

# 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.

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## CALENDAR.

Aug. 24—Sunday XV. after Pentecost—Vespers of the following day.  
 ... 25—Monday—St. Bartholomew, Apostle.  
 ... 26—Tuesday—St. Zopherinus, Pope and Martyr  
 ... 27—Wednesday—St. Joseph of Calasanctius.  
 ... 28—Thursday—St. Augustino, Bishop, Confessor, & Doctor.  
 ... 29—Friday—Beheading of St. John the Baptist.  
 ... 30—Saturday—St. Rose of Lima—Virgin.

## ORIGINAL.

### VISITATION AT DARTMOUTH AND CHEZETCOOK.

On Sunday last the Bishop held a Visitation at Dartmouth. After Mass had been celebrated by the Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Dr. Walsh explained the objects of an Episcopal Visitation. He then addressed an instruction on the Sacrament of Confirmation to those who had been prepared to receive it, and imparted an Indulgence to all the faithful present. The holy rite of Confirmation was administered to 67 persons, 8 of whom were converts. After a brief exhortation to those who had received the Holy Ghost, the ceremonies of the morning concluded, with the Episcopal benediction.

At three o'clock, the Bishop presided at Vespers, and incensed the Altar during the Magnificat. At the close of the service he was attired in black Cope, &c., and went in procession with the Clergy and people to the neighbouring Catholic Cemetery, where he pronounced the absolution over the faithful departed, with the usual ceremonies. Several hundred persons were present, and

the picturesque situation of the grave-yard, which commands an extensive view of the town and harbour of Halifax, added not a little to the interest of the scene. The effect was considerably heightened when the procession slowly defiled down the Cemetery hill, on its return to the Church, during which the Psalm *Miserere* was recited. The prayers, and beautiful remembrance of the dead, which form a portion of the Episcopal duties at the visitation of a parish, afford a striking proof of the pious solicitude of our Holy Mother, the Church, for the happiness of all her children. Her anxious prayers, and devout offices, follow her beloved children even beyond the tomb. The great respect shown to the remains of the Christian, the holy lustrations, the offerings of incense—all attest the doctrine of the Church with regard to the sanctity of our bodies. During life they are signed, sealed, and dedicated, as Temples of the Holy Ghost, and Tabernacles of our adorable Redeemer. In Baptism we are made members of his mystic Body, the Church—in the holy Eucharist we are incorporated with his natural Body; nay, we are in some measure deified by this ineffable union. It is most reasonable therefore, that the Church should pay all manner of respect to Bodies so highly honoured. Let us learn from the respect with which she treats them when dead, the reverential care with which we should guard them from defilement during life.