

# THE CROSS.



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Let 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.

- Oct. 12—XXII Sunday after Pentecost and the 2d Sunday of October—Feast of the Maternity of the B. V. Mary.  
13—Monday—St Edward, King and Confessor.  
14—Tuesday—St Calistus, Pope and Martyr.  
15—Wednesday—St Teresa, Virgin.  
16—Thursday—St Patrick, Bishop and Confessor.  
17—Friday—St Hedwigis, Queen and Widow.  
18—Saturday—St Luke, Evangelist.

### VEHMENT EXERTIONS OF THE CATHOLICS, AT COOBERIE, NEAR FRENCHTOWN, IN COMPLETING A CHURCH.

Cooberie is a back settlement about fifteen miles from the shore, in the neighbourhood of Frenchtown, Clare. After a long interval of desolation the poor Catholics there were lately gladdened by the sight of a priest. We have seen a description of the settlement from a Catholic, who visited it some time ago, and as it conveys an idea of the state of religion there we are tempted to give an extract.

"The place is now little better than upon the morning after the deluge. Amid swamps, and lakes, and gigantic forests, you may here and there see a log-house, little superior to the worst description of mud cabins in Ireland. In many cases, huge stones, and tree-stumps, seem as if to bar up the very doorway. Even some of the poor Irish have come here within the last few years to commence a toilsome and lonely existence, but it was principally intended as a new colony for the surplus population amongst the French. On that account the late Abbe Sigogne was induced to

plant the standard of Catholicity here, by commencing a new Church. Owing to the fewness and the poverty of the people, and the declining energies of the good Abbe in the latter years of his life, the work was left unfinished. It is now in a miserable state, and another winter will leave it a heap of ruins."

Most fortunately, this sad prediction will not be verified. The settlement was lately visited from Frenchtown, by the Rev. Mr. Conolly, who addressed the people, gave them the most consoling assurances, and exhorted them to resume the building of the House of God. This had the desired effect, the people promised their hearty co-operation and a convenient day was appointed for a simultaneous movement. Meanwhile the priest returned to St. Mary's and Montegan, made an appeal to the French Catholics, and succeeded in obtaining Twenty Pounds. With this he returned to Cooberie on the appointed day. The people most punctually assembled, and after the Holy Sacrifice had been offered up by Rev. Mr. Conolly, all fell to work with the most holy eagerness. Their pious task was cheerfully continued for two days, from morning until night. The church was completed, three feet of a stone foundation were built underneath it, and thirteen and a-half window frames, containing 286 panes of glass, were glazed and put in. An entire acre of land was cleared and fenced, and such was the difficulty of clearing, that it required no less than