

would otherwise leave the children of many a poor Catholic without tuition or intelligence in the doctrines of the Church.

During the Holy Week of the last Lent, the present generation of Catholics in Halifax witnessed for the first time, under the ministration of these Reverend Gentlemen, the solemnization of those Vesper observances so peculiarly suited in our ritual to the sanctity of the season, and the magnificent and soul-thrilling psalmody of the tenebræ, with their attendant ceremonials, were for the first time intoned beneath the vaults of St. Mary's; and we hesitate not to say that the Holy Week of the last year in this city will not fail to be remembered for a very long space of time yet to come.

During this (as it ultimately proved to be) treacherous calm, the earnest attention of all was directed to carry out one of the dearest objects, which they had proposed in urging the Bishop to send for two clergymen, was the establishment of a college. In it they were ably seconded by the Rev. Mr. O'Brien, who soon had the high gratification of seeing persons of all creeds availing themselves of the facilities afforded by such an Institution. His most sanguine anticipations were realised, the number of students attending the classes soon amounting to nearly eighty. On the meeting of the Legislature in the year following, a munificent donation of three hundred pounds was made towards its support by an almost unanimous vote; and to insure a continuance of the bright prospects which were dawning on the Catholics of this country, an Act of Incorporation was passed, granting the power of conferring Degrees; thus placing the College on a footing of equality with that belonging to the established religion which had for many years existed in the colony. The want of such an Institution had for