

whose womb, as a most hallowed shrine, bore our Redeemer; whose breasts gave him suck. The living faith and oral tradition of the Church must be deemed the echo of ancient apostolic tradition, and the genuine expression of revealed truth. The Holy Ghost is always with the successors of the Apostles, to guide them into all truth, and to impress on their minds those doctrines which were originally delivered by Christ, and which must always remain, although heaven and earth should pass away. He watches over them, that the revealed doctrine may be preserved free from all admixture of error.

We do not mean to anticipate the solemn judgment of the Chief Bishop; but in the meantime we exhort you brethren to continue to cherish a tender devotion to the Mother of our Lord, since the honour given to her is founded on the relation which she bears to him, and is a homage rendered to the mystery of His incarnation. The more highly you venerate her, as the purest and holiest of creatures, the deeper sense you manifest of His divinity; wherefore her devout clients in ancient times have always been distinguished by zeal to maintain the great mysteries of faith. From St. Ephrem of Syria to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and St. Thomas of Aquin, or even to St. Alphonsus de Liguori, all have glowed with the love of Jesus Christ, and have been distinguished by the purity of their lives, and by their zeal for the attainment of Christian perfection. On the contrary those who have assailed the veneration of the Virgin have easily fallen into the denial of the divinity of her son. Devotion to her is an outwork of the Church protecting the belief of the divine mystery.

We doubt not, brethren, that the powerful intercession of Mary will obtain, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer, from the Father of lights, and Giver of all good gifts, the necessary light and aid for the Chief Pastor of the Church, and graces and blessings for the Christian people. When we survey the Christian world, and see thrones overturned, monarchs fleeing in fear, society convulsed, destructive error spread abroad by the untiring efforts of impious men, and confusion and disorder widely prevailing, we are afflicted almost to despondency; but when we reflect on the throne of her Divine Son, we are inspired with confidence, that she, who, at the foot of the cross, received us all as her children in the person of the Beloved Disciple, will effectually plead our cause. Through her we have received all grace, since she brought forth Him who has redeemed us by His blood, and through Him she has crushed the head of the infernal serpent. Let us then go with confidence to the throne of mercy, relying on the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, and commending ourselves to the prayers of His holy Mother, who is always heard on account of her intimate relation to Him, and her tender love for Him. Let us ask that the hydra-head of heresy may be crushed for ever, and that revealed truth in all its fulness may be acknowledged by all mankind; so that the prayer of the Psalmist may be accomplished: "Let people praise Thee, O God: let all people give praise to Thee." Let us pray that all division and strife may be brought to an end, and that all the professors of the Christian name may be united in religious communion, earnestly cherishing the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace. At the same time we must with increased fervor ask that scandals may be rooted out from the fold of Christ, and that the purity of morals and beauty of holiness may everywhere flourish.

Take unto you, brethren, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, (which is the word of God.) By all prayer and supplication praying at all times in the spirit; and in the same watching with all instance and supplication for all saints; and for us that speech may be given us; that we may open our mouths with confidence, to make known the mystery of the Gospel. Peace be to you, brethren, and charity with faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Given under our hands, in Provincial Council at Baltimore, on the fifth Sunday after Easter, in the year of our Lord MDCCLXIX.

- † SAMUEL, Archbishop of Baltimore.
- † PETER RICHARD, Archbishop of St. Louis.
- † MICHAEL, Bishop of Mobile.
- † FRANCIS PATRICK, Bishop of Philadelphia.
- † JOHN BAPTIST, Bishop of Cincinnati.
- † ANTHONY, Bishop of New Orleans.
- † MATHIAS, Bishop of Dubuque.
- † JOHN, Bishop of New York.
- † RICHARD PIUS, Bishop of Nash. Ill.
- † JOHN JOSEPH, Bishop of Natchez.

- † RICHARD VINCENT, Bishop of Richmond.
- † PETER PAUL, Bishop of Zela, in partibus, and Administrator of the Diocese of Detroit.
- † JOHN MARY, Bishop of Galveston.
- † MICHAEL, Bishop of Pittsburg.
- † ANDREW, Bishop of Little Rock.
- † JOHN, Bishop of Albany.
- † WILLIAM, Bishop of Hartford.
- † IGNATIUS ALOYSIUS, Bishop of Charleston.
- † JOHN MARTIN, Bishop of Milwaukee.
- † JOHN BERNARD, Bishop of Boston.
- † AMEDEUS, Bishop of Cleveland.
- † JOHN, Bishop of Buffalo.
- † MARTIN JOHN, Bishop of Lengn, in partibus, and Coadjutor of the Bishop of Louisville.
- † MAURICE, Bishop of Vincennes.
- † JAMES OLIVER, Bishop of Chicago.

The Cross;

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, JUNE 16.

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NEWS FROM EUROPE.

The Eternal City remains nearly in *statu quo*. The French outside its walls have concluded a treacherous armistice with the vile band of foreign murderers and robbers who are carrying on the reign of terror at Rome. This base and dishonourable manoeuvre enabled Garibaldi, with 12,000 men, to sally out against the Neapolitans at the southern side of Rome. The latter retired within their own territories. No further accounts have been heard of the advance of the Austrians. The indignation of the other Catholic powers against France is at its height, though it is hardly fair to blame the French nation for the shameful conduct of its Italian army. France herself is rife with all the elements of social disorder, and whilst there is no unity of purpose, no stability in the Government, and no capital, there must be continual indecision in the army. The Pope's allocution in this number; if not, we will publish the entire next week.

The Imperial troops, aided by the Russians, have gained some signal advantages in Hungary.

