

correction. Think on the grave; on death; on the judgment to come. Then in the humblest guise you can assume, come—an accepted votary—to the lowly dwelling of your God.

Come, all of you, my beloved Brethren, in these pious preparations—come to Bethlehem. The Shepherds are there before you. They had no obstacles to remove—no humility to acquire—no pride to lay aside. At the first announcement they hurried to Jesus, and are offering to Him, since midnight, the homage of their hearts.

Come, my Brethren, come to Bethlehem. Gaze devoutly on the Heavenly Babe. See!—He smiles on your visit. The dimple of innocent gladness is on His cheek. The sparkling welcome is beaming from his eyes. His little hands are outstretched to receive your gifts.—Let these gifts be your hearts, devoted and entire. Myriads of invisible spirits are adoring Him. Kneel you, and adore Him, too. His mother's heart is glad. Observe that glance of love with which she regards her glorious child. Can you read its expression? There is sadness in it and joy. Joy that a Saviour is born to the world—sadness that this cold and cheerless hut is the abode of "the Prince of peace."

### The Cross;

HALIFAX, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23.

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### The Fancy Fair.

We gave some expression to our feelings last week on the creditable demonstration of Charity at Mason Hall. Several of our contemporaries have also 'swelled the note of praise,' and in all directions we hear of nought but hearty congratulations, and fervent eulogy. We now look upon the establishment of the Orphan Asylum as an accomplished fact, and we sincerely rejoice at the prospect of all the good it is likely to accomplish. And, if any thing can add to the happiness which we feel it is the consciousness that so many of our fellow-citizens have taken part in this glorious work, and that those who are most opposed to each other on some points, have here occupied common ground, and united together in so sacred a cause. Not Catholics alone, but Protestants of every denomination have given valuable aid. To the various Fancy Tables and Refreshment Tables, contributions in work, materials and money have been liberally poured in from all sides. It would be impossible for us to describe the unwearied assiduity and zeal of the Ladies who catered for the various tables, who wrought for them with so much taste and perseverance, and who presided over them with so much advantage. With considerable experience in such matters, we can safely say, that we never beheld any thing like it. We are sorry that we cannot particularly specify all the generous benefactors of the Orphan on this occasion, nor give any thing like a complete list of the visitors at the Fair. Some instances have come to our knowledge in which Fives, Tens, and even Twenties of Pounds have been laid out at the Tables in addition to previous contributions.

We still hope to be able to give a long list of the generous subscribers. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, who was prevented by indisposition from attending at the Bazaar, sent Five Pounds for the Charity.

There were two Refreshment Tables and six Fancy Tables. The former were well supplied with all the usual delicacies, and received extensive patronage. Mrs. Lonergan and Mrs. Jamieson added over one; and Mrs. Walsh,

Mrs. Harney and Mrs. Laugan, assisted by the Misses Hacket and Miss Hanlon over the other.

As for the Tables of Fancy Work. No. 1 was kept by Mrs. Condon and Miss Condon.

No. 2 by the Misses Cronan.

No. 3 by Mrs. Connors and Miss Connors, assisted by Mrs. Anderson, Miss Downey, Miss Cochran and Miss Gleeson.

No. 4 by Miss Hoffernau, Mrs. Cragg, Junr., the Misses Cragg and the Misses Delreytas.

No. 5 by Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Dillon.

No. 6 by Mrs. Boyle, the Misses Foley, the Misses Phelan and Miss Duval.

There was also a Post Office in very active operation, attended by an extremely clever Postmaster and some very able assistants. A great number of Foreign Mails with startling and extraordinary intelligence, arrived during the Bazaar, and with a very brief period after the arrival of each, letters were delivered with wonderful despatch, and at very moderate rates of postage, considering the great distance they had travelled and the important information which they contained. We would be very happy to transfer to our columns some of those curious Despatches.

We hoped to be able to give a list of the visitors at the Bazaar, but it would require one or two numbers of the Cross to print their mere names. Suffice it to say that the whole city was well represented on the occasion.

