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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.

- 14—3d Sunday of Advent.
- 15—Monday—Octave day of the Conception of B. V. M.
- 16—Tuesday—St Eusebius, Bishop and Martyr.
- 17—Wednesday—(Quarter tence)—Fast—St Clement I., Pope and Martyr.
- 18—Thursday—Expectation of the B. V. M.
- 19—Friday—(Quarter tence)—Fast—St Ambrose, Bishop and Confessor, and Doctor of the Church.
- 20—Saturday—(Quarter tence)—Fast—The undig of the body of St. Stephen, first Martyr.

ST. MARY'S.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

There was a large concourse of the faithful at the Pontifical High Mass which was celebrated in the Cathedral, on last Sunday, by the Bishop. It was offered to Almighty God in Thanksgiving for the success which has hitherto attended the exertions of the great Association for the Propagation of the Faith, and to implore a continuance of the Divine assistance to this glorious work. To cooperate with the Church in the salvation of those precious souls for which Christ died, is one of the most noble and meritorious duties which a Christian can perform. Cheerful alms, and fervent prayer, are the arms of this heavenly warfare. The soldiers of Christ are therefore qualified to engage in this conflict with the powers of darkness. The smallest mite is useful, the humblest prayer is efficacious in promoting the success of the great cause. All the faithful members of the Church are knit together in this bond of love: The

servant missionary makes the sacrifice of his country and his kindred, and devotes himself to a life of privation, suffering and toil. He braves the terrors of death, and the long, lingering martyrdom of persecution, in order to plant the standard of the Cross in benighted lands, to make their 'desert as a place of pleasure, and their wilderness as the garden of the Lord'. Hence we clearly behold the enlargement of Christ's spiritual kingdom, the extension of his Church on earth, the fulfilment of his gracious promises in behalf of the Gentiles, 'I come, that I may gather them together with all nations and tongues: and they shall come, and shall see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send of them that shall be saved, into the Gentiles into the sea, into Africa and Lydia, into Italy and Greece, to the islands afar off, to them that have not heard of me, and have not seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory to the Gentiles' (Isai lxi. 15.) 'When we consider the astonishing success which has crowned the labours of her missionaries in every part of the globe during the last twenty years, may we not address the Church of God in the language of the same inspired writer? 'Enlarge the place of thy tent, and stretch out the skins of thy tabernacles, spare not; lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt pass on to the right hand, and to the left: and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and shall inhabit the desolate cities.' Through