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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.

HALFAX, MAY 15, 1847.

CALENDAR.

- May 16—Sunday—Within the Octave of the Ascension.
- 17—Monday—St. John Nepomucene, M.
- 18—Tuesday—St. Venantius, M.
- 19—Wednesday—S. P. Celestine, P. and C.
- 20—Thursday—Octave of the Ascension.
- 21—Friday—St. Felix of Cantilicio C.
- 22—Saturday—Vigil of Whit Sunday Semid, (Fast Day)

IS THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND "AS BY LAW ESTABLISHED" THE "CRATURE AND SLAVE OF THE STATE" OR NOT?

(Continued.)

This, however, was only a beginning. Having made their bargain to keep the lands and the tithes, which they had taken from the Church and the Poor, they petitioned the Queen to intercede with the Pope to forgive them for all the sins which they had committed against him and against the Catholic faith; to "assoil, discharge, and deliver them from all ecclesiastical excommunications, interdictions, and censures, hanging over their heads for their faults during the schism, and to take them again into the bosom of Holy Church." The Queen, detesting the monsters in her heart, no doubt, consented, and obtained the Pope's consent, to let them keep the lands and the tithes; not because it was right, but because it was thought to be an evil less than that of a civil war, which might have been produced by a rejection of the terms of this agreement. Having obtained the security, Cardinal Pole was sent over by the Pope, as his legate authorised to give them pardon and absolution.—To work they went, instantly, to repeal every act made, after Henry the Eighth began his rebellion against the Pope; every act at all trenching on the papal authority; but taking special care in the same Act to secure to themselves the safe possession of all the property of the Church and the Poor, which they had grasped during the reigns of Henry and of Edward.—Though, I say I am referring to Acts of Parliament, and though the reader will upon reflection, know that I would not dare to state the substance of those Acts untruly; still I cannot give an adequate idea of the character of these Protestant Church-makers without taking their own words, as I find them in the preamble to this Act, 1st and 2nd of Mary, chapter 8; and when I read it, I always wonder that some scheme or other has not been

invented for the obliterating, for the erasing, from the statute-book, words so dishonourable, so indelibly infamous.

"Whereas, since the twentieth year of King Henry the Eighth of famous memory, Father unto your Majesty our most natural Sovereign, and gracious Lady and Queen, much false and erroneous Doctrine had been taught, preached and written, partly by divers the natural born subjects of this Realm, and partly being brought in hither from sundry other foreign countries, hath been sowen and spread abroad within the same:—By reason whereof, as well the Spirituality as the Temporality of your Highness' Realm and dominions have been swerved from the obedience of the See Apostolic, and declined from the unity of Christ's Church, and so have continued, until such Time as your Majesty being first raised up by God, and set in the Royal seat over us, and then by his Divine and gracious Providence knit in marriage, with the most noble and virtuous Prince the King our Sovereign Lord your Husband, the Pope's Holiness and the See Apostolic sent hither unto your Majesties (as unto persons undefiled, and by God's goodness preserved from the common Infection aforesaid) and to the whole Realm the most Reverend Father in God the Lord Cardinal Pole, Legate de latere, to call us home again into the right way from whence we have all this long time wandered and strayed abroad and we, after sundry long and grievous plagues and calamities seeing by the goodness of God our own errors, have acknowledged the same unto the said our most Reverend Father, and by him have been for the rather at the contemplation of your Majesties, received and embraced unto the Unity and Bosom of Christ's Church, and upon our humble submission and promise made for a declaration of our Repentance, to Repeal and abrogate such Acts and Statutes as had been made in Parliament since the said twentieth year of the said King Henry the Eighth against the Supremacy of the See Apostolic, as in our submission exhibited to the said most Reverend Father in God by your Majesties appeareth: The Tenour whereof ensueth.

"We the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and the Commons, assembled in this present Parliament, representing the whole Body of the Realm of England, and the Dominions of the same in the name of ourselves particularly, and also of the said Body universally, in this our supplication directed to your Majesties, with most humble suit that it may by your Graces intercession and mean be exhibited to the most Reverend Father in God, the Lord Cardinal Pole, Legate, sent specially hither from our most holy Father, Pope Julian the Third and the See Apostolic of Rome, do declare ourselves very sorry and repentant of the Schism and Disobedience committed in this Realm and De-