

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.

HALIFAX, MAY 23, 1846.

CALENDAR.

- MAY 24.—Sunday—Feast of B. V. M. as Help of Christians.
- 25.—Monday—St. Gregory VII, Pope and Confessor.
- 26.—Tuesday—St. Philip Neri, Conf.
- 27.—Wednesday—St. John 1, Pope and Martyr.
- 28.—Thursday—Octave Day of the Ascension.
- 29.—Friday—St. Boniface IV, Pope and Confessor.
- 30.—Saturday—Vigil of Whit Sunday. (Fast Day)

Solemn Religious Ceremonial

AT FERGUSON'S COVE.

THE FIRST STONE of the NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH at Ferguson's Cove, will be laid, on Thursday next, the 28th instant, by

THE RIGHT REV. DR. WALSH;

and a Sermon, suited to the occasion, will be delivered by the Very Rev. Mr. Conolly.

For the convenience of those who wish to patronize this holy undertaking, one of the Dartmouth Steamers will afford a gratuitous passage, and will leave the Steam-boat Wharf precisely at 10 o'clock.

N. B.—The St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Temperance Band will attend.

FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.—SYSTEMATIC EXCLUSION OF CATHOLICS.

We have received several communications on this subject, and more than one of our most valued supporters have conjured us 'to play off our engines' against this fiery mass of bigotry. in the

hopes of cooling its ardour. We have been hitherto silent, because we suffer altogether from our friends. We think it immeasurably beneath the dignity of the Catholic body in Halifax to complain of such a pitiful grievance as this, and more especially when an effectual remedy lies in our own hands. Why should we seek to force ourselves on creatures who attempt to spurn us? Why degrade ourselves by looking for an association with men, the epigraph of whose charter seems to be the Antipope motto of the celebrated gates of Bandon? No, no; they have their charter, and let them stick to their bond. We have numbers, wealth and power, more than sufficient, surely, to form an Engine Company of our own. The Catholics of Halifax are to be seen in vast numbers, at every fire in the city, rendering most valuable assistance. If they form a company for themselves, we dare say its Engine will be as well worked as any other in the city. The rivalry then which we would wish to see established is a generous and manly struggle to know who should serve his fellow-citizen most in the hour of peril. Fire, like death, will make indiscriminate ravages amongst persons of all creeds and politics, and in the name of common sense, whenever this destructive element is raging amongst us, let not the citizens of Halifax imitate the conduct of the two powder-monkeys, who threw down their buckets on deck, and had a regular set to, amidst the fire, smoke and thunder