

THE CROSS.



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God forbid that 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.

- JANUARY 1—Friday—Circumcision of our Lord.
- 2—Saturday—Octave of St. Stephen.
- 3—Sunday—(Vacat) Octave of St. John the Apostle.
- 4—Monday—Octave of the Holy Innocents.
- 5—Tuesday—Vigil of the Epiphany.
- 6—Wednesday—Epiphany of our Lord.
- 7—Thursday—Of the Octave.
- 8—Friday—Of the Octave.
- 9—Saturday—Of the Octave.

CHRISTMAS.

The hallowed festival on which we commemorate the birth of the Redeemer has been solemnized with the usual ceremonies in Halifax, and the devotion of the faithful has specially manifested itself in the number of those who have approached the Holy Table of the Lord. When we state that not less than a thousand persons have received the Holy Communion during Christmas week, we furnish the most convincing proof of the increasing spirit of piety amongst our people. The sacred tribunals are still thronged with fervent penitents, and all seem anxious to participate in the blessings of this season of mercy and grace. There were ten public Masses in St. Mary's and St. Patrick's on Christmas Day. So early as five o'clock on that auspicious morning, multitudes, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, were seen wending their way to the House of God, to adore and to receive THE WORD MADE FLESH. The first Mass commenced at six in the Cathedral, and the various services of the morning were closed by a Pontifical High Mass, at eleven o'clock, during which Mozart's No. 2, was beautifully chaunted by the Organ Choir. Nothing could have been given in more exquisite taste than the *Gloria in Excelsis* of this Mass. There was also a High Mass in St. Patrick's at which, we are assured, a recently formed choir acquitted themselves very admirably. After the Solemn Vespers at 3 o'clock

in the Cathedral at which the Bishop officiated pontifically, a Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament was given by his Lordship. To this brief account of the solemnities of the Great Day of joy to all people on which a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord, was born to us, we add with much pleasure another testimony of their faithful attachment to the Church, exhibited by the Catholics of Halifax. Christmas Day is one of the days on which a voluntary offering is made by the faithful towards the respectable support of their Church and its Ministers. The contributions on last Christmas Day were unusually abundant and liberal, and the grateful acknowledgements of the Bishop and Clergy were tendered at the various Masses on Sunday, for this generous support.

A few days before Christmas a Requiem Mass was offered at St. Mary's, and the prayers of the faithful were solicited, for the repose of the soul of the poor man, Glover of Prospect, who, on the occasion of the late melancholy shipwreck there, so nobly sacrificed his life in his anxious endeavours to save his fellow creatures. Such deeds of true charity should not pass unnoticed, or unrewarded. We can only testify our respect for the memory of the victim, and offer up our supplications to the Father of mercies beseeching him to grant life everlasting to him who has forfeited his temporal life in the actual exhibition of fraternal love. He has, however, left mourners behind him to whom the community at large, should offer the tribute of their sympathy and relief. We were happy to see a Subscription List opened by one of the City Journals and we hope this additional notice may attract the charitable attention of many who have not yet given their mite to the family of poor Glover.

COUNTY OF LUNENBURG.

We perceive from the last number of the "Times" that an erroneous statement respecting the number of Catholics in the County of Lunenburg, which appeared some time since in that Paper, has been rectified by a communication from Mr. Mogan of La Have. The "Times" had stated that there were only

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