

Jesus said to his disciples Whom do you say that I am?

Simon Peter answered and said: Thou art Christ the Son of the living God.

And Jesus answering, said to him: Blessed art thou Simon Bar-Jona; because flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee, but my father who is in heaven. AND I SAY TO THEE THAT THOU ART PETER. AND UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH, AND THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.

AND I SHALL GIVE TO THEE THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. And whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth, it shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed also in heaven.—S. Matthew xvi. 15-19



"Was anything concealed from Peter, who was styled the Rock on which the Church was built, who received the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and the power of loosing and binding in Heaven and on earth." —TERTULLIAN *Prescrip.* xxii.

"There is one God, and one Church, and one Chair founded by the voice of the Lord upon Peter. That any other Altar be erected, or any other Priesthood established, besides that one Altar, and one Priesthood, is impossible. Whatsoever gathers elsewhere, scatters. Whatever is devised by human frenzy, in violation of the Divine Ordinance, is adulterous, impious, sacrilegious." —St. Cyprian Ep. 43 ad plebem.

"All of them remaining silent, for the doctrine was beyond the reach of man, Peter the Prince of the Apostles and the supreme herald of the Church, not following his own inventions, nor persuaded by human reasoning, but enlightened by the Father, says to him: Thou art Christ, and not this alone, but the Son of the living God.—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Cat. xi. 1.

Calendar.

- OCTOBER 28—Sunday—XXII after Pent 5th October SS Simon and Jude Apost doub 2 class
- " 29—Monday—St Philomena V M doub 19th Aug.
- " 30—Tuesday—St. Sergius I P C doub 9th Sept.
- " 31—Wednesday—Vigil (Fast Day) S Siricius P C doub sup.
- NOVEMBER 1—Thursday—All Saints doub 1 cl with Oct Holyd of Oblig.
- " 2—Friday—All Souls 2nd day within the Oct sem.
- " 3—Saturday—SS Cornelius and Cyprian doub 16th Sept com of Octave.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

The eleventh anniversary of this excellent and very meritorious institution, was celebrated yesterday in the Metropolitan Church, Marlborough-street. With great judiciousness, and much advantage to the public, and with considerateness for the multitudinous contributions to, and collectors for this deserving institution, the church in every part was wholly thrown open to the public without payment or collection at the doors. The church was opened, as announced, precisely at ten o'clock, and thenceforth a large and most respectable congregation continued constantly to fill it. The clergy of All-Hallows College, together with nearly one hundred of the students of this extensive establishment in *soutans* and *surplices*, arrived at nearly eleven o'clock, and took their seats in the choir, which was spaciouly laid out for the accommodation of the clergy in front of the great altar. Subsequently, considerable numbers of the parish priests and curates of the city, together with the parish priests and curates of the country parishes, besides the clergy of the religious orders, arrived and took their places. The solemn function commenced precisely at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. O'Toole, the president of St. Mary's College, Air-Hill, Kingstown—the clergyman who had the happiness of founding our branch of the Institution for the Propagation of the Faith in this country—was the celebrant high priest on the interesting occasion. He was assisted by the Rev. Peter McAuley, late of Corru, as deacon, and by the Rev. Mr. Staunton, the chaplain of the new church of St. Lawrence O'Toole, as sub-deacon.

Immediately after the Gospel, an appropriate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Henry Rorke, S.J., who took for his text the words of the Prophet Zacharia—Chap. 10, verse 8. "Congregabo illos, quia redemi eos."

"I will gather them together, because I have redeemed them."

The learned and eloquent preacher, descanted on this grand and glorious topic of the conversion of the entire world, with his usual ability, and impressiveness, and was heard throughout with marked attention, by the entire congregation. His allusion to the labours and success of the great apostle of the Indies, was delivered with peculiar emphasis, and produced a powerful effect on the auditory. He subsequently adverted to the circumstance of the High Mass, being then celebrated by the founder in this country, of the Institution for the Propagation of the Faith, and after enlarging on the great advantages of the Missionary College of All-Hallows, and adverting to the missionaries from Ireland, which that Establishment had already sent forth to every quarter of the world, he concluded a powerful discourse by exhorting the people to continue to uphold this most noble Institution, and to maintain their glorious character, for faith and charity throughout the nations of the earth, and thus to draw down upon themselves and on their afflicted country, the richest blessings of heaven, both here and hereafter.

We must not omit to mention that the rev. preacher passed the highest eulogy on good and truly Christian France, where this most useful institution originated, and where so many blessings have been imparted to civilization and Christendom at large.

