

though we have heard that such things have occurred before in Halifax. Of one thing we are quite certain, namely, that there is no Protestant of any denomination in our city, who would purposely assume any religious dress at the Ball, which he thought would offend his Catholic fellow citizens. There is surely a wide field for the selection of characters without intruding upon the hallowed precincts of the cloister or the sanctuary. We can see no harm in preventing even an unintended insult to the feelings of a large portion of the community, and we therefore, cannot understand why the *Times* and the *Post* have waxed so wroth upon the subject. They were distinctly told before, that the *Sun* was no Catholic Organ, and that the Catholics of Halifax were not responsible for what appeared in its columns. The blustering tone of insolent defiance to Catholics, with which they allude to the subject, was totally uncalled for, and will excite only a contemptuous smile of pity at these turgid specimens of the Bombastes Furioso stile of vapouring. "Fools rush in, where angels fear to tread;" and the *ignoramus* who scribbled the insulting reply in the *Sun*, should be directed to peruse attentively the Calendar of his book of Common Prayer before he presumes to write again about Catholic Feasts or Fasts. His information about Catholic customs abroad, he seems to have derived from some of your "professing Catholics"—some sickly abortion of faith, some chattering prate-box, some rapid inanity, some low, cringing, crawling specimen of mock liberality, which slavers with adulation the hand that strikes it, which fawns upon the enemies of its religion and flatters their prejudices, and is by a just retribution, most heartily and thoroughly despised by them in return. The *Times* and *Post* may be assured that we care much less for such authorities, than we do even for their own. Instead of manifesting any displeasure, we think they ought to have been gratified that every cause of misunderstanding was removed by the publication of that letter. There were Catholics in the room who had spirit enough to eject ignominiously any one who should presume to offer an insult to their religious feelings. How much better then was prevention than cure?

The recent attempts of the *Times*, to insult our understandings and our feelings, in its celebrated skiamachy against the bugbear of Catholic ascendancy, did not produce such mighty results as to warrant a renewal of the Quixotic encounter. From the cautious manner in which it sometimes prepares its missiles, we would be led to suppose that the "willing to wound, but yet afraid to strike," was its favourite motto. But from the avidity with which this harmless Epistle on the Fancy Ball has been seized upon, we might imagine that it was meditating some new onslaught. Though this may be done for political purposes, we deem it a very short sighted and ruinous policy for the friends of the *Times*. The Catholics of Nova Scotia will endure no further insults. Forming one third of the population, and with Ten Members in the two Houses of the Legislature, they have not received one fiftieth of the patronage of the Province. In fact their just claims have been nearly overlooked altogether or if a Catholic magistrate were appointed here or there—"rari nantes in gurgite vasto"—it was trumpeted forth as a noble instance of liberality and toleration. *Toleration* forsooth! We are disgusted at the word. We want none of those condescending, patronizing airs. We will be bullied or cajoled no longer. Our Catholic constituencies have frequently returned to Parliament members of other religions, when they had power to elect Representatives of their own creed. Will the *Times*

be able to point out to us a single instance in which such practical liberality has been shewn to Catholic members! What Protestant constituency of any denomination have elected a Catholic for their Representative! "We pause for a reply."

If Catholics, therefore, are progressing, as one of those Fancy Ball scribes declares, they have to thank their own indomitable energies for their success. They have progressed and will advance still farther, in spite of him and his party. The old reign of humbug is at an end, and they will for the future, judge of all public men, not by their professions of toleration, but by their acts of justice. And as we have no desire to embitter the sweet current of social life, by polemic acrimony, we will say in conclusion, that the fewer experiments made by any party on the religious sensibilities of Catholics the better for themselves and for the peace of the Province.

Amongst the passengers by the *Hibernia* from Boston on Wednesday last, was the excellent Bishop of Toronto one of the gifted sons of whom Halifax has so much reason to be proud. Doctor Power sailed the same day for Europe on business connected with his extensive Diocese. His Lordship will return to America early in the ensuing summer. His friends will be glad to hear that he was looking in excellent health and spirits.

Dr. McDermot of the 89th Regt., whose amiable qualities had endeared him to his fellow Catholics, during his stay in our garrison, sailed in the same Packet, on his way to visit the Eternal City.

M. de Ruthyc Bellacq Sous-Commissaire de Marine in the French service also took his departure in the *Hibernia*. He was on his way to Paris, from St. Pierre and Miquelon on the Newfoundland coast, where he had been stationed for some time. This respectable and zealous Catholic has been recalled to fill an honorable post to which he has been recently appointed by Admiral Mackau, the French Minister of Marine.

Intelligence was received by the last Packet from Europe, of the deaths of his Eminence Cardinal Gaysruck, Archbishop of Milan, of the Rt. Rev. Dr Scott, Bishop of Glasgow, of the Rev. John Hearn of Waterford, the eloquent London preacher, and of Madame de Grammont Superiress of the Sacre' Coeur at Paris. May they rest in peace.

Poor Daniel French, the Poet and Controvertist with whose learned lucubrations in Greek, Latin and English the readers of Catholic periodicals for the last twenty years must be familiar, has been also released from his sorrowful pilgrimage. He composed a devout copy of Latin verses on his death-bed. We hope he has ascended to continue for ever the praises of God in Heaven.

NEW CATHOLIC PAPER IN BOSTON.

We are happy to welcome amongst our fellow-labourers at the Catholic press of America the Editor of the *Boston Catholic Observer* the first number of which appeared on the 16th ult. In an Editorial address, it is stated that "the Editor is a Clergyman, and will act under the authority, and by the advice and counsel of the Bishop of the Diocese. He has also promise of assistance from some of his clerical brethren, and from some talented writers amongst the laity. This is cheering; and we have no doubt that a most extensive career of usefulness lies before the *Catholic Observer*. When what is called the Fourth estate, has such a potent influence on the destinies of mankind,