

of God, St Patrick, St Martin of Tours, his maternal uncle, St Nicholas of Myra, &c. Four additional statues of solid oak were placed in niches and on pedestals about the great Altar, and several more were to be seen in different parts of the Church as well as some additional paintings. On the whole we may safely say that so much solid and appropriate splendour was never seen before within the walls of St Mary's.

There were four early masses in the town for the convenience of the faithful. The Charitable Irish Society mustered in great numbers at the Mason Hall about ten o'clock and walked in procession with flags, banners, and the music of the Temperance Band, to the Cathedral. The officers were introduced to the reserved seats and the President of the Society, James Boyle Umcke, Esq., had a Fauteuil and Prie-Dieu prepared for him in the centre of the nave at a short distance from the rails of the Sanctuary.

Soon after, the procession entered the Sanctuary and the Bishop attended by Deacon & Subdeacon went to the Throne where the preparatory Psalms and Prayers before High Mass were recited. After this the Pontifical Mass commenced, Dr Walsh was attended by the Rev Messrs Tracy and Hennessy as Deacon & Subdeacon and Rev Mr Nugent as Master of Ceremonies. During the High Mass, Mr Edward Dally received some of the Minor Orders. After the Gospel had been sung the Rev Thomas Connolly delivered an eloquent panegyric on the Apostle of Ireland. The Church was crowded to excess, and a great number of our fellow-citizens of other denominations was present. The interesting ceremonies of the morning closed about one o'clock, after which the Irish Society again formed in procession, and walked through the principal streets of the town.

The morning having been thus devoted to religious exercises, the Irish Society and their guests dined at Mason Hall in the evening. The room was most tastefully decorated with flags, banners, evergreens and artificial flowers. Many of those present were Teetotallers, and the evening was spent in the utmost harmony. When the Bishops and Clergy of Nova Scotia were toasted, the Bishop returned thanks for the Poplars, and the Rev Mr Connolly for the Clergy. His Lordship also before his departure proposed the health of the President of this truly charitable institution and Mr Umcke returned thanks in a neat and appropriate speech.

We must say that the whole proceedings were very creditable to the Society, with perhaps a single exception to which some might naturally object. We allude to the manner in which one of the Toasts was framed, and which seemed to contain an indirect expression of political feeling. A charitable dinner was surely neither the time nor place for such an exhibition, especially when we consider that there were persons present of different political views, who could not expect to be placed in any embarrassing position by lending their advocacy to so excellent an Institution. And when we express our opinion that the slightest allusion to politics, was not in good taste, we do so, not in any spirit of anger, but from a sincere desire to promote the prosperity of the Irish Society itself. There is a proper time and place for every thing.

A very handsome collection for the Poor was taken after the Sermon on St. Patrick's Day at St. Mary's.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FUEL AND CLOTHING FUND.

Anonymous per the Bishop	£1	5	0
Mr John Sinnott, Joggins, Cumberland	0	5	0
" Denis Regan, do. do.	0	2	6

The Second Conference of the Clergy of the District of Halifax will be held on Tuesday in Holy Week, the 7th of April next.

ST. JOHN'S, N. B.

From a recent number of the *Liberator* we find that the Bill for the incorporation of the Catholic Bishop of New Brunswick has been rejected by the Colonial Legislature. Thus, a narrow-minded bigotry has triumphed for the present over the just claims of at least one-third of the population of that Province. If the petition of the Catholics had been one for assistance in the erection or endowment of their churches, and religious Institutions, we would not be so much surprised at its refusal. But it merely prayed that property already acquired by Catholics, for Church purposes, should be secured by law in such a manner that it would be impossible to apply it to any other use. This has been already done, and even in a recent instance, in Canada. Thank God, there is more liberality and toleration at this side of the Bay of Fundy; for we are persuaded that if so reasonable a request were preferred here, the Legislature of Nova Scotia would accede to it, without a dissenting voice.

BERMUDA.

On Saturday last we received our letters from the Summer Islands. The latest dates were the 2d of March. The Rev. Mr. Kennedy, to the great joy of the Catholics, had arrived, after a long and stormy passage of eleven days. Our worthy Rev. friend had already commenced the great work of his mission, and on the first Sunday of Lent twice offered the Holy Sacrifice for the military and civilians, and delivered instructions at Mass and Vespers. We have seen a private letter from a pious Catholic in the Island, who makes the following allusion to the newly-arrived Missionary:—"The Rev. Mr. Kennedy is very active and zealous in the performance of his religious duties, and meets the approbation and esteem of us all. I heard him twice yesterday (Sunday) morning and