

in the dark cave or the mud cabin, preserving the deposit of the faith pure and unspotted amid unexampled suffering, protracted trials, and horrid persecution. With all the destitution and distress in every ghastly shape to which our suffering country has been subjected, she has erected more churches to the worship of God during the last twenty years than any country in the world. We can never believe that the destiny of such a people will always be a sorrowful one. We can never believe that the great disposer of all events, will not, sooner or later reward the undying fidelity of the Irish nation in the cause of religion. We, the men of that creed and country too have a character to sustain—the eyes of the community, and of the Province at large are fixed upon us. We must prove to the world what the children of St. Patrick can do for the church of their patron. Anything like an approach to apathy would prove nothing but our degeneracy. Now that God in his own good time has sent us the blessings of religious and social concord let us make a noble effort—let us listen to the generous promptings of the Catholic heart, and St. Patrick's Church will soon be an ornament to the city of Halifax.

#### ST. ANDREW'S, COUNTY OF SYDNEY.

It will be seen upon reference to another column that the good people of St. Andrew's have been edified and delighted at witnessing in the beautiful Church, lately erected there, some of the most solemn and imposing ceremonies of our holy religion. It gives us unmixed pleasure to record every effort of zeal made in behalf of our ancient, time-honoured, and glorious faith, and our correspondent does us no more than justice in supposing that the triumphs of the Church, wherever achieved, constitute a sufficient claim to our consideration. The Rev. clergyman to whose exertions so much good is attributed, richly deserve the affection and confidence of his beloved flock. We are reminded by the letter of our correspondent that soon after the Bishop's arrival in Halifax, a High Mass and Office for the repose of the soul of the Pope, will be offered up in St. Mary's Church; the Bishop's arrangements for the visitation of the Diocese had been completed when the news reached Halifax that the venerable Pontiff was no more. What a beautiful feature in the unity of our church to see, even in this thinly peopled Province, the representatives

of so many tongues and people, Irish, Scotch, English, French and Indians, paying homage to the departed greatness of the late Holy Father, Gregory XVI.

#### ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

This Establishment will re-open on Monday, 7th inst. Arrangements have been made which will render the course of Education efficient and respectable.

Mr. Editor,—

Believing that every species of information bearing upon the state and progress of Catholicity in this, as well as every other part of the Province, will always find ready admittance to the columns of your unassuming, yet very interesting vehicle of religious intelligence.—I beg to request that you will give insertion to the following rather hasty lucubration.

Should any one take it for granted, that because little relative to the state of religion, amongst us, appears in print, the Scotch Catholics of this district are far behind the age, not possessed of feelings to appreciate and consequently not desirous to emulate the bright examples of their brethren in the faith, throughout the world, such a one, I say, would be most egregiously mistaken. The writer of these lines, has had in his day, ample opportunities of forming a correct judgement between his brethren here, and their fellow-catholics abroad, and he unhesitatingly affirms, that the former when properly directed, yield to none in stability of faith, and genuine piety. Their devotion to the cause of religion is most exemplary—their willingness to contribute towards the erection and decoration of the House of God, is worthy of their ancestors in the ages of faith—and their attachment to their Pastors is proverbial. To make the benign influences of religion flow in sweet waters over the hearts of the faithful, to cause the moral tree to produce fruits of godliness, under the assistance of divine grace a persevering and experienced guide must attend to its cultivation. The laity in general act by example and injunction, it is the good priest who forms and moulds the morals of his flock. If then the plain statement, I am about to make, of our doings here will afford you or any of your readers the least satisfaction, let it be borne in mind, that our Rev. Pastor, Dr. McKinnon, is the heart and soul of all