

# 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.

- JANUARY 10—Sunday—Within the Octave  
 11—Monday—Of the Octave.  
 12—Tuesday—Of the Octave.  
 13—Wednesday—Octave of the Epiphany.  
 14—Thursday—St. Hilary, Bishop and Conf.  
 15—Friday—St. Paul, first Hermit, Conf.  
 16—Saturday—Sr. Marcellus, Pope and Martyr.

## ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The new year has opened auspiciously for the cause of Temperance. On New Year's Day, and during the week, the Rev. President administered the Pledge to a considerable number.—Nearly five hundred received the Pledge at his hands last year. May we hope that as many thousands will do so during the present? Unless intemperance be effectually suppressed amongst the people, and especially the labouring classes, we shall hear of nothing but tales of misery, frightful accidents, sudden deaths, fatal quarrels, wretched wives, famished children, shame, degradation and poverty. Unfortunate drunkard! if these lines should happen to meet your eye, be warned while there is yet time. Repent, before it is too late. The death of a drunkard is one of the most terrible of all calamities. On every drunkard's tomb may be written:

“HERE LIES A SELF-MURDERER,”

Shall this be your unhappy lot? It has been the sad fate of many in this community. It may be yours before the close of the present year. Oh! we conjure you to be wise in time. There is no security against a drunkard's death, except in a total abstinence from the occasion of sin.

The Pledge will be given at St. Mary's every Sunday this year, for the convenience of all. The remedy is therefore always at hand. If any one perishes, he will perish through his own fault.

A great number of persons were enrolled on New Year's Day, being the first Friday of the month, in the Association of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There was a Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament at 7 o'clock that evening, for the benefit of the Members of this Holy Confraternity.

## SECESSION OF GERMAN CATHOLICS AT NEW YORK.

An impostor who has assumed the name of Guistiniani, has been delivering for some time past in the United States, a series of disgusting Lectures. As the Devil never employs his own agents to preach against himself, we are not surprised to hear that the harangues of Guistiniani were well seasoned with the usual quantum of abuse against the Catholic religion. On several occasions many of his hearers were so shocked at the immoral and infidel tendency of his doctrines that they quitted the room in disgust. Nevertheless such was the brazen impudence of the mountebank that he lately proclaimed through the New York papers the astonishing conversion of two hundred German Catholics in that city. The lie was extensively circulated, and we dare say, very generally swallowed. It was published also in some of our Halifax papers, and so much importance was attached to the ravings of this buffoon, that all the Articles