

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, DECEMBER 12, 1846.

CALENDAR.

- DECEMBER 13—Third Sunday of Advent.
 14—St. Nicholas, B. C.
 15—Octave day of the Conception.
 16—Ember Fast St. Eusebius, B. M.
 17—St. Lucy V. M.
 18—Ember Fast Expect of Deliv. of B. V. M.
 19—Ember Fast.

ROME.

We find the following in the Roman correspondence of the Univers :—

The religious press should be convinced of two things—first, that Pius the Ninth is a Reformer, not a Revolutionist; and secondly, that Rome and the provinces are animated with an unshaken spirit of order. The old revolutionary party has surrendered its arms. The amnesty has not been alone a generous pardon, but also an act of the most profound policy. His Holiness has appealed to the honour of his subjects—the word of honour has been given, and the effect of that appeal cannot be exaggerated. The form of amnesty has perhaps made more friends for the government than the amnesty itself. That reminds me of a sentence I have heard somewhere—‘I pardon because I comprehend.’ Some timid and perhaps evil intentioned persons, profound politicians who always see an abyss behind those acclamations, have been prophesying these three months that the Papacy would soon meet with a reverse. These

same prophets have begun to see they were deceived and they cannot but admire the faithful and respectful attitude of the people. If the least movement was attempted, the Pope would have to say but a word to put it down, so greatly is he beloved, and so odious would those become who might rise in opposition to him or his Government. Even should his wishes or his efforts to introduce beneficial reforms be opposed or thwarted, good will result, for the confidence of the people will thereby be fortified. In that case the people would say—‘It is evident that his Holiness desires to do what is right, since certain parties wish to prevent him.’

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.—We have received the originals of the following letters, but we have space only for the translation of them :—

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS TO THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF PARIS.

PIUS IX., POPE.

“Dearly beloved Sons, Health and Apostolic Benediction.

“The letter which you have dutifully addressed to Us in testimony of the joy and exultation which Our elevation to the supreme dignity of the Head of the Church has caused you, has been felt by Us, and filled Our heart with satisfaction. It has given Us a distinguished proof of your respect