

doubt, be extensively called forth, in offerings and collections made for this specific object, at such periods, and under such regulations as may be found desirable, and we venture to hope that an effort so directly affecting the efficiency of the Church, would attract the sympathies and obtain the support of all classes within her communion.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

His Holiness the Pope has conferred the degree of Doctors of Divinity on the Rev. Mr. Taylor, President; the Rev. Mr. Walsh, Vice-President; and the Rev. John Magee, Professor of Theology of Carlow College.

The Rev. Dr. Murphy, formerly a merchant, and nephew to the Lord Bishop of Cork, has taken the Church of All Saints, Liverpool, to be officiated in by six Irish clergymen, who are specially to attend to the spiritual wants of the poorer Irish in that town.

Miss Dwyer, daughter of Captain J. Dwyer, late Ceylon Rifles, and Miss Hynes, of Ennis, were formally received as inmates of the Sisters of Charity, on Wednesday, at the convent in Peter's-cell, by the Right Rev. Dr. Ryan, on which occasion the Rev. Dr. Cahill preached. On Saturday there will be a public meeting at Castlebar to establish a local branch of the Sisters of Mercy.

The families at Dingle which conformed to the established church last week returned to the Roman Catholic faith, and were received by the Rev. Mr. Healy, P. P.

IRISH SOCIETY.

The Annual Meeting of this time-honoured Institution took place upon Monday evening last.—L. O. C. Doyle, Esq. the President, was in the Chair; and he seldom saw himself surrounded by so many members. A considerable time was occupied in balloting for admissions and in receiving fees. The best criterion of the Society's successful operation is to be found in the amount received upon the occasion, which was, seventy-four pounds. The routine business of the evening having been completed, the election of officers succeeded. The selections were such as do honor to the Society's judgment; and as are likely to perpetuate the exercise of charity through so efficient an instrumentality. The greatest unanimity marked the occasion, not one dissentient voice having been raised against the various gentlemen proposed. This is just as it should be; because it manifests the universal feeling of these gentlemen's claims and the universal desire to acknowledge them. We congratulate the Society, therefore, upon the whole proceeding; and pray that the "Charity which never faileth, whether Prophecies shall be made void; or tongues shall cease, or knowledge shall be destroyed."

The following is the list of Officers:

President—Mr. Thomas Ring.
Vice President—Mr. William Skerry.
Treasurer—Mr. James Wallace.
Secretary—Mr. P. Walsh.
Assistant Secretary.—Mr. Wm. Doyle.
First Assistant V. P.—Mr. T. Prandy.
Second Assistant V. P.—Mr. T. Bauer.

The Charitable Irish Society appropriated Twenty Pounds of their Funds, on Monday evening to the Committee for distributing Fuel to the Poor.

THE RIGHT REV. DOCTOR WALSH.

His Lordship is at present in Waterford and in excellent health and spirits. He is, of course, engaged in preparing for the wants and improvement of Religion in Halifax and other portions of the extensive district committed to his Pastoral charge. We are quite certain, from his Lordship's well known zeal and activity, that he will make an extensive visitation during the summer; and we are equally so, that the Faithful will make such preparations as to derive all the spiritual blessings of which his ministry shall be productive. The Brief from his HOLINESS, committing the Pastoral jurisdiction of the new Diocese of Halifax—including Burnuda, &c. has been in his Lordship's possession for some time.

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