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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.

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CALENDAR.

- FEB. 8.—Sunday—Septuagesima.
9.—Monday—St Zosimus, Pope and Confessor.
10.—Tuesday—St Dionysius, Pope and Confessor.
11.—Wednesday—St Antherus, Pope and Martyr.
12.—Thursday—St Telesphorus, Pope and Martyr.
13.—Friday—St Gregor, II., Pope and Confessor.
14.—Saturday—St Agatho, Pope and Confessor.

THE "MELANGES RELIGIEUX" OF MONTREAL.

We remember to have seen a statement in the papers some time last year that this useful periodical was about to be suspended. It seemed incomprehensible to us, how the Catholics of Canada could afford to lose the services of so valuable an organ, Judge of our agreeable surprise when we received a few days since a copy of the 'Melanges' of so late a date as the 20th. of January, and when we found in its pages a flattering notice of our own humble labours. We are thankful for the good wishes of the Canadian Editor, and we beg to reciprocate his kind sentiments. We can assure him that the 'Cross' has fully realized the wishes of its founders, that it has been a source of instruction and comfort to many of 'the domestics of faith,' who, in the remote and scattered settlements of this and the neighbouring provinces, are not often blessed with the sight of a priest, or the ministrations of religion. The *Cross* was commenced in March, 1843, in connection with the Halifax Branch of the Glorious Association for the Propagation of the Faith. For a long time past it has been the *only Catholic paper* in Nova Scotia, the *only journal*

which has enjoyed the confidence and support of the Bishop and the Clergy. The *Cross* has confined itself exclusively to religious subjects, avoiding with the utmost care all political topics, whether local or foreign, because that spiritual kingdom which the *Cross* would wish to propagate and extend, is not 'a Kingdom of this world.' There are politicians, and political writers enough, heaven knows, 'to whose wranglings and disputes God has delivered up the world,' according to the expression of the Wiseman. That powerful engine, the press, is indeed set in motion for every transitory object, whilst the *one thing necessary*, the great affair of salvation, is unhappily neglected.

The *Cross* moreover studies to defend its own principles without wounding the feelings of those who are outside the pale of the Catholic Church. Hence, it is read by many who do not belong to our communion, and who would turn with disgust from the violence of polemics. It *has been read* by several who once hated our doctrine, because they knew it not, but who now have learned to love the beauty of truth; because they have become the enlightened children of the True Church. We could wish that there was a publication like the *Cross* in every Diocese of America, and especially in those where there are large numbers of our separated brethren. The Diocese of Halifax in point of Catholic population is perhaps one of the smallest in America, and its resources are limited indeed. Yet be it told to the credit of its faithful people, that