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# THE CROSS.



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God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.—St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

HALIFAX, MAY 23, 1846.

## CALENDAR.

MAY 24.—Sunday—Feast of B. V. M. as Help of Christians.  
 25.—Monday—St. Gregory VII, Pope and Confessor.  
 26.—Tuesday—St. Philip Neri, Conf.  
 27.—Wednesday—St. John 1, Pope and Martyr.  
 28.—Thursday—Octave Day of the Ascension.  
 29.—Friday—St. Boniface IV, Pope and Confessor.  
 30.—Saturday—Vigil of Whit Sunday. (Fast Day)

### Solemn Religious Ceremonial

AT FERGUSON'S COVE.

THE FIRST STONE of the NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH at Ferguson's Cove, will be laid, on Thursday next, the 28th instant, by

THE RIGHT REV. DR. WALSH;

and a Sermon, suited to the occasion, will be delivered by the Very Rev. Mr. Conolly.

For the convenience of those who wish to patronize this holy undertaking, one of the Dartmouth Steamers will afford a gratuitous passage, and will leave the Steam-boat Wharf precisely at 10 o'clock.

N. B.—The St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Temperance Band will attend.

### FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.—SYSTEMATIC EXCLUSION OF CATHOLICS.

We have received several communications on this subject, and more than one of our most valued supporters have conjured us 'to play off our engines' against this fiery mass of bigotry. in the

hopes of cooling its ardour. We have been hitherto silent, because we suffer altogether from our friends. We think it immeasurably beneath the dignity of the Catholic body in Halifax to complain of such a pitiful grievance as this, and more especially when an effectual remedy lies in our own hands. Why should we seek to force ourselves on creatures who attempt to spurn us? Why degrade ourselves by looking for an association with men, the epigraph of whose charter seems to be the Antipope motto of the celebrated gates of Bandon? No, no; they have their charter, and let them stick to their bond. We have numbers, wealth and power, more than sufficient, surely, to form an Engine Company of our own. The Catholics of Halifax are to be seen in vast numbers, at every fire in the city, rendering most valuable assistance. If they form a company for themselves, we dare say its Engine will be as well worked as any other in the city. The rivalry then which we would wish to see established is a generous and manly struggle to know who should serve his fellow-citizen most in the hour of peril. Fire, like death, will make indiscriminate ravages amongst persons of all creeds and politics, and in the name of common sense, whenever this destructive element is raging amongst us, let not the citizens of Halifax imitate the conduct of the two powder-monkies, who threw down their buckets on deck, and had a regular set to, amidst the fire, smoke and thunder

of the Battle of the Nile! 'Nam tua res agitur, paries cum proximus ardet.'

#### ST. MARY'S.

After High Mass on to-morrow, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop.

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday last, the Litanies of the Saints were chaunted, in procession, by the Bishop and Clergy, immediately before the Mass of the Rogations.

An edifying spectæcle was lately witnessed in our Cathedral. This was a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving which was celebrated by the Clergy at the desire of the captain of a vessel, who had a narrow escape of his life during a violent storm in the West Indies, some time since. This worthy man, in the hour of peril, made a promise to Almighty God, that in the event of his being rescued from a watery grave, he would have a High Mass offered up at Halifax, on his arrival in this port, and also at Antigonish and Arichat, at the latter of which, we believe, he resides. It is Catholicity only, which can inspire such noble resolutions as these, in which an unshaken confidence in God's mercy is supported by a lively faith in the great Eucharistic Sacrifice of the New Law.

#### BERMUDA.—REV. MR. KENNEDY.

This zealous Missionary has lately returned from his long and interesting visit to the Summer Islands. During his stay Mr. Kennedy visited every part of the Island and administered the rites of our holy religion to nearly all the Catholics, both civil and military. There is one melancholy exception; he could not gain admittance to the Catholic convicts, although he applied to the Governor for that purpose. Rev. Mr. McSweeney had the same complaint to make in 1843. There are about 140 Catholics amongst the convicts at Bermuda. Within three years two clergymen have gone from Halifax, at considerable expense, a distance of 700 miles, to bring the comforts of Religion to those unhappy men; and yet both returned without seeing a single convict. This is a refinement of cruelty, and a disgrace to the Government which permits it. We are determined that the Catholics of England, Ireland, and Scotland, shall be made fully acquainted with this cowardly persecution of helpless men, and that the walls of Par-