We have been informed that in addition to the Ladies who rendered such valuable assistance at the various stalls, the Lady of the Hon. Michael Tobin of Poplar Grove collected for the Bazaar the sum of £65 9s. 9d. Mrs. Gunning £12 4s. 7d., and Mrs. Daly £9 2s. 1d. We have as yet received the names of only a few subscribers, and amongst them that of the benevolent Mrs. McCara for £5. James C. Tobin £5. and Richd. O'Dwyer, Esq. of St. Johns, N. F., £1 5s. 0d.

### CHRISTMAS.

This great Festival was celebrated with due solemnity in our churches. For four days previous to Christmas the Clergy were engaged in the Confessional, preparing the faithful for the Holy Communion, and accordingly the number of those who received the Bread of Life on that hallowed morn at the various Masses was unprecedented. The Cathedral was filled before 6 o'clock and St. Patrick's at seven. The Holy Sacrifice was constantly celebrated during the morning, and at 11 o'clock a Pontifical High Mass was offered up by the Rt. Rev Dr. Walsh, assisted by the V. General as Master of Ceremonies, and the Rev. Messrs McIsaac and Lyons as Deacon and Sub-deacon. By authority of the Bishop an Indulgence of 40 days was imparted to all present on this solemn occasion. The Organ Choir acquitted themselves with great credit during the High Mass, and their brilliant execution of the *Gloria in Excelsis* was particularly admired. At Solemn Vespers in the evening the Bishop preached and gave Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. We should not omit to mention that the usual offering for the support of the Bishop and Clergy was made by the Faithful on Christmas Day with a liberality and cheerful spirit which fully maintained the character of the Catholics of Halifax. Notwithstanding their very recent exertions in the cause of Charity at the memorable Bazaar, and despite the pressure of the times, it is a fact that the Christmas Offering of this year exceeded that of the last by nearly £50, and we record the fact with pleasure as a new attestation, if any were need-

ed, to the love for their Holy Religion which burns so intensely in the hearts of the Catholics of Halifax.

### METEGHAN.

The following list of additional subscribers for the intended improvements in the Church of Meteghan, has been kindly forwarded to us by the Rev. Wm. McLeod, and we publish it with much pleasure:—

Maurin Saulnies	£1 0 0
Archange Saulnies	2 0 0
Maurin Caumau	2 0 0
Sylvain D. D'Entremont	2 0 0
Fredrick S Leblanc	1 0 0
Evarice Gubrie	1 0 0
Anselm Caumau	2 0 0
Ciprien Gubrie	1 0 0
Pierre Leblanc	1 0 0
Jovite Mayes	1 0 0
Thomas Taus	2 0 0
George Trahan	2 0 0
Olivier Dousett	1 10 0
Joseph Doucett	1 0 0
Jean Thibodau	1 0 0
Donat Leblanc	1 0 0
Anselm Robichau	0 10 0
George Smith	0 10 0
Pierre Dugat	2 10 0
Charles Leblanc	1 0 0
Mark Leblanc	5 0 0
Maurice Melanson	1 10 0
Ambrose Caumau	1 10 0
William Brown	3 0 0
Anselme Frontain, Salmon River	1 5 0
Charles Mayette, Ditto	1 10 0
B Timothy Leblanc, Ditto	1 10 0
Marane Comeau	1 10 0
Joseph Deveau, St Mary's Clare	1 0 0
Ambrose Comeau	1 5 0
Madame Robichau	0 10 0
George Deveau	0 10 0
Quanguille Maryette	2 0 0

It seems that our previous remarks on this subject have given much satisfaction, and that a general and spirited determination exists amongst the inhabitants of that district, to complete as soon as possible all the improvements recommended by the Bishop.

### CHURCH NEWS IN UNITED STATES

#### ILLINOIS.

On 18th November, the new church of the "Holy Name of Jesus," erected on the grounds of the University, in Chicago, was solemnly blessed by Bishop Vandeveldt.

Rev. James Dempsey has been ordained Priest. This is already the third Priest that the Bishop has ordained, from the Seminary, since he took possession of his See. Mr John Breen has been raised to the order of Deaconship.

