

horted the Members of the Association to renew their exertions in the great cause. The Church was filled in every part, and after Mass an immense number of the Associates received the Holy Communion at the hands of the Bishop.

The sum of Two thousand Six hundred and Twenty-five Francs was remitted to Paris from the Halifax Branch by the last Packet.

#### CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

The Quarterly Meeting was held on Sunday last at St. Mary's the Bishop in the Chair, assisted by the Vicar General and the Rev. Messrs. Hannan, Phelan, and Daly. The subscriptions amounting to upwards of Ten Pounds were first received; the returns of the attendance of children at Catechism for the last Quarter were handed in, and various Teachers, male and female, volunteered their charitable assistance for the next three months in the noble task of instructing the ignorant. A permanent committee, including the resident clergy, was appointed to superintend the details of the Fuel Fund which was first raised by this useful society. Arrangements were afterwards made for the approaching examination of the children, and the distribution of premiums. Fourteen new members were admitted and after the transaction of other business connected with the Society, the meeting—a most numerous one—was adjourned.

#### General Intelligence.

##### LETTER FROM A CATHOLIC PRIEST.— GERMANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

We believe it is not too much to say that the Germans compose at least two-fifths of the entire Catholic population of the United States. The whole number of Priests is 831, but of these only 703 are actually engaged in the care of souls. So nearly as we can ascertain, of these between 140 and 150 are German Priests. The *Catholic Almanack* recently computed 812 churches, and of these only a little more than forty as hearing sermons in German. But in the two dioceses of Cincinnati and Vincennes alone, there are already forty-three such. Once more, the whole number of Catholics in this country is set down at 1,200,000, of which the Germans are given but 60,000. Now the fact is, that the five cities, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Buffalo, and Cincinnati, contain easily 60,000 Catholic Germans. Perhaps it is not known in the east that through the west there are Catholic congregations where not one-fourth, not one-third, nor one-half, but oftentimes four-fifths, are Germans, while they never, or very rarely, hear the Word of God in their own mother-tongue, and constantly want the sweet satisfaction of having amongst them a Priest of their own race, sympathising with their character, and understanding how to guide and govern them..... The diocese of Milwaukee, which we quoted from the *Catholic Telegraph* last week, as being the most promising in the United States, is almost without exception German. The

only daily Catholic paper published in America—and it is truly Catholic—is published and supported by the Germans in Cincinnati. The Church of St. Alphonsus at Baltimore, acknowledged as the most Catholic and beautiful Church for the interior in the United State, is German, and built by Germans. The only section of Catholics, we believe, of whom it can be said that every church they build is accompanied by its schoolhouse, where their children are taught first of all their religion, is the German. And we might mention many things more within the bounds of the most simple and undeniable justice..... We desire that they should remember in becoming citizens of the United States (and they do become deeply attached citizens) they should henceforth think of themselves as American Catholics. We do not hesitate to say the difference of their language, necessarily so little known among us, almost cancels that active and most powerful impulse, that their firmness and exhaustless energy would otherwise communicate to the Catholic population of America. It is not a duty to cease to love "fatherland," but it is a duty most of all in so multifarious a mingling of races as is to be found with us, to merge the distinctions of nationality and language as soon as it can be, whether Irish, or German, or French, or what not, in the better name of Catholic, and the more appropriate of American patriots.—*New York Freeman's Journal*

##### THE PROTESTANT ASSOCIATION IN 1780 —THE GORDON MOB IN LONDON.

The mob was wonderfully well disciplined for their lawless work. A number of men, shabbily dressed, but of intellectual features and superior mien, were continually gliding among them, and whispering their orders during the burning of Newgate. There was an air of audacious security in the look and bearing of these men, that showed too plainly how well they had calculated their plans, and how little they feared the faint and reluctant opposition they had hitherto encountered, or might meet with in future. But these saintly men knew that their followers, the chosen, hired, and petted children of the Association, must be thirsty and exhausted after their meritorious toils. They knew, too, that a Popish distiller, of the name of Langdale, lived but a few score yards from Newgate; that he had choice spirits in his extensive stores—which would exceedingly refresh the urgent needs of the saints. These creature comforts they would plentifully partake of; they would piously inebriate themselves with popish gin that night, in thanksgiving for the crowning mercies they had received. The remainder of the Papist's stock should be consumed on the morrow, as a sign and a testimony that the reign of the saints had begun.