

THE CROSS.

God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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Weekly Calendar.

- Nov. 5. Sunday XXII. after Pentecost, Feast of the Patronage of the B. V. Mary.
6. Monday, S. Teresa, Virgin, (from 15th October.)
7. Tuesday, of the Octave of All Saints.
8. Wednesday, Octave day of All Saints.
9. Thursday, Dedication of the Church of Holy Saviour.
10. Friday, S. Andrew Avellini, Conf.
11. Saturday, S. Martin, B. and Conf.

From the Register.

THE PUBLIC MEETING.

On Thursday evening upwards of 1700 Roman Catholics assembled at the Masonic Hall to denounce the charges made against Dr. Walsh by the "*Novascotian*,"—and make a public acknowledgement of their respect and esteem for his Lordship. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the evening, the audience proclaiming unanimously their abhorrence and contempt for the falsehoods and calumnies propagated against their beloved Bishop through the columns of the "*Novascotian*." The scene cannot be described—it must be witnessed to form an idea of the unanimity and good order which prevailed throughout the evening. The room was literally crammed at the early hour of half past six, many persons returning home unable to obtain admittance. At seven o'clock, on motion of L. O'C. Doyle, Esq., the Hon. Michael Tobin was unanimously chosen as Chairman. L. O'C. Doyle, Esq., acted as Secretary to the meeting.

The Hon. Chairman read the letters of "A Catholic Teetotaler," published in the "*Novascotian*," also the Editorial relating to them. He then pointed out, eloquently, the objects for which they had assembled—passed a panegyric upon the conduct of His Lordship, and urged the maintenance of that confidence which had ever been reposed in their beloved bishop.

L. O'C. Doyle, Esq., then addressed the meeting. He would not attempt to repeat what the

Chairman had already so eloquently said. The highest tribute should be offered to their beloved bishop on that evening. Whatever may have been their difficulties, they existed before His Lordship's arrival amongst them, and it was unchristian and unmanly to charge His Lordship with being the cause of division among the people. He (Mr. Doyle) urged the necessity of peace and good will. He then read the first resolution:

1. *Resolved*, That this meeting view with sentiments of deep and unfeigned indignation the charge contained in a letter of 16th October, signed a "Catholic Teetotaler," published in the "*Novascotian*" newspaper, which would represent our beloved Bishop the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh with having stooped from his elevated position as a Bishop of the Catholic Church to pander to the prejudices and ill feelings of those who desire to increase the differences existing on points of religious discipline in the Parish of St. Mary, as a heinous and unjustifiable reflection on his Lordship's exemplary and sacred character.

Mr. Wm. Dillon denounced the course the "*Novascotian*" had taken, and then introduced the following resolution:—

2. *Resolved*, That the imputations upon our venerated Bishop, contained in an editorial of the "*Novascotian*" referring to the above letter, and which would charge his Lordship with the transgression of the Divine precepts of 'Peace and Charity,' are untrue, and unwarranted, and repudiated by the uniform tenor of his life.

Edward Kenny, Esq., could not refrain from condemning the language which had appeared in the "*Novascotian*." He could not conceive how his Lordship had lost the confidence of the people—even of the community at large, who were to be terrified by the monster meetings upon the Cemetery ground—the unbounded hospitality and respect from their dissenting brethren as well as that numerous and respectable meeting proved that His Lordship Dr. Walsh, possessed the confidence and respect of his fellow citizens at large Protestant as well as Catholic. It was generally thought that His Lordship had carried the spirit