The last number of the Willmer and Smith has been calumniating, as it frequently does, the character of the people and priesthood of Ireland. To any one who knows that country, it is unnecessary to say one word in defence of the Catholic Clergy, whose noble conduct during the attempted insurrection last year, and whose heroic charity during four years of famine, pestilence and death, have been the theme of every enlightened and unprejudiced man in the empire. If some of the Irish people have been ignorant, the fault rests not with their clergy, who have done every thing in their power to promote education in spite of the withering persecution of England. The tyrannous bigotry of England made the acquisition of learning a penal crime in Ireland. Fines, forfeitures, and punishment, were awarded to those who should send their children to school in foreign parts, whilst at home the price of proscription was set on the schoolmaster's devoted head. Five Pounds were promised for a wolf's head, and exactly the same sum was given for the head of a schoolmaster! The man who was wicked or daring enough to teach, was degraded to the level of a wild beast by that hypocritical England, which now with a face of brass declaims so loudly against Irish ignorance! We assert, however, with confidence, in opposition to

the impudent lies, that the people of Ireland are not half so ignorant as the brutal, boorish, Bæotian, clod-hopping, chaw-bacons of the land of Bibles.

There is a most gratifying account of the prospects of the harvest in Ireland.

THE CENTENARY.

Halifax was founded on the 8th of June, 1749. The one hundredth anniversary of this memorable event was duly celebrated on Friday, the 8th inst., by all ranks and classes in our fair city, and we feel happy to add, in a manner that was highly creditable to all the parties concerned. Some sinister predictions had been indulged in respecting this auspicious day, and it was feared that a difference of politics would prevent an united celebration. However, the general good sense and taste of our fellow citizens transmuted the small fry of croakers into very ridiculous false prophets, and we would fain believe that the parties themselves are now gratified that such has been the case. The asperities of political differences are painful enough in those cases where they cannot be avoided; but on all neutral occasions, such as the Centenary, it is the interest of every party to waive their differences and combine for the public good. We do not believe that either the Liberals or the Conservatives monopolize all the worth, talent, patriotism, or social virtues. There are, too, very few occasions on which the country does not require the services of all her children, and this is especially true in a small country like ours. Let us meet at the hustings, and on the floor of the Assembly, and through a press which will rather discuss principles than attack individuals, but in every other respect they might, could, and ought to cultivate the amenities of life, and promote the general good.

ST. MARY'S.

The Bishop and Clergy of the district of Halifax held an Ecclesiastical Conference at St. Mary's on Tuesday last. On the same morning there was a solemn High Mass in the Cathedral at the close of the beautiful devotion of the Quarant Ore. The adorable Eucharist had been exposed in the Church both day and night from the High Mass on Sunday. A similar exposition took place in St. Patrick's Church from Tuesday until Thursday, the octave of Corpus Christi, on which day there was also a High Mass celebrated by the bishop and clergy. By virtue of a privilege from the late Pope Gregory XVI., a plenary indulgence is granted during the Quarant Ore to all the faithful who worthily approach the Sacraments of Penance and the Holy Eucharist.

THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

THE CROSS.—This Journal was originated under the auspices of that excellent and pious Institution, the Halifax Branch of the great Catholic Society for the Propagation of the Faith. We again invite the co-operation of our fellow Catholics in this and the neighboring Provinces. We especially court the valuable assistance of the members of the Association for the

Propagation of the Catholic Faith. With their powerful aid our circulation might be double its present amount in the city of Halifax alone; and to bring this useful weekly Periodical within the reach of every one in Halifax, we are anxious that our friends in different parts of the city should assist us in the sale of the Paper. The following have already promised their services in the kindest manner, to promote this religious work, and the Cross can be regularly had from them at an early hour on the mornings of publication:

- Mr. James Donohoe, Market Square.
- Mr. Forristall, corner of Brunswick and Jacob streets;
- Mr. John Barron, corner of Gottingen and Cornwallis streets;
- Mr. Thomas Connor, adjoining St. Patrick's Church.

We hope soon to have a long list of similar friends in every part of the city.

In consequence of the recent changes in the printing department of this Journal, we fear some of our Subscribers will suffer a little delay in receiving No. 25, for which we entreat their kind indulgence.

DISTRICT OF DARTMOUTH.

The Rev. Mr. Phelan returned this week after a pastoral visit to several distant portions of this extensive district. He officiated at the Church of Nine Mile River, at the Indian Chapel of Shubenacadie, and at the Church at Maitland, mouth of the Shubenacadie River. He also held stations in various private houses. We were happy to learn that the faithful availed themselves of the opportunity to approach the Sacraments, and that the worthy missionary was edified by the truly Catholic dispositions manifested by the children of faith in those distant places where they cannot enjoy the regular ministrations of religion. Would to God that some of those nearer home who have daily opportunities, would show similar zeal and a similar appreciation of the blessings of Catholicity.

THE QUARANT ORE.

We return to this subject with pleasure, for the purpose of recording the delight and edification which we feel on witnessing the piety and fervor of the Catholics of Halifax during the continuance of the above devotion at the Cathedral and St. Patrick's. From Sunday until Thursday the faithful were incessant in their visits and devotions to the Most Holy Eucharist. We were particularly struck with the tasteful manner in which the altar of Exposition had been decorated at St. Patrick's, and the numbers who assisted there at the Benedictions on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and at the High Mass on Thursday, when the closing prayer of the forty hours' devotion were recited by the Bishop and Clergy.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart was kept as a holy day on yesterday at the Convent of the Sacre Coeur at Brookside, and there was a solemn High Mass in St. Mary's for the benefit of the members of the Confraternity.

Upwards of 200 children, under the care of the Sisters of Charity, went in procession to the Cathedral and to St. Patrick's two days this week, to make a visit to our Lord in the Most Adorable Sacrament, complying thus with his own most gracious injunction: "Suffer little chil-