liament shall ring with our just complaints. We feel happy in being able to state that the Officers of the Garrison were extremely civil to Mr. Kennedy, and that the Colonel of the XX. kindly granted him a room on Sundays for Divine Service, and the religious instruction of the Catholic soldiers. We believe that officer had no reason to repent of his civility, as a marked improvement was soon visible in the soldiers under his command. We understand that Father Kennedy has prepared a valuable report on the state of Catholicity in Bermuda, and that steps will be immediately taken to apply a suitable remedy to its long-suffering condition. Let not, however, our fellow-Catholics despair; in all human probability, they will never more be subjected to the trials and privations of the past. We will return again and again to this important subject.

Dr. Ullathorne, of Coventry, has been appointed Vicar Apostolic of the Western District, in place of the late Bishop Baggs. Dr. Ullathorne was a zealous Missionary in Australia, for many years, and has made himself a distinguished benefactor to suffering humanity by his persevering and successful efforts to alleviate the condition of our hapless convicts.

#### TO THE EDITORS OF THE CROSS.

Gentlemen,

I read with much pleasure, some time ago, an article in your paper on the small number of public situations which are filled by Catholics in this province. I particularly admired your observations on the Magistracy. I perceive by the last Cross, that two Catholics were lately appointed to the Bench at Parrsboro' and Minudie. This is certainly a move in the right direction. But as you seem to take such an interest in the welfare of the members of our Church, in the interior of the Province, may I beg to direct your attention to the capital itself? Halifax and Dartmouth contain upwards of ten thousand Catholics. How many persons of that religion administer justice here? Not one as far as I know. On consulting the Almanac I find the following list under the head of *Quarter Sessions of the Peace*:—Halifax.—J. Liddell, R. Tremain, G. N. Russell, L. Hartshorne, William Saltus, W. B. C. Pic-

John Steel, and A. Keith, Esquires. Dartmouth.—  
E. Lowe, George B. Crelighton, H. Y. Mott, John  
Tompest, Esquires." I will not enter into the res-  
pective qualifications of those gentlemen; but I  
think it is too bad they should have the exclusive  
administration of justice, and that ten thousand  
Catholics should remain unrepresented on the Ma-  
gisterial Bench. Hoping that the *Cross* will not  
lose sight of this practical grievance,

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours, &c.,

A HALIFAX CATHOLIC.

[We are not quite certain of the accuracy of our  
Correspondent's statement. But, if what he alleges  
be true, we think it is a curious state of things in a  
Catholic community like this.—EDITORS OF THE  
*Cross*.]

#### ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.—NORTH END.

We have to report gratifying progress in this  
holy work. The Collectors have begun their  
monthly labours, and are cheered on, in their reli-  
gious task, by the generosity of the faithful.  
Thank God, there is hardly one to be found  
amongst us so dead to religion, so insensible to the  
claims of creed and country, as to refuse his aid  
towards the completion of St. Patrick's Church.  
We will have an ample and profitable list to record  
when the Collectors' returns shall be handed in at  
the commencement of June. Meantime, the fol-  
lowing donations and subscriptions have been  
received by the Treasurer:

Rev. Mr. Tracy	£2	0	0
Mr. John McAuliffe	2	0	0
“ John Tobin	5	0	0
“ Ellis	2	0	0
“ Peter Power	1	0	0
“ Michael Galvin	1	0	0
“ Denis Donohoe	1	0	0
“ Moynahan	1	0	0
“ Daniel Cronin	10	0	0
Miss Mary Murpay	0	5	2 1-2
Mr. John Etchingham	0	10	0
“ James Mooney	1	0	0
“ Thomas Prandy	5	0	0
“ J. Collins	0	2	6
“ Mathew Heffernan	1	0	0
Mrs. Frances Boyle	5	0	0
Mr. Denis Heffernan	2	10	0

The Very Rev. Dr. Walsh, P. P. of Sliverue,  
has been appointed Bishop of Ossory by the Pope.  
Dr. Walsh was for many years President of the  
Diocesan College of Birehfield, and Vicar General  
of the Diocess. He was born about five miles  
from Waterford, on the Kilkenny side of the Suir,  
and has always borne the reputation of a pious and  
able divine. At the recent election he had the  
majority of clerical votes, and we are certain his  
appointment will give very general satisfaction.

