

consider that whatever your Lordship has effected, whatever your Lordship has endured, will more especially redound to the advancement of the dearest interests of the generation that is growing up; we are doubly impelled to present to your Lordship the acknowledgment which gratitude inspires.

My Lord,—when we beheld you returned to your Episcopal Charge under circumstances that must be 'tidings of great joy' to all 'men of good will'; when that return yields us the cheering assurance that your Lordship can never again be placed in those trying positions from which true Christianity must rejoice to behold you relieved; when that return is the triumph of the sacred cause which must ever be ultimately triumphant; when that return is the unshackling of that Religion at Whose Altar we minister. Her deliverance from the afflictions of those times, when, in the words of the Psalmist, "They who sought Her harm spoke falsehood, and studied deceits all the day"; we are unable, my Lord—even on a subject outside the province of our years—to repress the avowal of our sanguine exultation. Yet, my Lord, as from the hour of your departure from our shores, our intense solicitude for your personal welfare has unremittingly occupied our minds, the happiness which we feel in but seeing you once more, is a happiness undivided by any other consideration.

Earnestly hoping that your Lordship's constitution is nothing impaired by the effects of climate and travel; ardently praying, that, in the enjoyment of health and peace, you may long live to discharge the great duties of your Station; and assuring your Lordship of our devoted attachment to your Person,

We have the honour to be,

My Lord, with the highest respect,

Your Lordship's humble Servants.

[Signed by the Officers and Members of the Society.]

THE CATHEDRAL.

"TRIDUUM."

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, of last week, were remarkable for the holy and deeply interesting devotions of the 'Triduum.' The Right Rev. Dr. Walsh remembering that 'Every good gift cometh from above, from the Father of lights,' proclaimed a series of devotions for the three above mentioned days to implore the Divine aid and blessing upon his newly assumed administration. Crowds filled the Church each evening, at 7 o'clock. The altar was brilliantly lit up; and after Matins and Lauds had been chanted, and other devotions performed, Benediction of the Most High Sacrament was imparted by the Bishop. All the Clergymen in the City, together with Rev. Messrs. Byrne, from Windsor, and Kennedy, from Prospect, attended.

On Thursday morning the Bishop conferred the Tonsure and Minor orders upon Mr. Hennessy of Waterford, who has devoted himself to the salvation of souls on this mission. On Friday His Lordship conferred Sub-Deaconship on the same gentleman, and Deaconship upon the Rev. Messrs. Hannan and Nugent. The Church upon each occasion was attended by large congregations of pious and grateful worshippers, who thus saw the germs of that blessed perfection, to which our Ecclesiastical State, with the Divine blessing, is destined to progress.

On Saturday, the Feast of St. Anne, with his characteristic kindness to the poor Indians, Dr. Walsh proclaimed a service for themselves. They congregated in the church to the number of one hundred or more, dressed in their own gay and peculiar habiliments. The squaws had a profusion of beads and feathers, and the men wore brilliant in blue cloth, turned up with beads and quill work. They were seated along the Aisle. We have seldom heard the Indians sing so well, and never have we seen them dress more respectably.

POPE'S BENEDICTION SENT TO THE INDIANS.

After the service the Bishop addressed the Indians, and the other portion of the congregation, at considerable length. He spoke of His HOLINESS THE POPE'S solicitude for the Indian's welfare; represented the condescension and pleasure with which the Holy Father received a pair of moccasins which his simple children had sent him; exhorted them to pray for that great and kind Father beyond the Sea, who, he assured them, loved them much; besought them to keep their PLEDGE against intoxicating drink. He then according to announcement made the Sunday previous, informed them that he was

about to pronounce the PAPAL Benediction on the Indians, for, of that great favour, he was a special bearer from their GREAT FATHER. Before, however, he would proceed, he requested the Indians to take the PLEDGE *en masse* and to thus prepare themselves suitably to receive it.

A swarthy Indian stood by the Bishop upon the altar. He watched the Bishop as he delivered his sentiments, and, then, having clapped his hands together, to command attention, repeated his Lordship's words. The dark eyes of his listeners brightened as he proceeded with the happy intelligence. He pronounced the PLEDGE; and all raised their hands up—then falling upon their knees.

Dr. Walsh having now deeply impressed the importance of the PLEDGE, and of the rite which was to follow, pronounced the POPE'S benediction. Never before did children more docile and devoted receive it.

After the service, the Indians partook of a solid repast, which had been prepared for them by the Bishop. Numbers of Ladies and Gentlemen attended and waited upon them. We never saw creatures more happy: and we know of none, who deserved to be more so.

Having finished their meal, all passed in review before the Prelate. They were evidently deeply thankful, and deeply delighted. The usual stoicism of these children of nature, seemed to soften before the warmth of gentle solicitude and kindness. They felt that Catholicity made them our brethren and our friends. We saw them as they departed in a long line of joyous faces; heard them express their full-hearted thanks: and we saw the glorious equalization and charity wrought by FAITH!

THE ORDINATIONS.

The order of Priesthood was conferred on Rev. Messrs. Hannan, Nugent, Power, and Phelan, on Sunday. An immense assemblage crowded the Cathedral in every part; and the sublime ceremonies of our Ritual were exhibited in all their glory. His Lordship the Bishop appeared in a magnificent Roman 'Cappa,' the Priests in Copes, Chausables, &c.; the youthful attendants around the Altar in Surplices and bands; and every effort had been made to render the interior of the church worthy of the hallowed rite which was to be witnessed there. We have never seen more ardent interest, or more intense devotion manifested upon any occasion than on the memorable and happy one to which we allude.

About 10 o'clock the ceremony commenced. Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh celebrated a Pontifical High Mass, Rev. Mr. Tracey being Deacon, and Rev. Mr. Hennessy sub-deacon. Rev. R. B. O'Brien, Superior of St. Mary's College, officiated as Arch-deacon, and Rev. Messrs. Kennedy, Byrnes, Conolly, Lyons, and Carmody, assisted as priests. To those who have witnessed the administration of this great sacrament no description is necessary; and we declare ourselves totally unable to convey to those who were not present, even a notion of our own sensations as we beheld it. The associations, themselves, which such a rite calls to memory are sufficient to make a deep impression on the heart. There you beheld the 'Deposit' placed in the hands of those who were to 'keep the form of sound words,' for which the Apostle glorified in suffering,—the 'imposition of the hands of the Ministry,' of which he reminded his