Five Catholic churches and three small chapels are now open in Chicago, where on the arrival of the late Bishop Quarter there was but one small church, and a congregation from which, as an old settler told me, "any absent member would be missed."

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

On the 18th November, the Catholic Church, recently completed at Brady's Bend, Pa., was consecrated by Rev. M. J. Mitchell

#### RHODE ISLAND.

CONVERSIONS.—Within the last month, six adults have been received into the Roman Catholic Church, by Rev. Patrick Mallon, assistant Priest of SS. Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Providence. Such has been the result of the efficient labor of the Rev. gentleman in the vineyard of the Lord, for the first year of his ministry. There are other applicants for Baptism who shall be admitted when duly instructed.

### A FALSEHOOD EXPOSED.

Adam Miller, a Methodist Preacher, in a letter to the *Western Christian Advocate*, exposes the lying boasts of the Methodist Episcopalians of New-York with regard to German families had gone over from the Catholic church to the Methodist conventicle. Mr

Miller has declared that instead of all those families, only two Germans came over, and one of them was a horrible scamp! Is not this a laughable piece of business? Miller is evidently telling the truth. "Let him be clapped on the back and called Adam!"

Miller sent his letter to Dr Bond, editor of the *Christian Advocate*; but the doctor would not publish it; because he said, "we are operating extensively among these people" (murder sherry!—two men—and one of 'em a schemer!) and he said furthermore—"don't say anything about it, these reports make a good impression on the public abroad!"

There's a pious Methodist for you, good people!—*Boston Pilot*.

### 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 Gottinger and Cornwallis streets;

Mr. Thomas Connor, adjoining St. Patrick's Church.

Mr. Joseph Roles, Water Street, near Fairbanks' Wharf.

Mr. Thomas Thorpe, Dartmouth

The following gentlemen, to whom we tender our best thanks, have kindly promised their valuable assistance, as agents to this Journal:—

*Ketch Harbour*—John Martin, J. P.

*Portuguese Cove*—Mr Richard Neal, Senr.

*Bear Cove*—Lawrence Johnson, J. P.

*Herring Cove*—Mr. Edwards Hayes, and Mr. Nicholas Power.

*Ferguson's Cove*—Mr. William Conway.

*Quarries*—Mr. O'Keefe.

*North West Arm*—Mr. Patrick Brennan.

*Upper Prospect*—Peter Power, J. P.

### ORPHAN ASYLUM.

#### CARD.

THE Ladies, Managing Committee of the Bazaar, at the Mason Hall, embrace the earliest opportunity of tendering their most grateful acknowledgments to the citizens of Halifax, of all denominations, for their spontaneous, liberal, and truly Christian support, by which the munificent sum of more than six Hundred Pounds has been realized for the sacred cause of Charity, December 22.



### Notice to the Public.

ON and after this date, Optional Payment of the Inland Postage will come into operation, upon the Correspondence transmitted between the several Provinces of British North America and Newfoundland. By command of the Postmaster General. A. WOODGATE. General Post Office, Halifax, December 13.

### CITY CLOTHING STORE.

North Corner of Duke and Water Streets.

### WINTER IMPORTATIONS.

THE Subscriber has received per late arrivals from Great Britain, his usual supply of

### Ready Made Clothing,

Of the newest fashion and style, suitable for the Winter Season. Also, a varied assortment of superfine West of England CLOTHS, Beaver, Pilot, Whiteney, Fancy Doeskins, Cassimeres, Tweeds; Men's China Silk, Merino, Lambs Wool, Brown Cotton SHIRTS and DRAWERS; Fancy Regatta and White Cotton Shirts, (trimmed with Linen,) Outlets, &c. together with the residue of his former Stock, will be sold either Wholesale or Retail, at the lowest possible prices to suit the times.

Articles made up at his Establishment in a fashionable and durable style.

Seamens' Clothing of every description constantly kept on hand. Orders from the country punctually attended to. Oct. 13. RODGER CUNNINGHAM.