

# 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.

- APRIL 19—Sunday—Low Sunday.  
20—Monday—St Vincent Ferrer, Conf.  
21—Tuesday—St Anselm, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.  
22—Wednesday—SS. Soter and Causus, Popes and Martyrs.  
23—Thursday—St George, Martyr.  
24—Friday—St Fidelis of Sigmaringa, Martyr.  
25—Saturday—St Mark, Evangelist.

By virtue of powers received from the Holy See the Bishop published last week a Plenary Indulgence which may be gained by the faithful in the Diocese of Halifax on any day between Holy Saturday and Ascension Thursday. The conditions are, to approach the sacrament of Penance with contrite dispositions, and to receive the Blessed Eucharist worthily. It is also recommended to pray most fervently for the propagation of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Faith.

## CEMETERY OF THE HOLY CROSS.

The business of this Cemetery has been conducted for nearly three years with a considerable degree of regularity, and with very little trouble or expense to the parishioners. An experiment was made in regulating the charges in 1843. The charges at funerals in the old Cemetery at St. Mary's were nearly all abolished, and an uniform rate was established on such low terms that almost the entire Managing Committee of twenty-four, confidently predicted, that it would

be impossible to keep up the establishment with such insufficient means. The sum charged for all the funeral expenses did not in many instances cover the bare cost of digging the grave, especially in the winter months. In order to make up the deficit, to afford gratuitous interment to the poor, to complete the Mortuary Church, to build a lodge for the sexton, to provide his salary, and to keep the resting place of the dead in a state of progressive improvement, it was one of the regulations in 1843 that an annual collection should be made for the Cemetery Fund in the September of each year. No such collection has since been made—the sums received for family plots have been principally expended in paying off a debt of £200 which was borrowed to complete the Church and Cemetery—the Sexton is still without a lodge, and the ordinary receipts for interments at the present low rate, are not sufficient to pay one half of his moderate salary. As for further improvement in the grounds, it is entirely out of the question. An incredible number of persons have been buried gratuitously. We will most probably enter into details in a future number, from which the Parishioners will see that some change is absolutely necessary. Those who now cry out against the impolicy of the miserably low tariff of 1843 should remember the unprincipled excitement and villainous clamour that were raised on this delicate