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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. 11.

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CALENDAR.

- Dec. 7—2d Sunday of Advent.
- ... 8—Monday—Feast of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ... 9—Tuesday—St Eutichianus, Pope and Martyr.
- ... 10—Wednesday—(Fast day)—The Feast of the Translation of the House of Lorette.
- ... 11—Thursday—St Damascus I., Pope and Confessor.
- ... 12—Friday—(Fast day)—St Melchisedes, Pope and Martyr.
- ... 13—Saturday—St Lucia, Virgin and Martyr.

ST. MARY'S.

On Saturday last, the anniversary of the demise of the Right Rev. Edmund Burke, Bishop of Sion, and first Vicar Apostolic of Nova Scotia, an office and solemn Mass for the repose of his soul were celebrated in St. Mary's Church. Six clergymen and the Bishop assembled to perform this religious duty. The Cathedral was hung in black. A catafalque surrounded with lights was placed in the middle of the choir, and on the coffin were placed the usual Episcopal emblems. The High Mass was chaunted by the Right Rev. Dr. Walsh, attended by Rev. Mr. Cully as Deacon, Rev. Mr. Tracy, Sub-Deacon, and Rev. Mr. McIsaac, Master of the Ceremonies. After the Mass, the Bishop performed the affecting ceremony of the Absolution, during which the *Libera* was sung with great effect by the organ choir. The thrilling and pathetic *Sequence* in the Mass—the 'Dies

ira,' which Sir Walter Scott so often loved to recite, was executed with much judgment and musical taste. Though a quarter of a century has now elapsed since the death of Bishop Burke, the memory of his virtues, learning and zeal, is still fondly cherished by the Catholics of Halifax. Truly has the Royal Psalmist declared that 'the just man shall be in everlasting memory.'

On Sunday, the first of Advent, and of the Ecclesiastical year, the High Mass at the Cathedral was attended by a large concourse of the faithful. Rev. Mr. Tracy was celebrant, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hennesy as Deacon, and Rev. Mr. Nugent as Sub-Deacon. The Bishop, assisted pontifically, and gave the Benediction at the end. It was announced that during Advent, on Wednesday and Friday evenings, there would be a service in the Church, that on the same evenings, as well as on Saturdays, the confessions of the faithful would be heard, and that on every week day during this holy season there would be a late Mass at 10 o'clock, for the convenience of those who cannot attend at the earlier hours.

At the close of the Solemn Vespers, the Rev. John Nugent, of St. Mary's College, entered the Sanctuary, and having solicited and obtained from the Bishop the blessing prescribed by the Church, he ascended the pulpit, and delivered a Discourse on the Gospel of the Day, which was listened to