

and its Editor, would survive such a fierce attack as this. Yet here we are, still alive, and able to give you, most courteous gentlemen, a word of acknowledgment. And we must apologise for its being but a word, since we are writing in haste, at an hour when you are, probably, every one of your Reverend fraternity, wrapped in profoundest slumber. Yes, we are again on the move, gentlemen, to breathe more of the balmy air of the country, as you so pleasantly expressed it, for the purpose, as you classically term it, of "raising the wind" again in behalf of King's College. Please accept our apology for this brief P. P. C. before we set out. It is a pity that you could not sit beside us, and thus afford us an opportunity for more extended conversation, on the various points embraced in your nine articles.

A word or two only in reference to these. We never stepped forward as the defenders of the Bishop, for this simple reason, that he is quite able to defend himself. He knows nothing of what we said or intended to say until he saw it in print. No doubt he will feel much flattered by the offer to print his sermon at the office of the Halifax Catholic, but we have no authority to accept it. Meanwhile, gentlemen, you have not answered certain queries which we addressed to you, except indeed your unequivocal declaration that the R. C. Church does not admit of subjection to any authority but that of the Bishop of Rome, not even when the Rulers of the land in which their people live, call upon them to humble themselves, before the Almighty, in fasting, humiliation and prayer. We ask, how such insubordination to the "powers that be" is reconcilable with the texts of Scripture which we quoted, or with the duty of subjects.

We would ask also, what business have the Editors of the Halifax Catholic to meddle with the efforts now in progress, in behalf of King's College? Have we asked any member of their Church to help us? Let them keep their sneers to themselves, then, on this point, and let them correct their slander that we "described" (is that from the St. Mary's Vocabulary?) a large share of the public money until an insulted and defrauded public relieved the pockets of the people from the burden. He ought to have known that the money in question was granted in perpetuity by the Legislature of the Country, sanctioned by the Imperial Government, and if the charge of "defrauding" lies any where it must be at the doors of those who helped to break the public faith, and violate the most solemn pledges, and not at ours. And moreover let us tell this oracle, that so far from "clutching with a death grasp," even what was thus perpetually bestowed, the friends of the College of their own free will yielded their just rights for the sake of peace, and voluntarily came down to the position in this particular of other denominations. And that is more we wish than our Brethren of St. Mary's would have done if they had been in our shoes.

But the stage will be calling for us if we go on to touch upon each item of this tremendous catalogue step by step by our contemporary. One word more and we have done. We have made no attack upon the members of the R. C. Church. We have undergone respect for many of them. Some of our most intimate friends in years gone by, have been of that faith. We would cultivate Christian charity and kindness with them all as individuals. Far from handing them over, as is done to ourselves on their side, to indiscriminate condemnation, we believe that among them the Lord has his devoted followers, whom he will bring, through all the mazes of error by which they are surrounded, to that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

Let us have no fellowship with error itself, however sanctioned by antiquity. To the Law and the testimony is our appeal. Let our friends at St. Mary's prove from the BIBLE, the truth of those things in their Church, against which we "protest," and we will shake hands with the whole hierarchy as soon as we come back, and give Bp. Walsh liberty to add our humble name to his next Pastoral. Our quarrel is not with those parts of the Roman Catholic faith, which are held in common, because they are "contained in Holy Scripture and may be proved thereby," but with those numerous additions to, and subtractions from the revealed Word which is our only infallible guide.

KING'S COLLEGE.