#### LITERATURE.

Tales from the Canon Schmid,  
AUTHOR OF THE WOODEN CROSS.

#### The Fire.

A TALE

In five Letters addressed by Lewis May to his Mother.

#### LETTER III.

Continued.

God be praised and glorified, dearest mother!  
He has brought my innocence to light. I must tell  
you the whole affair from beginning to end, though  
it is only the result that has been of such happy  
consequence to me.

You will, doubtless, remember the fire about  
which I wrote to you, and at which I was so fortu-  
nate, with God's help, as to rescue two children  
from the flames. The father of these children,  
Signor Bellini, had lent to Mr. Fein, a merchant  
of this town, a sum of five hundred florins, which  
he now required, in order to rebuild the house that  
had been burned. Mr. Fein was dead; but his son  
had acknowledged and undertaken the debt, and  
paid the interest regularly. Signor Bellini now  
wrote to him, and called for the principal; though,  
as he somewhat imprudently admitted to him,  
thinking he had a man of honour to deal with, both  
his father's bond and his own letter perished in the  
fire. But young Fein now asserted, that neither  
his father had borrowed, nor himself acknowledged  
any such sum. Signor Bellini was compelled to  
bring an action; and the proofs which he pro-  
duced, made it very probable, but not absolutely  
certain. The judge put Fein to his oath, and he  
offered to swear it on the spot, charging Bellini  
with wanton falsehood. "Well," said Bellini, "I  
will rather suffer the loss of five hundred florins,  
than cause you to take a false oath." The suit  
was broken off, and the affair was forgotten.

In the beginning of spring, Signor Bellini, in  
order to commence the re-building of his house,  
set about getting the ruins of the fire cleared away,

Till that time, it had been almost impossible, as the ruins, which had been thoroughly drenched with the water used in extinguishing the fire, had been frozen in one solid mass, and covered with snow. He, himself, was constantly present at the work; and many useful articles, and among other things, a good deal of molten silver were found. At length appeared, contrary to all expectation, the small iron safe, in which he had kept his bonds, and other papers connected with them. The floor of the apartment, and with it, the safe, had fallen at the time of the fire; but such a quantity of ruins must have fallen with it, and secured it from the flames, that the papers were not destroyed, but merely browned, yet still so as to be perfectly legible.

Signor Bellini at once laid the bond, and young Fein's autograph letter before the court. Fein was summoned. As soon as he saw the papers, he became deadly pale, trembled, and could no longer deny the debt. The court ordered him to pay the principal, with interests and costs; and, moreover, for the pre-determined perjury which he had proposed to commit, he was sentenced to several years imprisonment.

Now, this very Mr. Fein was the man who, in order, as he said, to improve himself in business, had obtained permission to attend several hours every day, unremunerated, in Mr. von Walther's establishment. He was a finished flatterer: he was always neatly and becomingly dressed, and was very skilful and uncommonly industrious in his business; and this was the very man who suggested to my good master the false suspicions against me, and got himself chosen book-keeper in my stead.

When Mr. von Walther learned the villainies of the perjured Fein, the truth flashed upon him at once. He hastened to the magistrates, and got an order to search in Fein's house for the stolen silver and copper coins. They were accordingly found in his writing-desk; and thus the perjurer was proved to be, moreover, a thief and a calumniator, and the term of his imprisonment was prolonged.

For two days I had not left my house, and, as I never had any visitors, I knew nothing of the detection of Fein's perjury, or the discovery of the coins; when, on a sudden, Mr. von Walther ran with open arms into my little garret, and, with tears in his eyes, cried out—

"You are innocent! Fein has deceived me scandalously. He had, in the first instance, stolen the silver and copper coins; and, then, as I now see clearly, conveyed the gold pieces privately from my cabinet into your trunk, in order to ruin you in my eyes. I was too credulous and hasty; and, indeed, if the alleged theft had not wounded my darling passion, the loss would not have annoyed

me so much, and I would have considered the matter more coolly. But when a man's heart is engrossed by any inordinate passion, his reason easily becomes the toy of the first clever designing cheat whom he meets, or he even becomes his own deceiver. I have done you a grievous injury. Will you forgive me?"

