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God forbid that 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. 11.

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CALENDAR.

- JANUARY 17—Sunday—II After the Epiph., Feast of the Holy name of Jesus.
 18—Monday—Chair of St. Peter at Rome.
 19—Tuesday—St. Canute King and Martyr.
 20—Wednesday—St. Fabian P. and St. Sebastian Martyrs.
 21—Thursday—St. Agnes V. and M.
 22—Friday—SS. Vincent and Anastasius Mm.
 23—Saturday—Desponsation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SADLER'S ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF THE LIVES OF THE SAINTS.

We promised to notice again this beautiful Edition of the learned work of Alban Butler. It is now a twelvemonth since it was commenced in New York; and such has been the spirit with which it was undertaken, that the whole is completed. The enterprising Publishers have expended between two and three thousand pounds, in producing a respectable Edition of the Lives of Saints, and it is but justice to say, that their laudible efforts have been crowned with success. It is printed with marginal lines, in beautiful new type, and on paper far superior to what is generally used in the States. The whole of the valuable notes are given in extenso, and the work is so distributed that it may be bound in either four, eight, or even twelve volumes. On the supposition, however, that it would be more convenient to bind it in four volumes of about 700 pages each, there are four illuminated Title pages, in gold, and colours.—We should not omit the Illustrations, twenty-five in number, several of which are executed with great spirit, and reflect much credit on the native artists. On the whole we are greatly pleased with the appearance of these volumes, and we think that Europe has never produced an Edition of the Lives of Saints which could be at all compared with this. Moreover, the price is moderate, so that the book is within the reach of all, and as it

has been issued in cheap parts, it is still more easy for every Catholic family to secure the possession of so valuable a treasure.

We would beg to recommend the work not only to Catholics, but to persons of other communions, and we can assure them that it would be difficult to find so much useful and varied information in any other English work with which we are acquainted. The lives and sufferings of the primitive Christians, the Ecclesiastical and profane history of every age and nation; laws, languages, and literature; Christian and Pagan antiquities; geography and chronology, the two eyes of history, music, painting, and architecture;—everything in a word, which could interest the Christian, or the man of letters is to be found in the erudite pages of Alban Butler. Above all, the true genius and spirit of the Catholic Church, the real nature of her dogmas and the venerable authorities by which they are supported, the profound and instructive meaning of her rites and ceremonies, the purity of her precepts, the holiness of her members are portrayed in "the Lives of the Fathers, Martyrs, and other Principal Saints, compiled from original monuments, and other authentic records, illustrated with the remarks of judicious modern critics and historians."

ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

The Quarterly meeting of the Collectors and Members of the Halifax Branch of this Association will be held on Friday Evening next the 22nd inst., at 7 o'clock in the Vestry Room of the Cathedral. A distribution of the 'Annals' lately received from Europe, will take place on that occasion.

It was announced at St. Mary's last Sunday, that in future, all Funerals should arrive at the Church before, or at the latest, three o'clock on week days, and two o'clock, on Sundays, and that the precise hour be communicated to some of the Clergy-men. It was also strongly recommended that the remains of