

confined these like a wild beast to prevent him from doing mischief to the public, it would be more worthy of the policy of civilized man. We never encounter one of those human Hyena's in the Street without instantly thinking of the *Iron Cage* and the *Menagerie*.

NOBLE CONDUCT OF THE HALIFAX TRUCKMEN.

Through the abundant produce of the Charity Sermon on Sunday last, the Committee have been enabled not only to provide a great quantity of clothing for the poor, but also to purchase a large stock of fuel, consisting of coals and firewood. As soon as our brave truckmen heard of this charitable intention they volunteered their services in a body and drew home to the Cathedral yard an immense quantity of fuel, which is to be distributed from thence to their suffering fellow creatures.—The same worthy body of men were always ready to lend their valuable services to the cause of religion and charity. Their gratuitous assistance on this occasion has added considerably to the funds placed at the disposal of the Committee. It was really edifying to witness the fervid zeal, and hearty good will, with which in quick succession they deposited at St Mary's the precious burthens which will warm and enliven many a desolate home. They have deserved and will receive the thanks of the community. They have ensured for themselves and their families the prayers of the poor and the choicest benedictions of the God of Charity, who will not suffer a cup of cold water given in his name, to pass without its reward. We therefore need not say, *God bless them!* for their work of charity has brought with it its own benediction.

ST. PATRICK'S.

The Examination of the children who attend Catechism in this Church was held last Sunday. Thirteen classes of boys, and nineteen of girls were examined. The Bishop and Rev. Mr. Tracy were present, and the various teachers who have been most punctual during the year, in the performance of this good work, were complimented on their diligence and zeal. The premiums will be distributed on to-morrow, shortly after the last Mass, at St. Patrick's. We are gratified to hear

that the Catholics of the North End are anxiously directing their attention to the improvement of their new church, and the erection of a suitable altar under the invocation of the Patron Saint of Ireland. From the various costly articles brought home by the Bishop for the embellishment of this altar, we have no doubt that it will be, when finished, the most beautiful in the Province. We are equally certain that there is not an Irishman in the Province who would refuse his mite towards the completion of St. Patrick's Church, in the capital of Nova Scotia.

THE CLOTHING FUND.

The contributions to this excellent charity have been greatly increased since our last publication. After Vespers, on Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Conolly delivered an instructive discourse on the Gospel of the Day, at the close of which he made a pathetic appeal on behalf of our indigent and naked fellow-creatures, who require so much relief at this rigorous season. An abundant collection testified the deep impression made by the preacher on the charitable feelings of his hearers.

LITERATURE.

THE WOODEN CROSS.

A RELIGIOUS TALE.

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You may be quite easy on that point, my good Sophy. There is no injustice in keeping this cross, for it was the intention of Madam de Linden to leave you one of her most valuable articles. It is possible that this lady did not know herself the treasure that was in the wooden case that contained this cross; and even had she known, you would certainly have a right to choose whatever you liked best. You might have chosen the beautiful pearl necklace which her husband had given her on the day of her marriage, and which no one could hinder you from taking, and yet the choice of this would have certainly excited the clamours of the relatives, although it is worth double the price of the cross. Your disinterestedness, your piety, and your love for the deceased induced you to select an object which to all appearance was of little value. The relatives approved your choice, and even laughed at your simplicity, and now that this cross contains a treasure they can make no demand. God has directed your choice, and you have thus laid up something for a day of distress. Your noble bene-