

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

The above establishment will re-open on the return of the Rev. Gentlemen connected with its departments. The Students will consequently resume in a few days hence.

For the Cross.

ALTERNATE ACROSTIC.

ODE TO ERIN.

(Respectfully inscribed to Rev. J—— N——.)

The Demon that ruled thee, O, Erin, hath vanished,
Dissevered the chains that religion enthrall'd
Honour and virtue now triumph! and banished
And crushed is the Foe that with bitterness gall'd.
Enlightened, exalted, the people now cherish
Now eagerly knowledge & science pursue;
On the hearth of the poor man joy, happiness,
flourish—

Intemperance! who could be happy with you?
Bright, even now, has thy morn-star arisen—
E're long will thy "full noon of liberty" shine!
And the Genius of Freedom, released from his
prison,

Long breathe o'er thy mountains his spirit divine!
Let union and peace, then, with happiness bless
thee!

Oh! never let discord again thy heart gall!
Delights worthy freemen may ever caress thee,
Contentment bring balm to the bosom of all!
May patriotism and valour protect thee,

Oh! true be thy sons to the faith of their sires!—
And religion, wisdom, and honour, direct thee,
Nor quenched e'er the flame that thy bosom
inspires!

Then long may those names, thus together entwined,

NAMES which to Erin and mankind are dear!—
High throned on thy altar of love, be enshrined,
Ever the hopes of their country to cheer!
Encircled their brows with thy trefoil, e'er green—

Love, happiness, honour, long may they enjoy!
When called to the glory that 'waits them serene,
Like cherubs, their guard'ship still o'er thee
employ!

August 25.

A CHARITABLE APPEAL

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

In favour of the doctrines of

The Catholic Church.

"Return back to judgment."—Dan. xiii. 49.
"To the law and to the testimony."—Isa. viii. 20.

NOTE.—The scriptural quotations by which this appeal is enforced, are taken from the Protestant Bible.

POINT XIV.

Protestants hold, That there is no purgatory or third place, no middle state of suffering souls in the other world; and that it is a vain and superstitious custom to pray for the dead.

Contrary to the written word of God. 1. "And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be remitted unto him; and he that shall speak against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come." Matt. xii. 32.

These words of our Saviour leave no room to doubt but some sins are remitted in the other world; but there are no sins in heaven, and none can be remitted in hell; then there must be a third place, or middle state of souls in the other world which is neither hell nor heaven.

2. "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble: every man's work shall be made manifest. For, the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide, which he has built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burnt he shall suffer loss: but, he himself shall be saved, yet so as by fire." 1 Cor. iii. 10 to 15.

Whether by the wood, hay and stubble, here mentioned, is meant curious and unprofitable doctrine, rather philosophical than apostolical, which some preachers of the gospel, like the Corinthian doctors build upon the foundation of the true faith or whether by the wood, hay, and stubble, are meant other lesser sins and imperfections which the better sort of christians, who hold the foundation of the true faith, are subject to; certain it is, that by the words, hay and stubble, are signified some sins or other of christians, which do not merit eternal damnation; because, the apostle assures us, that the persons guilty of them will be saved; for which sins nevertheless, they will be punished in the