CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

WINDSOR—METEGHAN.

The year just closing will be a memorable one in the Diocess of Halifax for the number of Churches that have been commenced, improved, or enlarged. For some time past we have had the pleasure of recording almost every week some new instance, in this respect, of the zeal of the Clergy and the piety of the faithful. From Mandie on the borders of New Brunswick to Pubnico at the South Western extremity of Nova Scotia, all is animation and enthusiasm; and when we consider the great depression of the times, the fact speaks loudly for the religious spirit of the Catholics of Nova Scotia. This week we hear that the Catholics of Windsor have met, and in accordance with the Bishop's earnest recommendation, have resolved to give something like a Church-like appearance to their present Place of Worship. Amongst other improvements they purpose the erection of a Tower and Spire, which will no doubt add greatly to the beauty of the present building. Already has a subscription list been opened, and various Catholics have put down their names. Their contributions are small it is true, but we do not despair of the accomplishment of the good work, for we know there are Catholics on the list who could, and will give any sum in reason that may be required. We therefore, despite the present limited subscription, look upon the new Tower and Spire of St. John the Evangelist's Church at Windsor, surmounted by a glorious, glittering Cross as *un fait accompli*. The names of the following subscribers have been already sent to us, and when it shall be forwarded by our Correspondent we will publish the remainder of the List with great pleasure :—

Rt Rev Dr. Walsh, £5; Messrs. John Doran, Richard Hackett, John Jourdan, John McBride, George Finlay, Dennis Hanley, Peter Dawson, Thos Cashman, Thos Troy, Edward Barron, Jas. Carter, Hugh Slone, and Edward Hayes, 10 shillings each; James McGuire, Patk. Mulcahy, Patk. McLaughlin, Michael Rooney, William Tommy, Denis Donovan, Thomas Carroll, Eugene McGarry, and John Lawlor, 7s 6d each; Jos. Matfield, Simon Chapman, Francis Sheridan, Patrick McEvoy, Patrick O'Brien, William Ward, Stephen Hughes, Timothy Brawders, Thomas Collins, Michael McWilliams, Patrick Tobin, William Lee, James Byrne, Michael Tuohey, Martin Meehan, Patrick Hayes, Patk. Byrne, Matthew Quinlan, James Mahony, Peter Sheridan, Richd. Griffin, and Daniel Sullivan, 5 shillings each; and, last, not least, a few Catholic soldiers, 15 shillings.

From Windsor we proceed to Meteghan, upwards of 150 miles to the Westward, where by accounts which we have just received, another Meeting has been held for the purpose of carrying into effect all the improvements suggested by the Bishop at the Visitation in September last. These, amongst other things, include the building of an addition to the Church which has become too small for the faithful, and for the due celebration of the venerable rites of our Religion, although another Church—St. Vincent of Paul, was recently erected and blessed by his Lordship in the same district. The late Charles McCarthy of Meteghan, with his wonted generosity wherever the interests of the Catholic Religion were concerned, bequeathed the sum of £50 for improving the Church of St. Maude at Meteghan. Dr. Walsh has promised £10 more, and from the spirit evinced at the recent Meeting by the worthy Catholics at Meteghan, we have no doubt that they will accomplish to the letter, the instructions left by the Bishop, and that then their Church, Presbytery, Grave-yard, &c will be amongst the most respectable in the entire Diocess. In printing the following list of subscriptions at Meteghan, it should be remembered that many of these worthy people have already subscribed to the new church of St. Vincent. We would beg to direct the special attention of some of our Windsor friends to the handsome sum appended to the following names, for building an addition to the Church at Meteghan :—

