

nor countenanced any insult, we have no quarrel whatsoever. We lament what we honestly believe to be their errors, but we love themselves. We condemn their opinions, but we can clasps themselves to our bosom, as the children of the same Father, and creatures of the same God. Even for the conversion of our dastardly enemies we pray, as we are taught to "pray for those who persecute and calumniate us, that we may be the children of our Father who is in Heaven."

CHURCH OF ENGLAND DIOCESAN SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held this week at Mason Hall. The Governor, his Lady and Daughter, Bishop Inglis, the Chief Justice, &c., &c. were present. Psalms and Doxologies were sung, a Benediction pronounced, and a collection made which amounted to £31 15s—a convincing proof of the deep interest felt in the welfare of the Church by her wealthy members in this Province. We may return to the subject.

To **CORRECTIONS**.—An *Observer* is under consideration. His sentiments are sound, and sometimes happily expressed; but we are sorry to say his orthography is only a shade better than that of our 'accomplished Letter Writer' P. Power.

A *Protestant* who writes about a Sermon lately delivered in his Church on the Irish famine, and which he says differed very much from the tone of some observations made by the Preacher at the meeting in Mason Hall, must be aware that we could not print his communication, unless he sends us his name in confidence. We are bound however to say, that before we received this Letter, we heard so nothing ourselves on the same subject, which gives a strong appearance of probability to the assertion of our correspondent.

CATHOLIC INTOLERANCE.

At the last meeting of the Charitable Irish Society the Irish Catholics of this town elected as their President for the ensuing year, a Presbyterian. Their actual President is a Member of the Church of England.

The Speaker of our Assembly, a Presbyterian also, owes his seat in a Catholic constituency. So does his political colleague James B. Unmacke.

Hon. Mr. Dodd and Mr. Ryder, Protestants have been elected by Catholic votes in Argyll and Cape Breton.

What dreadful bigots these Catholics are!

PROTESTANT GENEROSITY AND TOLERATION.

There are more than eighty thousand Catholics in this Province, and not one of them that we know is permitted to hold even the petty situation of the Postmastership of a Country village! And yet this is the 'Denomination' against whose 'vaulting ambition' the *Times* appeals to the Protestant fears of the country!

We will shortly publish for the benefit of the *Guardian* some Protestant animadversions, which give a more faithful picture of the real character of our monastic institutions, than his drivelling correspondent.

We will also turn our attention to the manner in which the many thousands of French Catholics in this Province—the descendants of those primitive settlers who were so brutally expelled from their country, by some of the "tolerant spirits" of the *Times*—are treated in Nova Scotia, as far as public situations are concerned. Not one Frenchman in the Province receives Two Pounds a year in any official situation. And yet these worthy Academics form no small portion of the usurping "Denomination!"

We will likewise have a word or two to say upon the manner in which our people and our clergy are treated in the Commissionerships of Education.

The Meeting for the relief of the suffering people in Ireland and Scotland, which was held on Monday last, was respectable and efficient. About £500 were subscribed on the spot. The Right Rev. D. Walsh, Archdeacon Willis, Drs. Twining and

Belcher, Rev. Messrs. Unmacke and Arnold were present, and some of them addressed the meeting. Though sufficient publicity was not given to the Requisition for this meeting, we believe that a very respectable sum will be raised by the proverbially generous people of Halifax.

THE ORDER OF OBSERVING THE LENT OF 1847, IN THE DIOCESS OF HALIFAX.

1. Every week day in Lent is a Fast Day on one meal and a collation.
2. By virtue of power delegated to him by the Holy See, and in consideration of the severity of the climate, the failure of the potatoe crop, and for other just causes, the Bishop permits the use of flesh meat, at dinner only, on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays during Lent.
3. It is strictly prohibited to use fish and flesh meat at the same repast.
4. Eggs are forbidden on Ash Wednesday, Spy Wednesday, and Good Friday.
5. It is expected that some compensation will be made for the above indulgence, by more abundant alms to the poor, and the performance of other works of charity and mercy.
6. The Penitential Psalm, "Have mercy on me O God," &c. (Ps. 1.) and the Litanies of the Saints will be read before Mass, on Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent. Those who cannot attend Mass will cause those, and other suitable devotions to be read in presence of their families.

The new Bollandists have lately published at Bruxelles the first tome of the continuation of the *Acta Sanctorum*. This tome, the seventh of the month of October and the fifty-third of the immense collection, is divided into two grand-in-toto volumes of more than twelve hundred double pages. The fifty-second published in 1794 comprised the Acts of the Saints of the 12th, 13th, and 14th of October; this new volume comprises those of October 15th and 16th. The life of St. Theresa with the critical dissertations and valuable notes fills six hundred and eighty-two pages.

The typographical execution is really superior; well executed engravings enliven the text, and numerous tables facilitate the student's researches.—As to the intrinsic value of the work itself, it suffices to say that according to the testimony of all competent men, the Rev. Fathers Joseph Vandermore and Joseph Vannecke, by their extensive erudition, their discerning critic, and their rare talent for discussion are worthy successors of the Bollandists of the last century. If the other volumes are equal to this one, they will add new laurels to the many literary crowns of the Society of Jesus.—*Ami de la Religion.*