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god forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 11.

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## ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOLS. NORTH END.

It will be remembered that during the recent Session, a numerously-signed Petition was presented to the House of Assembly, by Mr. Comeau, praying for a grant towards the support of the Master and Mistress of those populous schools. The Petition was referred to a special Committee, who, in their report, recommended it to the favourable notice of the School Commissioners. We have therefore every reason to hope that the just claims of the poor Catholics who reside in that part of the city, will be speedily attended to, and that their children will not be deprived of the blessings of a useful education. It should never be forgotten that whilst the Catholics of Halifax are nearly approaching to one half of the entire population, the only support they receive for common schools is a salary of £50 each to the Male and Female Teachers at St. Mary's Parochial Schools. We think we could in various parts of the country, point out nearly half a dozen schools, all receiving some public assistance, but whose united scholars would hardly equal the numbers of both sexes who attend St. Patrick's Schools, especially during the mild seasons. 'Fair play is the jewel' and we are sure the Catholics of the North End will get it.

We have made a few remarks above on the aims of one of our useful Schools in Halifax, and

we are induced to return to the important subject of Education, in order to observe that since the removal of the Rev. Mr. Doyle from Liverpool, and of the Rev. Mr. Kennedy from Prospect, there is not, as far as we know, one Catholic Commissioner of Schools, from Halifax to Yarmouth, or from Digby round by Windsor to Halifax. There are the Rev. Mr. Doyle and Rev. Mr. Phelan at Ketch Harbour and Prospect, Rev. Mr. Lyons at Lunenburg, Chester, and Sherbrooke, Rev. Mr. Power at Liverpool and Caledonia, Rev. Mr. Carmody at Yarmouth, Rev. Mr. Byrne at Clare, Rev. Mr. McLeod at Montegan, and Rev. Mr. Hannan at Annapolis, Cornwallis, Windsor, Petite, &c. We believe that not one of those clergymen is at present a Commissioner of Schools. We should be curious to know the number of clergymen of other denominations who are Members of the Educational Boards throughout the vast district to which we have alluded. But we cannot reasonably blame any one, but ourselves, for this state of things. If we neglect our own interests, how can we blame others for attending to theirs? The anomaly which exists with respect to the Education Boards extends almost to every other department. We think we could name a respectable county in Nova Scotia where there are about 1500 Catholic Freeholders, whilst those of all other religions scarcely amount to five hundred. And yet, the latter have a majority on the