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God forbid that 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.

FEBRUARY 14—Sunday—Quinquagesima Semid.
15—Monday—St. Martin V. and M.
16—Tuesday—St. Gregory X., P. and Conf.
17—Wednesday—Ash Wednesday.
18—Thursday—St Raymond of Pennafort C.
19—Friday—Crown of Thorns of our Lord J. C. G.
20—Saturday—Prayer of our Lord J. C. G.

FAMINE IN IRELAND AND THE HIGHLANDS.

Fifteen hundred Pounds sterling were voted by the Assembly of New Brunswick a few days ago for the suffering people of Ireland and the Highlands, Nova Scotia voted the munificent sum of one thousand pounds, but the difference between this and the New Brunswick Grant has been amply made up in abuse by a villainous article in the *Morning Post*. The wretch who wrote it, must have thought that the Irishmen of Halifax were divested of all spirit, when he dared to publish that heartless comment on the famine-stricken victims of that noble nation. The creature who could chuckle over the agonies of the famished and the dying, must have more of the fiend than of the man, in his composition. Our beloved country, it is true, is now groaning under the weight of a terrible visitation; but the Almighty hand that strikes is one of mercy and justice. Tens of thousands are already released from all the ills that flesh is heir to, and have exchanged, we doubt not, the cruel slavery of their earthly prison, for the glorious and enduring liberty of the children of God in heaven. At the same time, the justice of Providence is, and will be fully vindicated. Ireland hangs like a mill-stone on the neck of her oppressors. The alien government, the domestic tyrant, the iron landlord, the grasping tithe-proctor, the surplussed plunderer, are all brought upon their knees by this stroke of Divine vengeance. Never, never can they bring Irishmen back to their former degraded position. The potatoe scourge will excoriate the back of her hardened-oppressors far more deeply than all the harangues of the Repeal Association.

But, because Irishmen at home and abroad are of opinion that if Ireland had the management of her own affairs, as we have in Nova Scotia, she would cease to be an object of pity to surrounding nations, as well as of deep disgrace to England, they must be insulted by that graceless whelp of the *Post*! Because the Irish even in the midst of their sufferings, do not forget their old and true friend—because they are not ungrateful to him whose giant arm at one stroke burst asunder the bonds of ages, and shivered to pieces, the doors of St. Stephen's—because they still look with confidence to this Political Moses for their entire deliverance from Egyptian bondage, their screams of woe must be mocked by the foul ribaldry of the '*Post*!' We tell the catiff to beware. We have a jack-plane sharp enough, we promise him to take shavings even off his callous hide.

Once for all, we repeat, that we are sincere lovers of peace. Our columns afford abundant proof of this. But those who imagine that the Editors of the *Cross* will look on with folded arms whilst their country and their religion are wantonly insulted by every jackanapes of a talentless press, or a bigotted party, were never so mistaken in their lives. Peace then for us on honourable terms, with all creeds, and all parties, or else

“THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS attended Church at St. Mary's on Sunday last. The appearance of a military company in St. Mary's was a novel and affecting scene. Should they ever have an opportunity of meeting the enemy, they will give a good account of themselves.”

We have extracted the above from our Boston contemporary, and we have done so to record our humble disapprobation of the fact and the opinion. We could never see the propriety of Irish Catholic interference in the Mexican war, nay we always pined from our hearts the foolish conduct of many of our misguided countrymen in the States, who without any obligation whatsoever volunteered their services for the purpose of “killing and slaying” an unoffending Catholic people with whom they had no cause of quarrel. The whole civilized world are unanimous in condemning the unprincipled conduct of the Americans