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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.

- DECEMBER 5—Sunday—Second of Advent.
6—Monday—S. Nicholas B. C. Doub.
7—Tuesday—S. Ambrose B. C. and Doct Doub.
8—Wednesday—Conception of B. V. M Doub Hcl. with Oct.
9—Thursday—S. Eutychianus P. M. Doub.
10—Friday—Translation of H House of Loretto G. Doub.
11—Saturday—S. Damasus I P. C. Doub.

THE RIGHT REV. BISHOP POWER

In a late number we announced the melancholy event of the decease of the above estimable and excellent man. How inscrutable are the ways of Providence! Who that, a year ago, had seen Bishop Power in company with his Secretary, the amiable and beloved M. Hay, would have supposed that the latter gentleman would have lived to deplore the death of his beloved Diocesan? Such, however, is our tenure of existence. 'In the midst of life, we are in death.' The shaft of the Destroying Angel knows no exception: it pierces the bosom of the young man, and of the weak; and none can evade its track, or mark its course.

Bishop Power sought not to evade its shafts—he sunk not from the battle ground of duty. He went forth to meet the grisly foe with the same calm composure with which he retired to sleep. He knew his life was in the hands of Him who gave it, and that when he again recalled, the fiat must be obeyed.—Serene, and unmoved, he made his way to the hovels of the poor, and to the bedside of the pestilence-stricken.—He might have called to his aid the rural clergy of the diocese, and have devolved upon them the duties of ministering consolation to the dying. He might, without any imputation of cowardice, or of apathy, have adopted that course of self-preservation which might have promised a long continuance of a life so important to the Catholic Church in Western Canada. But he disregarded all calculations of personal safety, or of public gra-

pediency. He saw his duty, and he had no other thought than to discharge it. He saw his people suffering, and he obeyed the instructive impulse of his benign nature, by hastening to their relief.

Not easily, or soon shall we see his place occupied by a successor who will fill the blank left in the Church, and in the hearts of his surrounding children. Nor is it by the people of his own creed that the deceased is lamented. He has carried with him to the tomb, the regrets and the sympathies of those of all religious persuasions. Wherever he was known, he was beloved; wherever he came he left a friend. He was firm, yet urbane; inflexible in principle, yet courteous and conciliatory in demeanour; he never once forgot the sacred character of his office, yet he ever met his fellow men as men; and treated them with that consideration which a conviction of the universal brotherhood of the human family could dictate. He was a deep student, but his great book, next to the writings of inspiration, was the human heart. He knew all its weakness, and all its longings; and how well he applied that knowledge in his daily intercourse with mankind, his life, and his death may declare.

We cannot close these mournful lines, without giving expression to the gratitude which we feel to our Protestant fellow citizens for the respect manifested by them to the deceased Prelate. The shops, with but one or two exceptions, were all closed on the line of the funeral procession, and thousands thronged to honor the last obsequies of the Bishop of our church. 'Surely we are all brethren. Let us not fall out by the way.'

We have been furnished by a friend of the lamented Prelate, with the following sketch of his career:—

The Right Reverend Michael Power (the deceased Prelate) was born at Halifax, Nova Scotia, on the 17th of October, 1804. In his twelfth year he came to Canada, arriving here in June 1816, and prosecuted his studies at the Seminary of St. Sulpice, Montreal.

His theological studies were subsequently carried on partially in Quebec and Montreal. On the 18th August, 1827, being then in his 23d year, he was ordained to the priestly office, and immediately commenced his labors at Drummondville, in Lower Canada, at the same time having the clerical supervision of