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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. 11.

HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 27, 1845.

CALENDAR.

- 28—Sunday—Feast of the Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 29—Monday—Dedication of St Michael the Archangel.
- 30—Tuesday—St Jerome.
- 1—Wednesday—St Remigius.
- 2—Thursday—Feast of the Angels Guardian.
- 3—Friday—St Hilary.
- 4—Saturday—St Francis of Assisium.

KETCH HARBOUR.

On Tuesday, 16th instant, the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. Mr. Doyle, went to Ketch Harbour for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. At Portugal Cove the whole population came out to meet them with flags and banners. An immense bonfire was lighted, and the arms were discharged. When the Bishop drew nigh the people knelt at each side of the road, in silence, bearing green boughs, and flags, to receive his blessing. It was a lovely evening; the tremulous light of the moon danced over the placid waters of the Atlantic, and all nature was hushed in profound stillness. It was delightful to behold the influence of religion exhibited in the reverential bearing and lowly posture with which these children of faith sought the benediction of heaven at the hands of its anointed minister.

Similar demonstrations took place at Ketch Harbour. All the colours in the neighbourhood were displayed, there was much hearty cheering, and continued discharges of musketry. The priest presbytery was surrounded, the flags were

waved, the cheering was renewed, and a general round was fired. The Bishop came out, expressed his thanks, and imparted his benediction, when the multitude separated for the night.

On Wednesday morning, at an early hour, Mass was offered up by the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, assisted by Rev. Edmond Doyle, and Rev. Mr. Phelan. After Mass, at which a great number of the faithful received the Holy Communion, the Bishop delivered a discourse on the Gospel of the Day, which was the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis, and also explained the Gospel of Ember Wednesday and the institution of the Ember Weeks.

About eleven o'clock the Visitation commenced, and the Bishop spoke on various topics connected with the state of religion in the district, which were brought under his notice by the clergy. He afterwards proceeded to instruct those who were about to be confirmed, and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to sixty persons. When this interesting rite was over, and some religious Pictures, Medals, &c., were distributed amongst the newly-confirmed, the Bishop and Clergy, vested in black, proceeded to the Cemetery to pronounce the absolution of the faithful departed. The Cross, the Sign of Salvation, was borne first, the whole congregation followed, two and two, in solemn silence, and the service of the dead was performed in the midst of the Burial Ground