

THE CROSS.



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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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

January 7th, Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany.

8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, of the Octave of the Epiphany.

13th, Saturday, octave day of the Epiphany.

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We have conducted our little Journal to the close of the year 1843, and we are about to commence a new volume with the New Year.

We have long forborne to say anything on the merits or prospects of our unpretending Periodical. We felt the want of such a vehicle of religious instruction, and we were sanguine in our expectations of the good which it would effect, and the success which it ought to command. After its publication had commenced, we were often restrained by delicacy from urging its claims on the attention of our fellow Catholics, although we sometimes felt that more zeal might have been manifested in its circulation and support throughout the Province.

But now that we are commencing a

we may be permitted to address a few words to all those who are equally concerned with ourselves in the progress of this good work.

The Cross was never undertaken as a literary speculation, from which any temporal reward was expected. The best proof of this assertion is the quantity of valuable matter which has been issued weekly at a sum which could not cover the cost of printing and paper, unless in the case of an immense circulation. We will hazard a bold assertion on this point—*In no part of the Catholic world has been published for the last year a Weekly Paper at so trifling a sum, and containing so vast an amount of interesting, useful, and instructive reading.* And is it not a creditable as well as fortunate circumstance for the Catholics of Halifax that such a Journal is published in their City?

But was the Cross wanted in Nova Scotia? To such an interrogatory we should scarcely condescend to reply.—

A Periodical like the Cross is wanted