A Meeting in behalf of the College was held in the school house at Dartmouth, on Monday evening last, the Rev. Geo. Morris in the Chair, who opened the business by a suitable address on the subject of the Institution. He was followed by the Secretary of the

Governors, who gave a detailed account of the affairs of the Institution. Resolutions were moved by P. C. Hill, Esq. and Revd. Geo. Hill, and seconded by Lawrence Hartshorne, Esq. and A. M. Uniacke, Esqrs. The former gentlemen addressed the Meeting in a very effective style, and the only subject of regret was, that they were obliged to curtail their remarks in consequence of the early departure of the last boat for the night. We were much pleased with the remarks of Mr. Hartshorne, who is one of the oldest Alumni of the College, and who bore affectionate testimony to the character of his departed Preceptor, and of the Institution then under his care. He said that he owed all the education he had to that Seminary, and to him at whose feet he sat, by whom he was early taught to "fear God, honor the King, and love his neighbour." All who have known this worthy Alumnus will admit that his manly, upright, and honorable conduct through life, is a good certificate that those lessons have not been forgotten.

The appeal to Dartmouth has been made at a time when various local claims are urgent. But still it is hoped that a respectable sum will be placed to its credit on the Endowment list. Already about £120 has been subscribed for the College on that side of the water, and that among but a few persons.

It ought to be mentioned as a stimulus to those who are often kept away from such meetings by trilling causes, that at the one held at Dartmouth for the College, a venerable Lady, between 80 and 90 years of age, the daughter and the mother of a Missionary, felt it her duty to be present and her privilege to give to the good cause, as did likewise another long tried and consistent member of the Church who is not much her junior, but did not think himself thereby excused from attendance.

TRACTS FOR THE TIMES.—Certain publications under this title acquired no small notoriety in England some years ago, and resulted in the desertion of some Clerical and lay members of our Church to the standard of Rome. We perceive the title has been adopted at St. Mary's in this city, for a series of tracts, now in course of publication by Messrs. Compton.

We have been favoured with No. 2, on the subject of "Holy Water," which it is the object of the writer to rescue from the sneers and ridicule of heretics, a class to which of course we belong.

We can cordially subscribe to all that is said, in this elaborate treatise, on the virtues and the comforts of this element. We think mankind are far from being sufficiently sensible of the blessings connected with its free and abundant supply. In this city especially, we have often felt that its value is imperfectly appreciated.

Humanly speaking, no greater boon has ever been conferred on the people of this town, than the introduction of pure water within every one's reach. And yet, to look at the dirty faces of many of the old and young in our streets, one would suppose that water was as scarce as gold.

But much as we love cold water ourselves, and much as we desire to see it take the place of the "burning fluids" which rich and poor are daily pouring down their throats, we have never been accustomed to ascribe any peculiar sanctity to the element itself, blessed or unblessed by the Priesthood.

And although we fully admit, and on all suitable occasions urge upon all around us, that we would all be much better if we made more use of this precious liquid, both outside and inside of our bodies, we are not prepared to acknowledge its supernatural and saving power, as set forth in Tract No. 2. The best parts of the Tract before us are unquestionably the texts of Scripture, proving that water is mentioned in the Bible in divers places, and that it was used in various ways in the days of old. There is no dispute about that. But if our contemporary divine expects us to receive as Gospel, all those marvellous stories in the latter portion of the Tract, about the miraculous cures effected by what he calls Holy Water, we hope he will excuse us from doing so, our faith being rather weak at present. Still, if he brings us Scripture proof of similar cures by Holy Water, or of the truth of any other matter in controversy between our Churches, we promise him to receive them with humble reverence.

We have much pleasure in publishing the following Address to the Rev. Mr. Brine, presented to him by the Parishioners of New Dublin, on his leaving them for Arrivat, where he has been appointed to labour by the Bishop of the Diocese.

TO THE REV. ROBERT F. BRINE, A. B. Reverend and Dear Sir, We the Wardens, Vestry and other members of the Parish of St. Peter's Church, New Dublin, on the eve

of your departure to another mission, cannot suffer that connexion which has so long and so happily subsisted between us, to be severed, without an expression of the respect and esteem we have ever entertained for you, and of the sincere regret we all feel in consequence of your removal. The godly counsels you have given us, the many pastoral visits we have received from you, and your attending a tent in the time of sickness, especially when the fear of contagion kept even relatives and friends from the suffering and the dying, are but a few of the numberless ties which have endeared you to us all.

