomaly in the world of morals—holding up law and order to contempt, by procribing a caricature in place of a resemblance? It is certainly the introduction of a new code, when its practice is to find the road to knowledge and virtue through the gate of sin. In a frantic impatience to remove the stigma of injustice to the condemned, we have leapt on the other side, and trampled down all justice to the public. Inani sapiens nomen fetat, æquus iniqui, Ultra quam satis est, virtutem qui petat, ipsam.

#### THE COLLEGES.

From some remarks which lately appeared in the *Chronicle* and the *Sun*, relative to the Denominational Colleges, people at a distance might be led to suppose, that the Professors of St. Mary's College and the Catholic Clergy of Halifax were exerting all their influence to control the Members of the Assembly. We do not imagine that the Editors of the *Sun* and *Chronicle* intended to fasten such a charge on them; but, in alluding to others, their terms have been so vague as to include those who are connected with all the Colleges. Speaking of those Institutions in general, they complain of their "adverse interests," their "jealousies and bigotry"—"sapping the foundations of society," &c. &c. and "continually harrassing, if not controlling, the deliberations of the Assembly itself." Now we happen to know, that the very reverse of all this has been done by the Gentlemen connected with St. Mary's, and by the friends of the Institution in Halifax. They have not impugned the just claims of any other College. They have shown no jealousy nor bigotry to other Institutions. They have sapped no foundations, unless the foundations of ignorance; and we appeal to the whole House of Assembly, and respectfully ask them whether they have been harrassed or controlled in any shape, public or private, by any one connected with St. Mary's College, or by any Catholic Clergyman in the Province in its behalf. We are assured, on the best authority, that the most dignified neutrality has been observed on this subject, and that the friends of the College have studiously avoided all interference on the subject, even with the members of their own religion. This being the case, we trust that our worthy contemporaries, who have made such sweeping assertions, will strike off the friends of St. Mary's College from their list of Anathemas.

There is another point which more immediately concerns the Editor of the *Sun*. The religious nomenclature of the *Chronicle* may be framed according to its peculiar religious views. But when we find the Editor of the *Sun* talking of "a batch of *Sectarian* Colleges," and in a few lines after alluding to St. Mary's as one of them, we feel bound to tell him that he is unconsciously derogating from the dignity and peculiar attributes of his own Church, and that the epithet of *Sectarian*, as applied to a Catholic Church, is no less inaccurate in religion than philosophy. *Sect* is derived from the Latin word *sectus*, and it signifies any thing cut off or separated. But this term cannot be justly applied to the Catholic Church, for she was never cut off from or by another body, although what are properly called Religious *Sects* were cut off from her. There are two hundred millions of Catho-

lics in the world, and not forty millions of all the Protestant creeds. To call the Catholic Church a *Sect* is therefore an absurdity. When a rotten branch drops off, or is lopped from a Tree, we might as well call the healthy Tree a sect of a tree, or the whole, a part or section of itself, as to call the Catholic Church the *Sect* of a religion. Lord Bacon himself was too great a philosopher to call us a *Sect*, as appears from the following sentence which we take from his works—"Roman Catholic tenets are inconsistent on the one hand with the religion professed and protested by the Church of England, whence we are called Protestants; and the Anabaptists, and Separatists and *Sectaries* on the other hand, whose tenets are full of schism, and inconsistent with monarchy."

Before we dismiss this interminable College question, we must notice the communication of a correspondent, in order to rebuke him. *Diogenes*, who no doubt thinks himself a great wit, has written to suggest that a Lunatic Asylum is much wanted in the Province, and also a Deaf and Dumb as well as Blind Institution, and hints that "some of the huge Colleges which will be no longer required," should be bought up for that purpose, and "a Life Annuity bestowed on the retiring Professors." We beg to assure *Diogenes* that he cannot be permitted to use this Journal as a vehicle for his anonymous wit. A rival to the *Great Punch*, of London, has been lately started in Canada. Let *Diogenes* apply in that quarter, and he might get a Sub-Editorship; or if he have any thing to say on the College question that is worth hearing, let him come out like a man under his own signature. He will perceive that all his "soft sawder" about St. Mary's has not imposed on our credulity.

#### REV. MR. CARMODY.

In an article headed the *Clare Commissioners*, which was published in our Journal of February 10th, we stated as an act of justice to this Revd. Gentleman, that his "name has been unwarrantably mixed up with that truly ridiculous affair."

This week we have been informed by one of our most respectable Subscribers in Halifax, that our statement was not correct; he has called upon us for our authority, and requested that if we can produce none we will contradict our previous assertion.

We most willingly comply with his request. The authority upon which we built our assertion, was that of Mr Carmody himself, and surely no one could be better informed than himself as to the fact of his having authorized his name to be appended or not, to the *Clare Documents*. We now publish for the benefit of all parties concerned the following extract verbatim et literatim from a Letter dated Meteghan, 27th January, 1849, and signed John Carmody, which letter we know to be in Mr Carmody's handwriting, and which our respected Subscriber can see by calling at our Office. Here it is:—

"As to the School affair, I disclaim having any connection with it. I knew nothing of my name being connected with it, until I read it in public print. I never gave any sanction to any one to mix up my name with the School affair of *Clare*."

