

(From the Register.)

## THURSDAY!

## THE DEMONSTRATION.

Well, Thursday has come and passed—passed, as we anticipated, laden with honour to the Catholics of this Parish. At the early hour of half past seven crowds of all degrees, sexes and professions were gathered round St. Mary's Church, anxious to exhibit the readiness with which they were prepared to answer the call of religion. Owing to the great quantity of work to be achieved, little or no delay was made at the church. His Lordship briefly addressed the congregation—pointed out to them the excellence of the religious act which they were about to perform—feelingly adverted to its merit in the sight of Heaven, and the indication of fine social and Christian dispositions which it presented, and recommended that all would imitate the example of the 20th of July when a work so honorable to Catholicism was performed, in such a manner as to reflect never to be forgotten credit upon the temperance, union, and organization of the St. Mary's congregation. His Lordship then imparted to the people his solemn benediction; and left the altar for the purpose of taking his place in the procession.

The road from the Church presented the same animated scene, which we described as characterising a former occasion. The colors floated as gaily along the line—the spades, pickaxes and shovels were in as great requisition as ever—and the thirty-six Wardens, with their wands of office, looked as active and were as effective as on the memorable 26th of July. By the bye, this time the President of the day (Dr. Walsh), the Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Secretary, &c. &c. bore tastefully ornamented wands, which declared in large characters their various offices, and gave an appearance of system to the whole of the proceedings. Many Indians with their squaws and papooses were scattered around, giving a picturesqueness and interest to the view that rendered it highly attractive.

About eight o'clock the procession formed—nearly in the same order as on the former occasion—and proceeded by the same route to the Church Yard. Even at that early hour the road was crowded with spectators, who came to view the self-sacrificing earnestness with which our devoted people engage in every project which has the religious and national honor of Irishmen for its object. The whole proceeded slowly upon their benevolent journey. To many, doubtless, it brought to mind the solemn and final one which ends in man's "long, long home!"

The whole body drew up opposite the gateway of the Cemetery, his Lordship in the centre. He held in his hand a list of the contemplated operations. The gentlemen of the Committee had each his portion of labour and men assigned to him, and in a very brief period, the wide extent of the Cemetery, from Fort Massy to the stream, afforded a scene of energetic activity.

Among the intended phenomena of the day, it was hoped that Halifax would be astonished to find in the evening a Gothic Church, fifty-five feet long and twenty-five feet broad, raised, roofed, boarded, lathed, shingled, and painted, and on the spot which, in the morning presented nothing but the small foundation wall of such a building. This was emphatically the miracle of the day.

Buenaparte used to boast of trampling upon impossibilities. We, ourselves, always believed that a united Catholic congregation could effect any thing but an impossibility; and we confess that this we deemed nearly one. We have lived to be undeceived, or rather to be further instructed in the power of our people. On Thursday morning the mariner's eye, as he entered our harbour, might over Fort Massy heights range & see nothing but a sloped grass mound. On Thursday evening had it been his fortune to leave our port again, he would have been surprised—astonished—to see in the same direction a beautiful edifice raised to the glory of him "who rides on the whirlwind and directs the storm." The noble minded people