

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.

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CALENDAR.

- FEB. 22.—Sunday—Quinquagesima.
23.—Monday—Vigil St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Confessor.
24.—Tuesday—St. Mathias, Apostle.
25.—Wednesday—Ash Wednesday.
26.—Thursday—St. Margaret of Cortona, Penitent.
27.—Friday—Feast of the Crown of Thorns.
28.—Saturday—St. Peter's Chair at Antioch.

NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD.

By the Cambria which arrived on Tuesday morning, after an unusually quick passage at this season of the year, various items of important intelligence have been received.

The Corn Laws are irrevocably doomed. There may be still one short and fierce struggle to avert their fate; but it is sealed. No living man can tell the consequences of the mighty change in the commercial policy of England. Poor Ireland is still in the throes of agony; and for nearly the twentieth year since the Union she is partially menaced with Mercion Bills and Special Commissions. A famine supposed to be imminent, and disease is already making frightful ravages amongst its helpless and self-starved victims. Let us hope that an effectual remedy will be applied before it is too late, before the whole country shall be turned into one Lazarus house. The nomination of Ecclesiastics worthy to succeed the late Bishop of Ossory has taken place, according to the Concordat agreed to with the Irish Church by Pius VIII, in 1829. The Archbishop of Dublin, and his two Suffragans, Bishop Haly of

Kildare, and Bishop Keating, of Ferns, went to Kilkenny to the Election. The greatest number of votes was given to the Very Rev. Doctor Walsh, P. P. of Slieverue, near Waterford, and for a great number of years previously, President of the Diocesan College at Birchfield, near Kilkenny, and the Rev. John O'Hanlon, the highly distinguished Professor of Theology in Maynooth College. Dr. O'Hanlon is a native of the Diocese of Ossory, and Dr. Walsh was born within a few miles of Waterford, on the Kilkenny side of the Suir. We have the pleasure of knowing both these eminent Ecclesiastics, and sure we are, no matter on whom the choice of the Holy See may fall, that either will be an honour to the Mitre, and an invaluable pastor to the widowed Church of Ossory. Some of the Irish papers talk about the patriotism and politics of the respective candidates for the vacant mitre, as if these were some of the essential qualifications for the bishopric, or as if there could be found in the clerical ranks in Ireland, of any order, a single priest or bishop who is not in his heart and soul a genuine Irishman, or who does not ardently desire the happiness and prosperity, both spiritual and temporal, of his native land. Dr. Walsh and Dr. O'Hanlon are both genuine Irishmen in every sense of the word.

The papers have furnished us with the particulars of an investigation recently held by Dr. Crolly, the Primate of Ireland, in the case of the misunderstanding which has so long subsisted between Dr. Black, the pious and learned Bishop of Dromore,