If this be not a positive contradiction as strong as words can make it, we know not what is it completely sustains our former declaration.—Having thus gratified the wishes of a Subscriber we dismiss this contemptible affair for ever. If there be any misunderstanding in the business the parties must settle it amongst themselves; or if they again rush into print, the columns of a cotemporary Journal are already open to them. Most indubitably have we resolved to abstain from all attempt at reconciling the vagaries, absurdities and contradictions of this most important and grave dispute.

"Non nostrum inter vos tantas componere lites." We would not for the whole world add the sequence of the Poet.

#### MEETING OF CATHOLICS AT SAINT MARY'S.

The adjourned Meeting was held last Sunday, the Bishop in the Chair, and Mr J. G. Tobin Secretary.

His Lordship explained the objects of the Meeting, and requested the Parishioners who were appointed last Sunday as a Committee to consider the proposed Bill of Incorporation, to make their Report; whereupon

It has been already debated ten days or more, which at £2 per diem, must have cost the Province upwards of £500. This sum would pay for two of the Colleges.

The Honble. M. Tobin briefly addressed the Chair, and suggested, in the name of the Committee, some additional clauses, which in their opinion would more fully secure the objects of the Bill. The Bishop expressed his approbation of, and assent to, the proposed additions, and requested the Secretary to insert them in the body of the Bill.

A desultory discussion arose as to whether St. Mary's property was to be affected by the Bill, and it was clearly shown, that it was not.

After the introduction and discussion of some other irrelevant topics, it was moved that the Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh should vacate the Chair, and the Honble. Michael Tobin be called there-to; when it was proposed by Honble. Edward Kenny, seconded by Thomas King, Esq., and carried unanimously—

That the thanks of the Parishioners are justly due and heroby tendered to the Bishop, for the manner in which he has requested the opinion of the Parishioners on this subject, and for his dignified and proper conduct in the Chair.

#### HALIFAX.

A Correspondent who calls himself *Curiosus*, has written to ask us the proper meaning of the word Halifax, the correct Latin for the name, and its derivation. These are modest enquiries, and could have been addressed to us only on the supposition that we keep an "Old Curiosity Shop." There are more antique Journals in the City than ours, to which those questions could have been put; however, we will not stand upon ceremony, although we do not believe, with *Curiosus*, that there is not one of the enlightened opponents of Collegiate Education in the Legislative Halls who knows any thing of the matter. The word Halifax signifies *Holy Wood*. The proper Latin name is *Oleacea* (*Camden*) or *Sacrosyleva*, in Italian *Sagrobosco*. *Halig* is the Anglo Saxon word for *holy*, just as *Heilig* at present in German.

If we wished to make an ingenious classical derivation for our own Halifax in Nova Scotia, we would say it was so called from the Greek word *Halicus*, a fisherman, our coast being thickly studded by those hardy sons of Neptune. If *Curiosus* be not satisfied, let him derive it from *hals*, the sea, and *fejos*, a beech or oak tree—*haliphagos*.

\* This is the title of the 10th Book of Apicius, which treats of the cooking of fishes.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

##### WARD NO. 2.

Rev T L Connolly, V. G. 10s; Mr Cousinet, (Government House,) £1; Capt Thomas Burk, Mrs Sitvester Mahar, Mr Jubian, 5s 2d each; Rev Mr Hanson, Capt Meagher, 5s each; Maurice Downey, 3s 1d; John Percill, Mrs McCormick, James O'Donoghue, John Egan, William Buckley, senr., Mrs Michael Doran, Edward Lemasney, Thomas Webbs, Widow Holland, James Duggan, 2s 6d each; Mrs Sanders, Peter Nowlin, Mrs Thomas Mahin, John Murphy, Mrs Rourke, William Doyle, John Buckley, Mr Quinlan, Thomas Lambert, Daniel Taylor, Mrs P Limergan, John Meagher, James Kearney, William Lemasney, Thomas Jones, John Condon, Mary Anne Finn, William Pendergast, Patrick Tobin, Patrick Teal, Patrick Connors, John Quann, Jeremiah Sullivan, David Hogan, Jeremiah Rodgers, Timothy Dunah, Miss Johanna McDuff, Miss Mary Ryan, Miss Catherine Ryan, Edward Healy, Mrs Blackadar, William Kehoc, Margaret Robinson, Margaret Brown, Maria Dealy, James Fitzpatrick, James Mahar, James Coughlane, Joseph McKenna, Mrs Hickey, Master Edward Warren, Margaret Delaney, Mary Shea, Joseph Roles, Mr Gallagher, (Prospect,) Michael Kenefick, Dennis Murphy, Thomas Quin, 1s 3d each; Julia McCarthy, James McGrath, (Peggy's Coro,) Patrick Cookley, Johanna Delaney, Mary Heslin, Lawrence Kavanaugh, Mrs Lonergan, 7d each.

