

five of the number had been inmates of the Poor House, and no less than 222 were interred gratuitously. We have a list of the entire now lying before us. There is no doubt that some of them died in very poor circumstances; but amongst those who have obtained Poor Certificates, there are many names which, if published, would excite no small degree of surprise. How such people imagine that an Institution like the Holy Cross could be kept up in this manner we cannot comprehend. Several, even of those who paid, have been in arrears for many months after their friends were interred, and a great portion of the Sexton's valuable time has been consumed in traversing the city for those paltry sums. Such a state of things exists no where else that we know, and certainly cannot continue any longer here. A great many interments of 1845 are still unpaid for, as well as the greater portion of the Family Plots, though most of the parties are well able to pay. For the laborious services rendered by the Clergy in connection with 552 funerals, the Church has not yet received a single farthing! Is there any part of America, North or South, where such a system would be tolerated for an hour?

RT. REV. DR. HUGHES.

The zealous, learned and indefatigable Bishop of New York arrived at Halifax in the Caledonia, on Saturday last. His Lordship proceeded immediately to the Cathedral to make his Thanksgiving after the voyage. He was here received by Right Rev Dr Walsh, who entertained him at dinner, and accompanied him to the steamship in the evening, just before he took his departure for Boston. Dr Hughes is in excellent health, and has been in Europe since December last, on business connected with his extensive Diocess. He procured in Dublin some nuns of the Order of Mercy, to found a Convent at New York. Seven of those excellent ladies are now on their passage to that city. They will be under the direction of Mrs O'Connor, a native of Kilkenny, and late Superioress of the Convent of Mercy in Queen-square, London. After making preparations for his new Convent, Bishop Hughes will set out for Baltimore to assist at the Triennial Episcopal Council which will be held in that city on the 10th of May. The intended Convent at New York must prove a source of innumerable blessings to that populous city. Many a dying exile of Erin

will have reason to bless the day that the devoted Sister of Mercy shall commence her glorious labours in this greatest of American cities.

[For the Cross.]

A SCENE IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, ON GOOD FRIDAY EVENING.

The Temple's walls were hung in deep and gloomy mourning o'er,
 And dismal was the aspect which the naked Altar bore.
 The organ's solemn peals no more in thunders rolled on high—
 But silence still and mournful reigned in awful majesty.
 The sun, descending in the west, in gorgeous, glorious blaze,
 Through the gothic windows poured his soft, his deeply tintured rays,
 Which on the rich paintings fell, and on the shrouded wall;
 And sombre—solemn was the scene, thro' the spacious cathedral,
 Around the holy altar knelt in silent, fervent prayer,
 The souls who came to contemplate their suffering Saviour there.
 Amid the pious throng there was one charming, lovely child—
 "An angel clad in human form," with look serene and mild—
 Beaming in the plenitude—the effulgency of grace—
 And innocence and loveliness smiled o'er his youthful face
 And, oh! how fervid was the glow that spoke his swelling soul!
 And big the glittering drops that down his cheeks did roll
 As bending o'er the sacred form that on the Altar lay,
 Of Him who had been crucified on Calvary's rood that day—
 To his Saviour's wounded hands and side, his lips he gently pressed,
 Embraced His feet, like Magdalen, and fondly them caressed!

 Oh, God! 'tis a delightful scene—to witness children dear
 Thus trained in virtue's hallowed path to sanctity and prayer
 To see them by their parents led to the Temple of the Lord,
 To consecrate their hearts to Him, and learn His holy word.
 Bless'd parents they! who thus instruct their little ones
 in youth,
 By precept and example in Religion's hallowed truth—
 In whom the words are verified, of the Sacred Prophet's line—
 "Like Stars for all eternity they brilliantly shall shine."
 ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

On the evening of Monday, May 4th, at 7 o'clock the usual Meeting of the Halifax Branch of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith will be held in the New Vestry.

* Danl. xii. 3.