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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.

- March 8—Sunday—II of Lent.
 9—Monday—St. Francis, Roman Widow.
 10—Tuesday—The Forty Martyrs.
 11—Wednesday—St. Ilgenus, Pope and Martyr.
 12—Thursday—St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Conf. and Doctor.
 13—Friday—Holy Winding Sheet of Our Lord.
 14—Saturday—St. John of God, Confessor.

We beg our readers at a distance, not to be surprised, if for a brief space we diverge from the course which we marked out for ourselves at the establishment of the Cross. A combination of circumstances has made this imperatively necessary. There is now no other Catholic paper in the province, nor has there been for a long time past. Presuming on our wonted forbearance, some opponents, outside the Church were becoming insolent and rampant, whilst a small and contemptible knot of miscalled Catholics have been trying to disturb the repose of their brethren, to set ecclesiastical authority at defiance, and treat their clergy with disrespect. The Cross will discharge its sacred duty in checking the insolence of the one, and curbing the impiety of the other; and it will do this with unsparing determination. We will offer no enemy to fling his insults at us with impunity, nor permit those bad men who are a disgrace to the Catholic name to continue their villainies unchecked. We promise to make short work of them, for they scarcely amount to half a dozen; and we know them well.

The Quarterly Meeting of the St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Temperance Society will be held in the Parochial School Room, on Tuesday evening next, March 10, at 7 o'clock. A very numerous attendance is expected.

We read in a recent number of the *Melanges Religieux* that Monsieur Pierre Bourget, father of the highly revered Bishop of Montreal, departed this life on the 4th ult. at Point Levy, in the full possession of all his faculties, and at the patriarchal age of 91 years. His holy death was an appropriate close to an edifying life. May he rest in peace!

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received a letter of complaint, in which it is stated that for two or three Sundays past, the writer and other members of the Congregation have been disturbed, and disedified, especially during the sermon by what he terms, 'the irreverent behaviour of a contemptible little abridgment of humanity in the Eastern Gallery, at St. Mary's.' If the particulars described by our correspondent, be true, we would recommend him to apply to the Sexton, and tell him the name of the offender. This scoffer in the temple would then be properly watched, and if he presume to repeat his antics, 'a Lover of Order' may be assured that he will be speedily ejected from the House of God.