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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.

- JULY 25—Sunday—IX after Pentecost, St. James, Apostle.
- 26—Monday—St. Anne, Mother B. V. M. G.
- 27—Tuesday—St. Paschal Baylon C.
- 28—Wednesday—St. Victor J. P. M.
- 29—Thursday—St. Felix II, P. M.
- 30—Friday—St. Martha, Virgin
- 31—Saturday—St. Ignatius of Loyola, C.

THE ACADIANS OF NOVA SCOTIA.

We have received the most gratifying accounts from various parts respecting the dispositions of the French Catholics in Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. Everything had been done to conceal from them the abominable attacks on their religion and clergy for the last six months. But their eyes are now fully opened. They understand the real character of the Tory hypocrites who have had the audacity to solicit their votes.—There was a time when their forefathers were driven forth at the point of the bayonet from their happy homes—when their churches were demolished, their priests hunted into the wild woods, their buildings set on fire, and themselves transported like felons into distant lands. Do the Tories, and haters of the Catholic religion imagine that the French Catholics of Acadia forget all this? Do they think they can blind any Catholic so far as to make him believe they would not enact the same scenes over again if they dared, or if they had the power! With the virulent and abusive articles of the Tory Press staring him in the face, how could any Catholic be imposed on! The two Bishops of the Province, all the Priests, the Religious Orders of the Catholic Church, the sacrifice of the Mass, the seven Sacraments, the Saints of God, the most Blessed Mother of our Saviour, all have been abused, calumniated, insulted, held up to the most scornful ridicule by the villainous, mercenary, degraded, and lying press which supports the Attorney General and the bigotted pack of Tories who follow in his wake. What grosser insult could be offered to any Catholic, French, Scotch, Nova Scotian, or Irish, than to ask his

vote, or interest, or countenance for any one of this Tory gang, May we not virtually translate such a Tory appeal into the following terms?

“Monsieur ———, or Mr. ———, as the case may be; I have come to ask your vote and interest at the approaching election, and I know you will vote for me, because I am one of the tail of the Attorney General, and one of the supporters of this Tory and Anti-Catholic Government.

Vote for me, because the Tory Papers which support me and which I support in return, have been every week, nay, almost every day, for the last six months, abusing your religion, your clergy and your Bishops.

Vote for me, because my Papers have called you ‘a damnable idolator, a priest-ridden, and superstitious creature, an image worshipper, a cake and wafer eater!’

Vote for me, because my papers have spoken of the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, as if she were a Harlot, and of the Saints of God as if they were so many felons.

Vote for me, because we have called your Eucharist ‘guts and garbage—cakes and wafers,—the gutter vomitings of a mad dog—the breadden idol’—(We dare not commit to paper the other horrid blasphemies.)

Vote for me, because we have laughed at your Mass and its ceremonies—because we have turned into ridicule the episcopal robes of your Bishops, and the sacred vestments of your priests.

Vote for me, because we have spat upon, and covered with all the slaver of our foul venom all the objects that pertain to religious worship, even the sacred vessels in which you pretend the Body and Blood of Christ are consecrated.

Vote for me, because if my party get into power, we will keep up the No Popery cry, we will trample on all the rights and feelings of Catholics, we will exclude them from all office, we will patronize and reward their bitterest enemies.

Vote for me, because my Tory Father or Grandfather robbed, despoiled, exiled, and murdered your ancestors—burned their houses, destroyed their corn,—mutilated their cattle, and banished their priests into the fastnesses of the forest.