We embraced one another with tears:

"Come with me, this instant," continued he. "You are now, if you will only consent to enter the service of one who has injured you, my first book-keeper. Fein is arrested, and will be put in gaol to-day."

I expressed my astonishment, and asked, how Fein's villainy had come to light.

"So you have not yet heard," said von Walther, "the scandalous frauds, and enormous treachery of this villain."

He told me the whole history—the denial of the debt, the intended perjury, and the stealing of the coins, which had been found in his desk. Many a time I exclaimed: "Is it possible? Fein? Has he acted so scandalously to me? I always thought he was my friend, and a very pious man. He was always most friendly with me, and was never without some pious saying or other on his tongue; and I never went into his room without finding a book of piety in his hand!"

"Yes, yes," said von Walther; "so did I always find him too; and his table was always covered with prayer-books and pious tracts. The rascal expected to marry my daughter Amelia, and sought to enlist my good will by his industry, my daughter's by his attention to dress and his politeness, and my wife's by his affected piety. The hypocrisy which led him to practise all his villainies, under the show of piety, was his worst and most damnable crime; but God has unmasked and punished the godless hypocrite. But come with me now—every one in my house is delighted to see you coming back again!"

He took my arm, and brought me to his house. The story had meanwhile become public, and every one congratulated me warmly. When we reached the house, the mother and daughter, the clerks and porters, the cook and kitchen-maid, were standing at the door, and welcomed me with the greatest exultation. It was past dinner-hour, and Madam von Walther expressed her regret, that, on so joyous a day, there had not been time to prepare an entertainment suitable to the occasion. Mr. von Walther, however, produced his best Rhenish from the cellar, and gave us in a full bumper, the toast, "Honesty is the best policy."

A bustle was suddenly heard in the street. We ran to the window; and saw, advancing in procession, bedizened with all his rich ornaments and

fashionable dress, Mr. Fein—in a common cart. He was seated on a bundle of straw, and an armed soldier sat beside him. As he passed by the house, with pale face and downcast eyes, I could not help feeling pity for him after all; but Mr. von Walther said:

“You see now, Mr. Fein, the truth of the old saying: ‘The fox may run long, but he is caught at last!’”

Farewell, dearest mother, and join in thanksgiving to God with your grateful son.

#### LETTER IV.

I am sure, dearest mother, my last letter must have given you great pleasure. My present one, too, will gratify, but it will also affect you deeply.

Yesterday evening, as my master, his wife, his daughter, and myself, were about to sit down to tea, a beautiful and fashionably dressed lady, with two charming little boys, walked into the room. She was on a visit with her relatives in the town, and had come to see her old friend, Madam von Walther. It was the Signora Bellini; but I did not recognize her; for when I had seen her before, she was deadly pale, and like a dying person. Nor did she know that I was in the house, for, from the time of the fire she had never heard of me.

But the younger of the two boys cried out the moment he saw me.

“See, mamma! this is the gentleman who climbed up the long ladder to us, and came in through the window to our room, when it was all on fire!”

“Oh, yes, it was you!” said the elder boy. “It was you that carried me and my little brother down, and bid us not be frightened, when the ladder was shaking, and the people crying out to us, and the alarm-bell ringing, and the flames roaring all around us!”

Their mother, the moment she came into the room, had run to embrace her friend, and it was only when the boy spoke, that she observed me. She looked at me for an instant, and cried out—

“Good God! yes, it is really you! O never, while I live, shall I forget your features, though I saw them but for a moment. In my hour of mortal anguish, you were an angel from heaven, who brought me not alone comfort, but also help. Oh, God knows, how anxiously I have always wished to see you, were it but once in my life, in order to offer you the best thanks of a tender mother’s heart. I could not speak then, nor indeed am I able to do so even now.” She burst into tears.

“O my children,” cried she, “kiss this gentleman’s—I do not even know your name—kiss this gentleman’s hands, with which he saved your lives.

Had it not been for him, you would both have been burnt to ashes.”

The little boys began to cry also, and bedewed my hands with their tears; my master’s eyes filled up with tears, and his wife and daughter wept outright.

“But we do not know a word of all this story,” said Mr. von Walther. “Come, Madam Bellini, sit down on that sofa, and tell us what it is. You, Mr. May, must sit beside her.”

