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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.

- MAY 23—Sunday—Pentecost.
 24—Monday—Whit Monday.
 25—Tuesday—Whit Tuesday.
 26—Wednesday—Ember Wednesday, Fast.
 27—Thursday—Whit Thursday.
 28—Friday—Ember Friday, Fast.
 29—Saturday—Ember Saturday, Fast.

THE JUBILEE.

We have been favoured with an early copy of the Bishop's Letter on the publication of the Jubilee in this Diocese, and as no doubt all our readers must be deeply interested in its contents, we republish it with much pleasure:

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE RT. REV. DR. WALSH ON THE PROMULGATION OF THE JUBILEE IN THE DIOCESS OF HALIFAX.

William, by the Grace of God, and the favour of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Halifax.

To our Dearly Beloved Brethren in the Lord, the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Halifax.

Health and Benediction.

DEARLY BELOVED,

A consoling and delightful duty has devolved upon us; and our deep anxiety for your spiritual welfare, we joyfully hasten to discharge it.

It is, to announce to you by the authority of the Apostolic See, the opening, in this diocese, of the Jubilee which has been extended by our Most Holy Father Pius IX to the whole Catholic world, on the auspicious occasion of his elevation to the Papal Chair.

During the past year we solemnized the obsequies and mourned the loss of one of the most glorious and illustrious Pontiffs who ever ruled the Church of God,—a Pontiff whose memory will be justly held in eternal benediction.

In his long and memorable Pontificate the Kingdom of Christ was extended to the very extremities of the earth—the seeds of the gospel were planted by zealous missionaries in almost every part of the known world and were frequently watered with the blood of martyrs.

Very many new Sees were created, many vicariates established, and innumerable Missions opened in the four quarters of the globe, as well as in the Islands of Oceania, through the untiring vigilance, the universal solicitude, the Apostolic zeal and the Paternal care of this affectionate Father of the Faithful and Venerable Head of all the Churches. We too, Dearly Beloved Brethren, are indebted in an especial manner to his late Holiness not only for the erection of this Diocese of Halifax, but also for having imparted the Peace of Heaven with every spiritual blessing, to his dear children in Nova Scotia. Through his mature experience, and enlightened zeal tranquility has been restored, and the extensive propagation of our Holy Religion ensured in this portion of the Church.

We, ourselves, can never sufficiently express the gratitude of our heart for the truly paternal reception with which we were honored by this holy Pontiff, when, some three years since, we had the happiness to visit the Tombs of the Apostles, and the centre of Catholic Unity. For the earnest personal attention which he then paid to all the details of the spiritual condition of this Diocese, for his deep anxiety to heal all your spiritual wounds, we shall ever continue to cherish his august name in grateful recollection.

This being the first time we have addressed you since the lamented death of our late Holy Father, Gregory XVI, we felt that we could not omit the opportunity of rendering this feeble tribute of our respect, our gratitude, and our sorrow, to the hallowed memory of one whose praise is in all the Churches, and who has been a signal benefactor to you, Dearly Beloved Brethren, as well as to ourselves.

But with what hearty thanksgiving should we not offer up our prayers to "the Father of mercies, and God of all consolation" (2 Cor. i. 3) for the truly wonderful manner in which he so