The zeal and faithfulness you have shown in your endeavours to advance our spiritual interests, have we trust, awakened us to a due appreciation of the means of grace, which a covenanting God has graciously bestowed; and will we firmly believe, be fully acknowledged on that great day of the Lord when all things shall be clearly revealed.

When we look back to the time when you came to this Parish, and contrast it with the present, we cannot but express our grateful sense of your unremitting exertions in behalf also of its temporal prosperity: exertions which in the face of many obstacles have secured to our Parish for ever, a commodious parsonage and glebe.

To that portion of the Lord's vineyard whither you are about to go, we beg to assure you, you carry with you our prayers and best wishes. May the same prosperity and success attend you, and may your labours be eminently blessed in the name of Christ and His Church. Please tender to Mrs. Brine our best wishes. Her amability, her hospitality, her attentions in sickness, and her christian example at all times, have won for her the affections of all who have had the pleasure of her acquaintance—and her name will ever be retained in our memories with the most lasting esteem and affection. God grant she may long be spared a blessing to her family and her friends.

And now dear Pastor we bid you an affectionate farewell. That the blessing of the God of peace may ever be with you and yours, is the ardent prayer of

Your affectionate Parishioners and friends, THOMAS TEEL, MICHAEL HARMON, Churchwardens. New Dublin, June 1, 1854. &c. &c. &c.

TO THE CHURCHWARDENS, VESTRY AND PARISHIONERS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, NEW DUBLIN.

My Dear Brethren, Your kind and affectionate Address affords me sincere and undeserved pleasure; and whilst it assures me of your warm sympathies, it throws a tender sadness over our parting.

I thank you for your unqualified appreciation of my spiritual labours among you. Weak and imperfect they have been, yet, I certainly hope and trust that the truth which it has been my humble endeavour to disseminate, may be watered by the dew of the Divine blessing, and take deeper and deeper root in your hearts and lives, so that in the last great day, when Minister and people shall be called upon to give an account of their stewardship, we may be found through God's grace to have so worked together and assisted each other, that our labours have not been in vain in the Lord. From Him is all strength, and to His name be all praise.

Your spiritual and temporal welfare, beloved, will ever lie near my heart; and it is a cause for much satisfaction, that in transferring my charge into the hands of a Minister whose heart is truly devoted to the service of his Divine Master, I have reason to hope that the same vital truths I have endeavoured to inculcate, will still be preached to you. I would remind you, however, that the duties of a Pastor to his people are reciprocal; and the future success of his labours among you will greatly depend upon the exertions you make to strengthen his hands. Let then "your conversation be as becometh the gospel of Christ, that whether I come and see you again, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the gospel; and nothing terrified by your adversaries."

Mrs. Brine unites with me in thanking you sincerely for this affectionate testimony of esteem and regard, and be assured she will entertain with me a lasting sense of the kind attentions you have invariably extended to us during a residence of seven years and a half amongst you.

Permit us also, dear brethren, to express the pleasure we both feel in acknowledging the many tokens of affectionate remembrance from yourselves, your wives, and daughter. As parting mementos of personal attachment they will ever be looked upon with the most pleasing emotions, and coming as they do from pious and esteemed sisters in Christ, they are of more estimation in our eyes than more costly gifts.

With the greatest affection we now bid you farewell. That the God of all grace, who hath called us to his eternal glory by Jesus Christ, after that ye have suffered awhile, may make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you,—that He may keep you by his power through faith unto salvation, guide you in safety through all the perils and temptations of this mortal life, preserve you from the snres of Satan, and at length present you all, faultless before the presence of His glorious with joy, is the habitual and earnest prayer of

My dear Brethren, Your sincere Pastor and Friend, ROBERT FREDERICK BRINE. New Dublin, June 1st, 1854.