Rev Wm McLeod	£2	0	0
James McCarthy, Esq.	5	0	0
Issac Robichau	2	0	0
Basil Robichau, Esq.	2	10	0
Gabriel Amirault	3	0	0
Pierre Babin	1	10	0
Joseph Babin	1	0	0
Hilaire Saulnier	1	0	0
Benjamin Gidrie	0	10	0
Augustin Saulnier	1	10	0
Charles Theriau	2	0	0
Oliver Caumau	2	0	0
Amadeus Trahan	3	0	0
Charles Caumau, senr.	1	0	0
Celestin Robichau	2	0	0
Silvain Leblanc	3	0	0
Celestin P. Caumau	3	0	0
Marcelin Caumau	2	0	0
Anicette Dugat	3	0	0
Louis Robichau	3	0	0
Basil Cauman	2	0	0
Marcel Robichau	1	0	0
Jean Theriau	2	0	0
Vital Caumau	[illegible]	0	0
Francois Caumau	1	10	0
Ciriaque Caumau	2	10	0
Patrick McGur	3	0	0
Anselme Caumau	3	0	0
Belonie Dugat	3	0	0
Nicholas Leblanc	2	0	0
Jean Caumau	2	0	0
Oliver Caumau	1	10	0
Justinien Caumau	3	0	0
Domin Caumau	2	0	0
Hilaire Caumau	2	0	0
Maximin Caumau	0	10	0
Hilaire Comau, Junr.	0	10	0
Basil Caumau	0	10	0
Pierre Robichau	1	6	0
Felix Devau, Junr.	2	10	0
William Leblanc	3	0	0
Benonie Robichau	1	0	0
Anselme Mayer	1	10	0
Charles Mayer	8	0	0
Cesaire Robichau	5	0	0
Joseph Gidrie	1	0	0
Miss McGur	0	10	0
Alice Quin	5	0	0
Margaret Mayer	0	2	6
Miss Isaac Robichau	0	5	0
" G. Amirault	0	5	0
Hilaire Leblanc	2	0	0
Frederick Melanson	2	0	0
Arit Amirault	1	0	0
Madame Theriau	1	0	0
Hilaire Thibodeau	0	0	
Miss Theriau	1	0	0
Michael Robichau	2	0	
Anselme Trahan	3	0	
Etienne Melanson	1	0	
Pierre Caumau	1	0	0
Gabriel Caumau	1	0	0
Aericol Saulnier	1	0	0
Cesaire Thibodau	1	0	0

CATHOLICITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

NEW YORK FREEMAN.

We have lately received a file of our New York contemporary for which we feel much obliged. For several weeks previous not a single copy of the journal had reached Halifax, and we were thus ignorant of many interesting events which have occurred in that quarter.

Not only the Rev. Dr. Forbes, but also a younger Clergyman, the Rev. Mr. Preston, has conformed to the Catholic Church. The conversion of these Rev. gentlemen had naturally produced great sensation amongst the Protestants of Gotham. The consecration of the magnificent new church of St. Bridget in Tompkins Square is another remarkable indication of the 'alarming growth of Popery.' It seems that the beautiful Church of St. Peter's, built on the site of the oldest Catholic Church in New York, had, in the hands of lay Trustees, fallen into an overwhelming amount of debt, the latter portion of which was incurred in direct opposition to the Bishop's injunction. The consequence was that the Church got into 'Chancery' with a millstone of some 100,000 dollars of debt. The energetic and zealous Bishop, for the honour of religion, and the credit of the Catholics of New York, has lately taken up this almost hopeless case, and from all appearances is likely to succeed in setting matters to rights, though the task he has undertaken is so formidable and gigantic, that few but himself would attempt it. Many of the Church Creditors were poor Catholics who lent their all on the faith of the Trustees, and who are now without a penny in the world. The Officiating Clergymen of St. Peter's have announced that they will serve without any salary in order to husband the resources for the payment of the debt, and the congregation have promised to co-operate in every way with the Bishop for the purpose of securing the beauteous Temple. We fervently hope they may succeed. St. Peter's Church is not the only one that has been ruined by the uncanonical interference of laymen in matters for which they are totally incompetent.

We published some time ago in the Cross an account of a suit respecting the Rev. Mr. Bayley, the Secretary of Bishop Hughes, who was cut off by his grandfather from his rights of inheritance to a large fortune, in consequence of having become a Roman Catholic. Mr. Bayley was formerly a Protestant Episcopalian Clergyman in New York, and is most deservedly esteemed amongst a numerous circle of friends and acquaintance. He applied to the Superior Court for a restitution of his rights, and has partially succeeded. The able opinion of Judge Duer who decided the case has been published, and we extract a passage from the close of it which is highly creditable to the learned functionary. Speaking of the Rev. Mr. Bayley he says; that 'he is not to be blamed, but commended, that in order to save himself from the guilt of insincerity he has followed, at the sacrifice of his interests, the dictates of his conscience, *and God forbid* that such a step *should ever be thought to dissolve the bonds of Kindred.*'

From the proceedings of the late convention in New York, it would appear that the Episcopalian Church of the United States is fast going to the dogs. Not many years since it was the most respectable amongst the Protestant sects, but it is now sadly 'fallen from its high estate.'

The Rev. Mr. Waldron of Philadelphia another Convert to our Holy Faith, has undertaken the editorship of the *Catholic Herald* in that city. He announces in his opening article that his family and most of his dear friends are Protestants, and prays them not to be offended at any of which he may publish in defence the he conscientiously believes to be

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A Prote[illegible] ous comment writes in a strain of furi[illegible] we published the observations which execution of the week, respecting the we are better judge[illegible]ings. We believe can be of what will [illegible]han any Protestant we therefore beg lea[illegible] our readers, and sidious advice. We are decline his insense for his exhibition of sorry in one there be one thing more[illegible]mper, for if which we detest, it is Relig[illegible] another *ence*. The best return which [illegible] *indifferfor* the compliment to our [illegible] make which this fiery Epistle conclude[illegible] with append another remark, or two [illegible] and to aforesaid case of the Mannings.