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##### WARD NO. 1.

Right Rev Dr Walsh, £1; Quarter Master John Desmond, 97th Regt, £2; Miss Julia Ann McCann, James Conroy, Michael Carroll, 5s each; Miss Mary Power, Miss Mary Ann Power, 3s 1d each; Thomas Minihan, John Allan, John Cormick, Edward Kelly, Joseph Freeman, Mrs Wm Bates, Wm. Murphy, Thomas Connolly, John Kline, senr. 2s 6d each; James Lonergan, Dennis Shea, William Murphy, Miss Mary Clowry, Timothy Dillon, Michael Barnes,

Francis Fox, George Grant, Thomas Reardon, William Casy, John Butler, Mrs John Doyle, Matthew Ferguson, Mrs James Fitzgerald, John Hennessey, Mrs Thomas Bowlin, Mrs Edward Butler, Michael Twohill, Richard Twohill, Michael Headin, John Kelly, John Dillon, Corporal Walsh, 97th Regt Mrs Shipley, John Ryan, John Gibbon, George Black, Catherine Lynch, Mrs Dillon, Mrs John Hogan, Matthew Martin, Johanna Butler, Widow Kline, John Kline junr., Patrick Brinnon, Jeremiah Murphy, William Kline, Edward Headin, David Dillon, John Cronan, 1s 3d each; Patrick Walsh, Thomas Summers, 1s each; Timothy McMahon, Richard Dunphy, Michael Clinton, David Moffet, Mrs Ford, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Sauf, Miss Bridget Hayes, 7d each.

#### ROME.

Rome (continues the correspondent of the *Times*) is at present ruled exclusively by Messrs. Sterbini and his partisans, as the governing Junta is broken up and the Chamber has been dissolved. How far the Provincial Government will be able to make head against the powerful combination now nearly organised to put it down, a short time will determine; but I do not find that it has taken root either in the capital or in any other part of the Papal States, and I think its reign will not be of long duration. The protest of the municipality of Bologna, which has appeared in all the papers, was a strong blow to the "Constituent;" but the real danger arises from a much more formidable source, and from the combined operations of Austria and Naples. I now understand that the plan, to which I lately twice referred, now approaches to maturity, and that France having been consulted, has given her assent, and probably will take part in the operation. A Neapolitan general, charged with a special mission for Prince Schwarzenburgh, left this a few days since for Trieste, by steamer, with the intention of proceeding thence to Vienna, and as soon as the young Emperor fulfils the formalities, required of notifying his coming to the throne, diplomatic relations will be renewed, and the intervention in favour of the Pope be commenced. It is to be hoped and expected that Messrs. Sterbini and Co. will give way when they become acquainted with these facts, and that the restoration of Pio Nono may take place without the presence of Austrian or Neapolitan troops in any part of his dominions. It was proposed that the Pope should be conveyed to Civita Vecchia, and protected there by all the steamers of all the Roman Catholic nations, French, Austrian or Neapolitan, Sardinian, Spanish, and Portuguese—whilst negotiations were open at Rome with those who are still disposed to respect his authority. I see no reason why this plan should not be adopted without delay. The Sovereign will be in his own territory, and such an accommodation can take place as may save him from the painful necessity of owing his restoration to the Quirinal to Austrian or Neapolitan bayonets. I know that the Pope was at first indisposed to accept the proffered assistance from Austria, and that many hours were spent in convincing him by those who undertook to shew the necessity of his compliance. I feel all the objections that arise against the appearance of Austria at Bologna or Ancona, and it will be fortunate if such a plan as that above alluded to should remove the necessity of an armed intervention. The Pope says, over and over again, that he will not be indebted to any single Sovereign for his restoration, and that he is determined to owe it alone to the combined action of all the Catholic Powers, to which he lately addressed a letter calling for their aid and assistance.

#### CHARITABLE IRISH SOCIETY.

The 63rd Annual Meeting of the Charitable Irish Society was held at Mason Hall on Saturday evening, the 17th inst., when the following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers for the ensuing year:—

Mr Peter Morrissey, *President*,  
" Richard Nugent, *Vice President*,  
" John Barron, *1st Asst do*,  
" John Tobin, *2nd do do*,  
" James Wallace, *Treasurer*,  
" Joseph W Quinan, *Secretary*,  
" Wm. Walsh, *Assistant do*.

Committee of Charity.—Messrs Rodger Cunningham, Richard Anderson, Dr Joseph Stererman, Patrick Power, Wm Doyle, John Maguire. During the past year the Society, has extended relief to over three hundred individuals.

The Society decided not to dine the present year on the usual festival, but to have a *Pio Nono* during the ensuing season.