

and it seems destined to extend still wider the sphere of its useful exertions. It should never be forgotten that the Members of this Society not only devote their time and zeal on Sunday, to the instruction of children in the science of salvation, but also generously contribute to that sacred fund through which rewards, both in books and clothing, are distributed, to ensure punctual attendance, and to encourage proficiency in the knowledge of the Catechism. Such charitable deeds bring with them their own reward, even in this life, and will assuredly receive an abundant recompense in the life to come.

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ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

This regenerating Association of sobriety has made an auspicious commencement of the new year. According to previous announcement, the Pledge was administered on Sunday evening last, after Vespers, by the President, Rev. John Nugent. Seventy-four additional members have been inscribed on the books of the Society. After the administration of the Pledge, each of the candidates, on his way to the Vestry, approached the Bishop's seat in the choir, and received his Benediction. A numerous congregation witnessed the proceedings with evident interest and pleasure. We sincerely congratulate the Society on this important addition to their number. A battalion of Temperance amounting to 74 is a noble example at the beginning of the New Year.

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SUDDEN DEATH.

A melancholy accident occurred on Monday morning last. A carpenter, named Fitzgerald, was shingling a house in Creighton Street, when the scaffolding gave way, he was precipitated to the ground, and, in an instant, deprived of life. On the preceding day he had himself accompanied to the grave the remains of a fellow-creature. How little he imagined that at 9 o'clock on the following morning he should be a lifeless corpse, and that in two days his own remains should be consigned to the cold grave! What a lesson, amongst many others which we daily receive, on the uncertainty of human life! The Church, in her Litanies, teaches us to pray against a sudden

and unprovided death. *A subitanea et improvisa morte, libera nos Domine.* A sudden death is therefore not to be desired; but a sudden and unprovided death is a fearful calamity.

'Ah, fool!' says the Author of the Imitation of Christ. n. i. c. 23. 'why dost thou think to live long, when thou art not sure of one day? How often hast thou heard related, that such a one was slain by the sword; another drowned; another falling from on high, broke his neck; this man died at the table; that other came to his end when he was at play. Some have perished by fire, some by the sword, some by pestilence, and some by robbers. Thus death is the end of all, and man's life passeth suddenly like a shadow. Who will remember thee when thou art dead, and who will pray for thee? Do now all thou canst, because thou knowest not when thou shalt die; nor dost thou know what shall befall thee after death.'

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ST. MARY'S.

At the High Mass on the Festival of the Epiphany, Right Rev. Dr. Walsh conferred some of the Minor Orders on Mr. Edward Daly, of St. Mary's College. When the Gospel was chanted, the Deacon made the usual announcement of the *Moveable Feasts* of the year, (which is always published on the day of the Epiphany) first in Latin, and then in English, to the following effect:

Be it known to you, Dearly Beloved Brethren, that as, through the mercy of God, we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, we in like manner, publish unto you tidings of joy for the Resurrection of our same Redeemer. The eighth day of February will be Septuagesima Sunday; the twenty-fifth of February, Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the Fast of the Most Holy Season of Lent. On the twelfth of April we will celebrate with joy the Sacred Pasch of our Lord Jesus Christ. The twenty-first of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ; the thirty-first of the same month will be the Feast of Pentecost, the eleventh day of June, the Feast of the Most Sacred Body of Christ. The twenty-ninth day of November, the first Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is Honour and Glory for ever and ever. Amen.