For three hundred years has the Chur[illegible] of England been crying down *Confession*, and laughing at the ignorant Papists for practising so degrading an observance. Is it not passing strange then that the Chaplain and all the authorities should have recently taken so much trouble to induce Mr. and Mrs. Manning *to confess!* For several days every mode was applied to induce them to *make their confession*, and observe, not *auricular* confession, but a Public Confession before the whole world. When Manning's own heart was [illegible]ed he tried to induce his wife to *confess* also. Ah *do* confess, he is reported to have said. Now we ask is there not something very absurd and inconsistent in all this on the part of Protestants? Or if the human heart invariably seeks for consolation by pouring forth its sorrows and crimes into a friendly ear, and feels a degree of comfort after it has thus unburthened itself, as in the case of Manning and other great culprits, why sneer at the Papists for practising Confession? It is thus that Protestants themselves are forced to give unwilling testimony in favor of our dogmas.

Interments in the Cemetery of the Holy Cross, commencing October 1st, 1849.

Oct. 1 Thomas, son of Thos. Cyant, aged 4 years and 4 months.
3 Eliza, daughter of Lawrence Hickey, aged 2 years and 3 months.
6 Mary Ann, daughter of James and Eliza Hannan, aged 15 months.
Susan, daughter of Pat'k. and Mary McCarthy, aged 1 year and 9 ms.
Ann McCarthy, native of County Waterford, aged 58 years.
10 John, son of Edward and Bridget Duffy, aged 6 months.
12 Catherine, wife of Joseph Flemming, native County Waterford, aged 63 years.
16 Margaret, daughter of William and Mary Skeyner, aged 3 years and 3 months.
18 Peter, son of Peter Keliher, aged 17 months.
19 Mary, wife of Thomas Flynn, aged 27 years.
William, son of William Cavanagh, aged 2 years and 3 months.
22 William, son of Owen O'Neil, aged 7 years.
23 Thomas Lambeth, native County of Wexford, Ireland, aged 56 years.
24 Margaret, wife of John Bradshaw, aged 24 years.
James Alexander, infant son of John and Margaret McDonnell, aged 16 days.
25 Susan, daughter of James Doyle, aged 25 years.
27 Michael, son of Michael and Mary Mahoney, aged 11½ years.
Michael Walsh, native of County Kilkenny, aged 26 years.
Patrick Gough, native of Kilkenny, aged 27 years.
John Mulligan, native Ireland, aged 36 years.
28 Timothy, son of Timothy and Cath. Shea, aged 14 months.
30 Thos. Corkrane, native of Ireland, aged 77 years. *Poor Asylum.*
31 Catherine Walsh, native of Ireland, aged 68 years. *Poor Asylum.*
Mary, wife of James Driscol, native of Ireland, aged 58 years.
Nov. 4 Timothy Daly, native Ireland, aged 71 years. *Poor Asylum.*
8 Timothy, son of Joseph McKenna, aged 8 years.
10 Isidore Landrey, native of Arichat, aged 34 years. *Poor Asylum*
14 Ellen Corkrane, native Ireland, aged 63 years. *Poor Asylum*
19 Johanna, daughter of Lawrence and Mary Roache, aged 22 years.
20 William Ahern, native of the County Cork, Ireland, aged 58 years
21 *Michael*, infant son of Timothy and Johanna Carigan, aged 24 days.
Ellen, daughter of *Mortimer* and *Mary* Shea, aged 20 months
Mary, infant daughter of James and Ellen *McIntosh*, aged 1 month
Isabel, daughter of James and Cath. Quinn, aged 2 years and 11 ms.
26 John, son of Patrick *Mahoney*, aged 2 years.
28 David Dillon, native of the County Kilkenny, Ireland, aged 32 years.
29 Patrick Fleming, son of John Fleming, aged 8 years.

ORPHAN ASYLUM.

D[illegible] Bazaar[illegible]ns and contributions for the Convent be thankfully received at the Mary's [illegible]he Sisters of Charity at St. Tuesday ne[illegible] Bazaar will be held on ous atten[illegible] when we expect a numer- Orphan. [illegible] of the friends of the o'clock, A.M., [illegible]nds will be open at 11 Band. Admit[illegible]nce will be a Military [illegible] half penny.