I wished to give this place to the lady of the house, but they all forced me to take the seat of honour. I sat down, and the boys clung to me, and held me by the hands. The younger I took on my lap, and the elder stood at my knee, while my master and the ladies drew their chairs around us.

Madam Bellini told the story with great spirit and tenderness. She described—and the very memory drove the blood once more from her cheek—their horror and anguish, when they missed the two children, when it was announced that they were above in the room, and when, amid the piteous cries of the multitude, the long ladder was brought to the spot. “Ah,” cried she, “I rushed to the place—I looked up—I saw the window of the room fearfully illumined by the flames within—my mother’s heart was like to break within me, and I sank powerless to the ground!”

We were all deeply affected in listening to the recital; she drew such a peril of the picture which I encountered in rescuing her children, that I myself shuddered at the thought. I said she painted the danger as far greater than it was. “O, no, no,” cried she, “the risk was not so slight as your modesty makes it now. When I saw you burdened with both my children, upon the top of the tottering ladder, the flames and smoke bursting from the window, the sparks showering down upon your head, the gable blazing, bending, and cracking, my senses fled, and I fainted away.”

“Oh, stop!” cried Madam von Walther, “my brain is dizzy.”

“Ah,” cried her daughter Amelia, “the very thought almost makes me faint.” Madam Bellini became more composed, and turning to me, continued in a calmer voice:

“It was clear that both you and the children were in imminent danger of death; and since then many a brave man has said to me, ‘we were not wanting in the disposition to save your children, but we looked on it as utterly impossible. It was God sent the strange gentleman, and the rescue of your children is an evident miracle. But a few moments more, and the burning gable, (which in a moment after actually did fall with a fearful crash, and a thick volume of smoke,) would have buried your children and their deliverer together. God

alone, wondrously delivered them through his means.

"Oh," said she, clasping my hand, while her eyes streamed with tears, "O, that my husband and I only knew how we could express our gratitude in a fitting way to you."

I was deeply affected.

"The joy of your mother's heart, and your gratitude," said I, "are reward enough for me. At present I want for nothing, but should I ever require your aid, I shall turn to you and Signor Bellini."

"I trust so," said she, turning to the little boys. "And what will you, Anthony?" said she to the elder, "what will you give to the gentleman?"

"My trumpet," said the boy; "and the nice little squirrel that I have at home."

"And what will you give him, Frank?" said she to the other.

"I'll give him all the Christmas boxes I get next Christmas!" said the little fellow.

The ladies smiled through their tears.

"But our tea has been forgotten with this affecting story," said Mr. von Walther, "though we have not had a day secure, withal," added he, wiping his eyes. "But I must not let so affectionate a mother, and such darling children, go away with wet eyes and dry lips; you must sup with us to-night."

The lady declared that she was engaged to supper, and that some friends had been invited to meet her.

"Well, then, you shall dine with us to-morrow," said he.

She was engaged to dinner on the morrow also, and her husband had arranged to come for her that evening, and bring her home at day-break the following morning.

"Well, then," said von Walther, "you and your husband must come to sup with us to-morrow. I shall not take any excuse."

Madam Bellini accepted the invitation, and we all accompanied her to the hall-door.

Good night, dearest mother, for I always write at night, being constantly occupied during the day. I hope, much as I was affected by the lady's story, to sleep soundly notwithstanding. It is always pleasant to think that one has done some good in the world.—(To be continued.)

A petition to parliament is in course of general signature in Limerick city and county. The object of it is to place the regular clergy or friars of the Catholic clergy upon the same footing of civil and political rights as the seculars, or parish priests and curates.

A branch of the Sisters of Mercy is about to be established at Dingle, county Kerry.

## A CHARITABLE APPEAL

FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

In favour of the doctrines of

The Catholic Church.

"Return back to judgment."—DAN. xxxi. 40.

"To the law and to the testimony."—ISAIA VIII. 20.

NOTE. The scriptural quotations by which this appeal is enforced, are taken from the Protestant Bible.

### POINT IV.

Protestants hold, That in controversies and disputes of religion, we are not bound to submit to the judgment of the pastors of the Church; but the contending parties ought to consult the Scriptures, and, that each party has a right to decide the controversy by the *written word*, as each one shall expound it to the best of his judgment.

Contrary to the many texts of the *written word of God*.

