

THE CROSS.



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and 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.

HALIFAX, JANUARY 31, 1846.

CALENDAR.

- FEB. 1.—Sunday—IV after Epiphany—St Ignatius, Bishop and Martyr.
2.—Monday—Purification of B V M.
3.—Tuesday—St Dionysius, Pope and Confessor.
4.—Wednesday—St Andrew Corsini, Bishop and Conf.
5.—Thursday—St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr.
6.—Friday—St Hyacinth of Mariscotti, Virgin.
7.—Saturday—St Romuald, Abbot.

* On this day the 17th Anniversary of the Election of his Holiness, Gregory XVI., the Collect for the Pope is recited.

NEW GARRISON CHURCH.

On the 16th instant a General Order was published, announcing that this handsome structure would be opened for divine service on the following Sunday. The ceremony accordingly took place, and a Discourse, suited to the occasion, was delivered by the Lord Bishop. The Church in question is a valuable addition and a great ornament to the North End of the City. Certainly its architectural beauties suffer no diminution from the fact of its being placed in immediate contrast with that unsightly, confused and crazy pile, denominated the North Barracks. We are therefore bound to suppose that the erection of a New Church, will necessarily produce the construction of a New Barrack, more in harmony with the improving spirit of the times, and better calculated to ensure the comfort both of officers and soldiers, and when the old barracks shall be swept away,

may we hope that the street which bears its name will share a similar fate. We cannot imagine any thing more disgraceful to the city than the present condition of this infamous locality, where vice with brazen front exhibits all its beastliness, and dens of profligacy, like so many jaws of hell, lie open day and night to swallow their hapless victims. This is the plague-spot of Halifax; this is the hideous cancer which is eating its way into the vitals of our community, corrupting innocence and honesty, destroying the peace of families, bringing down grey hairs with sorrow to the grave, rendering the mysteries of crime familiar to our youth, and poisoning, in their sources, all the fountains of public morality.

Is it possible that our city authorities can devise no remedy to abate this enormous nuisance? Could not our Legislature check those public and notorious offences, against decency and virtue? Could not some wholesome quarantine be established, to preserve our city from this all-destroying pestilence?

But, we have unconsciously wandered from our purpose. The opening of the New Garrison Church, is no doubt a subject of congratulation to all who will share in its services. However, it is built exclusively for military members of the Church of England. This would be all very well, if there were not members of *other creeds* in her