

their respective claims adjudicated upon by persons who could know nothing of their actual condition, and who, with the best intentions in the world, were liable to be deceived. The relief voted by Parliament ought to have been distributed on the spot, and, if necessary, a competent person should have been sent down for that purpose. There are about 150 French families in Chezzet-cooke who are remarkable for their industrious and moral habits, but who seem to be entirely neglected by those who ought to take an interest in their welfare. Amongst that large population there is not one Magistrate of their own religion, and as we remarked last Autumn, whilst other parts of the country are well attended to, the road which leads to their interesting settlement, especially from Porter's Lake, is in a most disgraceful and neglected state. If our honest simple Acadians of Chezzet-cooke had been people of colour, they would, it seems, have fared better.

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

The Quarterly Meeting of this Society was held in the Parochial School Rooms on Tuesday last, 10th inst. The Rev. John Nugent, President of the Society, occupied the chair, supported by Rev. Mr. Hennesy, Vice President, Mr. Patrick Walsh, Asst. V. P. &c. The Bishop, who is Patron of the Society, was also present during the greater part of the proceedings.

When the Secretary read the report of the last Meeting, the Rev. President and Vice President severally returned thanks for the appointments to which they had been unanimously elected, congratulated the Society on the progress already made, and exhorted the Members to persevere. The Managing Committee reported a series of regulations for the direction of the Band, which were confirmed after some modifications. The financial Report of the Society was also read by the Secretary. The President announced that since the last Meeting upwards of 230 persons had taken the Temperance Pledge—a proof that Temperance was not 'retrograding' amongst them, as had been flippantly asserted elsewhere, and that if there was any falling off in Halifax, it was not owing to any apathy there. The allusions to this point were received with much applause, and conveyed a

salutary lesson to the quarter for which they were intended. At the request of the Society the President undertook to deliver a Lecture on Friday the 27th instant. It was also arranged that the Band, in addition to their weekly practice, should play once a month in public, and that admission on those occasions should be obtained on payment of a small sum, to be fixed by the Committee. A handsome Kent Bugle, the gift of Capt. Daly, was presented for the use of the Band, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the worthy Donor. The Band played several appropriate airs during the evening, and the Meeting, at its close, adjourned to the 10th of June, when preparations will be made for a public Procession and Commemoration of the Institution of the Society.

GULL.

In answer to an enquiry on the subject, we beg to state as our opinion that the word Gull is derived from the Latin word GULA, the throat, which, in this bird, is so capacious and greedy, that it will swallow any thing.

There will be a Pontifical High Mass on St Patrick's Day, at 10 o'clock, at which the Members of the Charitable Irish Society will attend. The Sermon will be preached by the Rev Thomas L Conolly, and a collection will be made for the benefit of the poor.

THE REGISTER.

An occasional contributor to our columns has sent us a copy of the last *Register* with some appropriate remarks on the singular statements in the Editorial article. Our worthy friend who is a staunch Repealer himself denies emphatically that Repeal is 'on the wane' in the sense of the article. We would print his communication at length, but that it reached us too late for publication. Had we seen in time the precious article alluded to, we might have been tempted to indulge in 'a small accompaniment of commentary.' The cause of Ireland both at home and abroad has been always more injured by the petty squabbles, personal bickerings and jealousies of her own misguided sons, than by the fiercest opposition of her enemies. Every page of our sad history from 1172 to the present day fully confirms the assertion.

There is as much national feeling in Halifax, now, as there ever was. Within the last four months One Hundred Pounds have been sent to