

From the Register.

SAINT MARY'S AND SAINT PATRICK'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

We publish the following report of the Secretary with much pleasure. We always hail the progress of Temperance as the sure indication of social and religious advancement. The resources which are husbanded by its influence purchase blessings, which they would have been employed in destroying; and the self-respect acquired by the possession of a decent competency, will induce efforts at amelioration which otherwise would not be dreamed of. The fevered excitement of intemperance is supplied by the legitimate one of intellectual rivalry, and the degrading occupations of debauch are banished for the ennobling ones of domestic or national improvement. The spirit of nationality which now reflects so many pure and heavenly virtues, first caught its hue of strength and healthfulness in the atmosphere of Temperance. And that self-reliance which renders Ireland's patient endurance more terrible to despotism, than the wildest wassal oratory of of kings, is attributable to the developed power from which even experience of her own firmness has drawn the veil that covered it.

But, Temperance at best is but a pagan virtue if it were not rendered subsidiary to religion, from which alone it can derive permanence, and by whose zeal alone it can claim merit.—It is a monstrous retrogression to seek in it the panacea of all human evil, or to make it the summons of all human virtue. Temperance ought to be the effect of religious feeling. If it be made "*Religion*," and that the virtue and the efficacy of the Sacraments are deemed secondary to a "*Pledge*" against intoxicating drink, it becomes a delusion—a pretender to the throne of pure faith and sound morality—that combines its followers by a passing impulse, and afterwards has not power to retain them in subjection. We are glad, therefore, that with us Temperance and Religion go hand in hand—the one pointing to heaven as the star, strength, and recompense of the other. We are glad that no absurd coercion of judgment, or disposition seeks to deprive men of their liberty, and that all are left to the exercise of a sound judgment—the best security for persevering faith. We are glad that our good Bishop is taking such an active part in securing the happiness of unborn generations, by imparting to Temperance in Halifax the encouragement of his Patronage—the intelligence of his mind—the blessing of his sanction—and the security which religion always gives to the efficiency, integrity and orthodoxy of the checks upon human passion.

A report of the progress of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Temperance Society.

HALIFAX, Nov. 8th, 1843.

A Meeting of the requisitionists, who waited on His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, to organise this society, was held in the Parochial School room this evening, to receive the report of the Committee appointed to draw up a code of rules for a new Society, to be denominated the Saint Mary's and Saint Patrick's Temperance Society.

The Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Patron of the Society, presided—assisted by L. O'C. Doyle, Esq., President.

The Bishop read the rules, and clearly explained the nature of the Pledge which was to be administered in the Society.

The Rules were then submitted to the meeting, and unanimously adopted, after which the Society proceeded to choose their officers, when the following were unanimously chosen:

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh, Patron of the Society.
Laurence O'Connor Doyle, Esq., President,
Mr. James Wallace, Vice President,
Mr. Patrick Power, 1st Asst. Vice President,
Mr. John Compton, 2d Asst. Vice President,
Mr. Patrick Walsh, Treasurer,
Mr. Edwd. J. Gleeson, Secretary,
Mr. Patrick Donohoe, Asst. Secretary.

His Lordship addressed the meeting in an emphatic and impressive manner, dwelling strongly on the advantages derivable from temperance, and was listened to with great attention.

Previous to adjournment, it was then

Resolved, That the Society do meet again on the second Monday in December, to hold their first quarterly meeting.

On Monday last, Dec. 11, the Society held its first quarterly Meeting in the Parochial School Room, and notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the room was crowded to suffocation.

Laurence O'Connor Doyle, Esq., President of the Society, took the Chair, and was supported on his right by the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, Patron of the Society, the Vice President and the other officers of the Society in their proper places,