1. 'As my Father sent me, even so I send you.'

John xx. 21.

2. 'As thou didst send me into the world, even so I have sent them into the world.'

John xvii. 18.

3. 'Go therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.'

Matt. xviii. 19.

4. 'He that heareth you heareth me, and he that despiseth you despiseth me, and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.'

Luke x. 16.

In other sciences, not so much the authority of the masters, as the doctrine they teach, is to be regarded; because, it is not authority, but reason chiefly, that teaches truth in human sciences. But, as to revealed truths, these not being discoverable by reason, they must be learnt from such pastors and doctors as God has appointed to teach them. Therefore, it pleased God, that their authority should be very great; even his own authority our Saviour committed to them, and gave the most solemn sanction to it that was possible; as the texts above cited witness. So that now, in vindication of the authority they come invested with, they rightly style themselves, "Ambassadors from Christ, dispensers of the mysteries of God, and their word, the word of God, the word of Christ, God, as it were, speaking by their tongues." 2 Cor. v. 20.—1 Cor. iv. 1.—1 Thess. ii. 13.—Rom. x. 17. In consequence whereof, they required a most strict obedience from all people, to what they taught, denouncing anathema even to an angel from heaven, that shall teach contrary to their doctrine. Gal. i. 8. Not like the pastors of Protestants, who, to please their flock, style themselves advisers only, and counsel-

lors in matters of religion; but, as became apostles vested with the authority of Christ, they required a sincere submission from the flock to their doctrine, decisions, and decrees, which is the very point the pastors of the Catholic Church now contend for against Protestants.

5. 'And certain men which came down from Judea, taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When, therefore, Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. And, when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up and gave judgment;' &c. Acts xv. 1.

Here, the authority which the pastors of the Church have from Christ to judge of heresy and false doctrine, and to decide controversy, shines in its full lustre; while we see the first controversy that rose in the primitive Church, not referred to the private judgment of the contending parties, but called before the public tribunal of the apostles and elders, who, with St. Peter at the head, give judgment upon the matter in question; and oblige all the faithful, whether Jews or Gentiles, to submit and obey their decision. Now, let Protestants consider, who, in this matter, are guided by the *written word*; (Acts xxi. 4.) we Catholics, who, following this platform of the first Council of Jerusalem, carry all controversies to the tribunal of the pastors of the Church, or they, who refer to the private judgment of the contending parties.

To these proofs of Scripture Protestants reply: That the apostles indeed were infallible, and consequently no one might contend with them in a matter of doctrine. But, since their decease, we are to obey none but the *written word*, which they left behind them for the instruction of all ages. But this their reply is directly contrary to the *written word*; by which they pretend we ought to be wholly guided. For it is there written:

6. 'And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers: for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry; for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine; by the slight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.' Eph. iv. 11, 12, 13.

And are we not here plainly taught by the apos-

tle, that there is an order of men, whom God has given for pastors in his Church, to succeed the apostles, with like authority as they had to feed and govern the flock of Christ, to decide what is heresy and what is not; that so the faithful, by obeying the decisions of their pastors, may persevere in the unity of faith, and not be liable to be seduced from it; and that this method is to continue as long as there shall be a Church, or heretics to impugn it? As to what Protestants therefore pretend, that the authority, jurisdiction, and power which Christ gave to the apostles, of feeding and governing the flock, did not pass to their successors; it is a mere fancy, the product of the brains of enthusiasts; an opinion as destitute of reason as it is contrary to Scripture. But Protestants are by necessity driven into it; since either the pastors of God's Church must be stripped of all authority to decide controversy, or the reformation, which was set up in direct rebellion to that authority, must be looked upon as the work of Satan.

7. 'If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between him and thee alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And, if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the Church: but if he neglect to hear the Church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.' Matt. xviii. 15, 16, 17, 18.

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### General Intelligence.

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CONVERSIONS.—On Tuesday, the Rev. William Howel Lloyd, a minister of the Established Church was received into the Church of Rome, at the chapel of the Bishop's house in Birmingham.

Another secession from the Church of England amongst the clergy of this diocese, is about to take place; the Rev. gentleman having just resigned his preferment for the purpose of entering in the communion of the Church of Rome.—*Dorset Chronicle*.

