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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.

- July 19—Sunday—VII after Pentecost. St Symmachus J, Popo and Confessor.
20—Monday—St Jerom Emiliani, Confessor.
21—Tuesday—St Alexius, Confessor.
22—Wednesday—St Mary Magdalen, Penitent.
23—Thursday—St Apolinaris, Bishop and Martyr.
24—Friday—(Vigil.) St Vincent of Paul, Confessor.
25—Saturday—St James, Apostlo.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

On Monday morning the excavations were commenced for the intended addition to the new church. In truth we may call the present edifice but a mere appurtenance to what is now in course of erection. The Catholics of the North End in particular have reason to be proud of this embryo undertaking. It bids fair to be an honor to them and worthy the glorious religion to which they belong. Few will dissent from us in our conviction, that the addition of twenty feet to the original plan is a decided improvement. To remove every doubt, it will be gratifying for the public to know, that the alteration has been unhesitatingly approved of, by architects of some eminence. While the increased length of the transepts will fully consult for the architectural proportion of the exterior it will doubtless better subserve every purpose for the arrangements within. Need we now

say a word to stimulate the zeal of God's house in the bosoms of those who have so generously come forward within the last few months. From what has been so recently exhibited, we have not the smallest misgiving. The good, the earnest, the warm-hearted Catholics are up. They are stirring—they are unanimous. We shall soon see the rough way made plain, and the temple of St. Patrick towering to the skies, as a monument of his children's devotion.

On Thursday evening the sum of fifty-one pounds was handed in by the Committee of Collectors as the subscription for the last month. To this may be added the sum of twenty-three pounds acknowledged by the Very Rev. Mr. Conolly, which includes a donation from the Hon. E. Kenny of twenty pounds, currency. We cannot conclude this notice without adverting to the pride, and to the gratitude we feel at the noble and disinterested conduct of the truckmen, who have almost unanimously volunteered their services for the intended work. This is truly Irish—it is Catholic—in the man who depends upon the day's toil for the maintenance of his family—it is peculiarly the tribute of a warm heart. May the "charity that never faileth" abide with them.

The proceedings of the Committee on Thursday evening, as also the names of the several contributors, will be published in our next number.