

spirits here, but we can inform them that the Catholics of Halifax look with unutterable contempt on their Voltairian antics.

### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, NORTH END. PAROCHIAL MEETING.

After many a long delay and bitter disappointment, the Church of the Apostle of Ireland, is about to be invested with that interest which it deserves. The Catholics of Halifax will be now afforded an opportunity of completing what they so nobly begun. It is unnecessary to allude to the various causes which have hitherto retarded the progress of this eminently religious and national work. But, certain it is, they exist no longer. A preliminary Meeting on this subject was held last Sunday, in St Patrick's, at which the Bishop and Very Rev Mr Conolly attended. All present were most anxious that the necessary improvements and extension of the Church should be commenced without delay. Two Resolutions passed unanimously by one of which it was declared that St Mary's would be more convenient and more central for all the Parishioners, and that the Parish Meeting be held there accordingly on to-morrow after High Mass. In another Resolution the Catholics of the North End pledged themselves to attend the Meeting of to-morrow, and earnestly called on their fellow-Catholics throughout the city to do the same, and to lend them their valuable co-operation in this holy undertaking. When we remember the spirited and creditable efforts of the past, we have no fears for the result. We understand that the Bishop will take the chair.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received several letters recently from persons anxious to be informed of the particular day on which the brigantine, *The Junta*, of Gibraltar, was to have sailed from St John, N. B. We were unable until this week to give any information on the subject. It seems that the first day of April had been fixed for her departure, but that some of the passengers were unwilling to go to sea without having complied with their Easter duties. Our correspondent adds that the length of time which they would require to get through their General Confessions was very uncertain. However we perceive by the last *Liberator* that a shipment of this kind may now be soon expected. The sooner the better. We wish them a speedy passage and a pleasant gale.

Some witty friend of genuine Hibernian humour, and who dubs himself an *Irish Newbrunswick*, has sent us a copy of verses to the well-known air of 'The Meeting of the Waters,' which he assures us have been lately sung with great applause at St John. We can readily believe in the *applause*, for since the times of Peter Pindar and poor Tom Hood, we do not remember to have seen any thing half so comic. It positively shook our sides with laughter. However we must hold it over, until the application of some of the droll points in it is more fully made known to us. For instance, in a short note to one of its most graphic sketches, the writer furnishes the following alliterative morsel, which we are certain must be very delicious though we cannot feel its savour;—

“A poor, pitiful, puffing, painting, peddling, pettifogging crew!”

*Veritas* from Fredericton has been received, and is thanked for his kind intentions. But, we never notice the stiletto attacks of anonymous Infidels. Moreover, the prelate whom he so warmly defends, would, we are certain, consider it his greatest glory to be honoured in the cause of God and His Church, with the foul vituperation of the professed enemies of both. We hope *Veritas* will favour us with future communications.

### NEW SOUTH WALES.

We have been favoured by a friend with a copy of the *South Australian Register* of the 8th of October last, from which we gladly take some extracts to give our readers an idea of the progress of our holy Faith in that distant colony. The Editor of the *Register*, though not a Catholic himself, seems to write with a considerable share of liberality and candour. The zealous Bishop of Adelaide, Right Rev Francis Murphy is an Irishman, and a native of the county Meath. He had been for many years the devoted and beloved Pastor of the Irish congregation at St Patrick's, Liverpool, and we well remember the heartfelt anguish of his sorrowing flock when it was known that he had resolved to devote himself to a foreign Mission. Dr Murphy was always highly esteemed in his native country, and his promotion to the purple of the Episcopacy was hailed with joy at home and abroad. His holy career in New South Wales has hitherto justified the most sanguine expectations of his friends, and we an