BIRMINGHAM, MONDAY.—Yesterday, at St. Chad's Cathedral, in this town, Mr. Charles Stokes, formerly of Trinity College, Cambridge, made his first communion, having been previously received into the Roman Catholic Church, by the Rev. J. Moore, in the private chapel belonging to the bishop's house. Mr. Stokes is brother to Mr. Nasmyth Stokes, who was publicly received in the same cathedral a few weeks ago.—*Morning Herald*.

The Rev. J. M. Jephson, curate of Wilby, who has long been under the titiion of the Rev. Mr. Lopez, Catholic priest at Great Yarmouth, with



Mrs. Jephson, have at last given in their full submission to the "Bishopric of Saint Peter." Mr. Lopez has been a constant visitor at the pauperage-house for some months.—*Church and State Gaz.*

The Rev. Edward Hanly Thompson, M. A., curate of St. Marylebone, and afterwards of Saint James's, Piccadilly, was last week received into the Roman communion.—*Morning Post.*

At Cashendum, on the 12 inst., Robert McNeill, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The deceased shortly before his death renounced the errors of Protestantism, and embraced the Catholic Faith. Requiescat in pace.—*Belfast Vindicator.*

The Boston (United States) *Episcopal Observer* states that two young ladies, daughters of two gentlemen who are prominent members of the Church of the Advent, one a warden, and the other a vestrman, have joined the Church of Rome.

The Rev. Thomas Seed has been removed from Bury to the College of Mount St. Mary's, Derbyshire, of which he is now rector; and the Rev. B. Jarrett has succeeded him as Missioner in Bury St. Edmund's.

Wednesday, the Earl of Devon, accompanied by the Right Rev. Dr. Ryan, visited the Sisters of Mercy Convent, Peter's Cell, and the house of Refuge attached thereto for poor servants out of place. His Lordship minutely inspected the interior economy of the beneficial working of the institution, expressed himself much pleased at the result to Dr. Ryan and Rev. Mr. Brahan.

We understand the noble Earl intends giving a site, and generous aid towards the erection of the contemplated convent of mercy in Newcastle.

It is reported that the Rev. Dr. Walsh, P. P., of Silverue, has been selected by the Pope as successor to the Right Rev. Dr. Kinsella, the late Bishop of Ossory, and that the bulls confirmatory of the appointment are daily expected.

Cardinal Acton preached at the Franciscan convent, Rome, on St. Patrick's Day. The Countess of Fingal, Lady Dover, Lady Walpole, &c., attended.

**LORD GOUGH.**—The Athlone Town Commissioners—Doctor O'Connell, chairman—passed a vote of thanks to General Lord Gough and the army of the Sutlej, for their generous subscription of £840 to alleviate the distress of the poor in Ireland.

The Limerick Relief Committee have passed

an unanimous vote of thanks to the Right Honble. General Lord Gough, Commander of the Forces in India, for the generous sympathy manifested in the midst of his glorious triumphs for the suffering poor of his lordship's native country.

**DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES COYNE**—It is this day our painful duty to record the demise of this deeply lamented clergyman, which took place on Sunday morning last, at the residence of the Very Rev. Dr. Coyne, P. P., Dundalk, after a lengthened illness.—*Newry Examiner.*

The Catholics of Fermoy presented the Rev. Michael Donovan, late curate of that town, a service of plate, on his appointment to Carrigobhill curacy.

The Pope celebrated High Mass in St. Peter's, on Easter Sunday last.

It was expected that the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia would leave Algiers on the 22d, for Lisbon.

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### BIRTHS RECORDED.

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AT ST. MARY'S.

- MAY 16.—Mrs. Margaret Delahunty, of a Son.  
 18.—Mrs. Maria Kennedy, of a Daughter.  
 " Mrs. Martha White, of a Son.  
 19.—Mrs. Anne Burke, of a Son.  
 " Mrs. Anne Kelly, of a Daughter.

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### MARRIAGE RECORD.

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- MAY 18.—Joseph Keele and Mary Casey.  
 " John B. Tippett and Johanna Foley.  
 19.—John Cantwell and Rachael Finlay.

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### INTERMENTS.

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AT THE CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

- MAY 21.—Johanna Mitchell, native of Ireland, aged 105 years.  
 22.—Honora, wife of John Lane, native of County Cork, Ireland, aged 64 years.

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