We have never heard the choir of the church so effective—the splendid music of the all but inspired Italian masters, was sung with a feeling and a pathos deserving of its high composition. The greatest praise is due to the conductor of the choir, Mr. Glover, for the skill which he evinced and the members which he brought together to execute this difficult music, and to complete the full chorus of the choir. Mr. H. Corri, with his usual ability, presided at the organ, and drew forth from this truly noble instrument "most eloquent music." All the other members of the choir, viz., Mrs. Smyth, Miss Delevega, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Ledwich, and Mr. Morrison, assisted by several obliging amateurs, discharged their duties with that effectiveness which demonstrated how intensely they felt, and how perfectly they executed the difficult and beautiful pieces of sacred music assigned to their respective charge.

The sacred ceremony concluded at half-past one o'clock.—*Dublin Freeman.*

CATHOLIC CHARITY—THE HALIFAX 'CROSS.'

To the Editor of the Tablet.

[Our readers will recollect a letter which appeared under this heading in the Tablet of September 1. We have received the following letter from Halifax on the subject, which we should not be acting fairly if we withheld. We have omitted a few lines in the beginning which do not affect the argument.—Ed. TAB.]

Dear Sir—I have seen with some regret not unmingled with surprise, a letter in the Tablet of the 1st inst. signed, "Mathew Scally, O.C.C.," in which the sentiments and conduct of the Clergy and people of this city are placed in an unfavourable point of view. Of one thing I am certain; that in this fanciful description of the "congregational" charity of the Catholics of Halifax, Mr. Scally's zeal has outrun his discretion, and he has thus, unconsciously no doubt, published an unmerited calumny on as generous a body of Catholics as any to be found in the whole continent of America. Passing over the unworthy taunts and very unclerical sneers of his bombastic effusion, I will, in justice to the Clergy and laity of Halifax, furnish your readers with a plain statement of facts.

I will begin with our venerable and exalted Prelate. The Bishop of Halifax is fortunately well known both in Ireland and England as well as in America, and I can scarcely believe that the readers of the Tablet could be persuaded even by a covert insinuation of "Father Scally, O.C.C." that Dr. Walsh is either exclusive or "congregational" in his charities, or that he would teach his flock so uncatholic a sentiment. On the contrary, I assert from a full knowledge of the fact, that in no part of the Catholic world have greater facilities been afforded to strangers for making religious or charitable collections than in the city of Halifax; and this, in consequence of the settled rule of our Bishop, frequently announced by himself in public, and well known to every Catholic here, viz:—that he will never interfere between the charity of the Faithful and the claims of our fellow-Catholics who come duly recommended by their spiritual superiors. I could name many dioceses both at home and abroad where the Bishop has prohibited collections of this kind. No one was ever prevented by him from collecting in this city or Diocese, no matter from what part of the world he came. I can declare further that the Bishop has been often blamed for this unswerving course, in consequence of the numerous local claims of this poor and extensive Diocese, and I

have heard him more than once publicly state in reply that he did not think he would be justified in preventing any stranger who was recommended by his Diocesan or Superior from making an appeal to the charity of his flock; and not only has he done this, but in every case of the kind for years past, with I believe a single exception, he has given his own mite to those collectors from other places. The Clergy, too, as I can testify, have frequently gone beyond their means in their anxiety to meet those numerous appeals; and as for the Catholics of Halifax, they are proverbial for their liberality to strangers, and this is so well known that their charity has been put in constant requisition, and I am sorry to add, their charitable dispositions very frequently abused by a succession of impostors, who, under the mask of religion, have brought disgrace upon the church to which they pretended to belong. Mr. Scally, though he may be an accomplished universal letter writer, knows nothing of the difficulties with which the Church has to struggle in America, nor of the deadly wounds inflicted on our Faith by the scandalous pranks of itinerant collectors on this continent. An opinion expressed by a local journal here in connection with this sad system, has furnished Mr. Scally with a text of which he seems to have availed himself with great eagerness, at a moment when he had no other pretext for rushing into print. It is neither my province, nor my inclination to defend or censure the opinions of the Halifax Cross. What the provocation might have been to call forth the remarks at which Mr. Scally is so wroth, I know not. But this I know, and from a local experience which is denied Mr. Scally, that in this part of the world at least, the Catholic Church has suffered far more than she has gained by the constant appearance of travelling collectors. This is an opinion which I long since deliberately formed, and which I can never change. But as it is probable that the opinions of an obscure clergyman in Nova Scotia (who being constantly employed in visiting the sick, attending the Confessional, and the other duties of his laborious ministry, has no time to indite diurnal letters and hebdomadal tales for the journals of London and New York) would have little weight with a gentleman who corresponds with the Cabinet Ministers, and knows more of the wrongs and remedies of Ireland than any Irish Priest from