

# 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 27.—	Sunday V. after Easter—St Anastasius, Pope and Confessor.
.. 28.—	Monday, St Sixtus, Pope and Confessor.
... 29.—	Tuesday, St Peter, Martyr.
... 30.—	Wednesday, St Catharine of Sienna, Virgin.
MAY 1.—	Thursday, Holiday of Obligation—Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.
... 2.—	Friday, St Athanasius, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
... 3.—	Saturday, Finding of the Holy Cross.

## PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

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## ORIGINAL.

### ORIGEN.

BY A STUDENT.

To memories of old time ! ye seem like stars  
That throw bright radiance o'er the midnight deep.  
Brightening and beautifying, with their rays,  
All—all that else were dark.—

Continued from our last.

But pursue we his career. Whilst Origen was scrupulously observing the precepts of holy writ, in his chair of "Master of Catechumens," seven of his disciples were snatched away by the persecutors of the church, and condemned to death. In their dungeons he did not forsake them, but con-

soled them continuously, and encouraged them with holy hope to brave the terrors which, ere long, they should encounter. They were condemned, yet his presence was not denied them—he beheld them dragged to the place of their final sufferings, yet stood he still beside them pouring into their wounds the oil of consolation. No fear was too overpowering, no scene was too terrific for the loving Origen; chains, and glooms, and racks, were things which his high soul disdained, but on the contrary which he fain would hail as the most glorious means by which life could be terminated.

This mode of conduct contributed much to his influence, and gained over to Christianity numbers of infidels. Persecutions, however, began to surround him chiefly on the part of the Pagans, who, seeing him win away such crowds from their people, endeavoured by every means possible to put an end to his progress. This enraged multitude exerted more and more their powers, and at length watched him so narrowly, that he was constrained to remove his place of residence from site to site, without, however, having the least security that their designs were thus frustrated. He was finally apprehended and subjected to awful tortures. He was beaten, dragged publicly through the streets, and at length was compelled to assist at their idolatrie., by handing to them branches of palm with which they went to worship before their images.