

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.

- JUNE 29—Sunday VII after Pentecost—Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles—Vespers of the same day
 30—Monday—Commemoration of St. Paul, Apostle.
 JULY 1—Tuesday—The Octave of St. John the Baptist
 2—Wednesday—The Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 3—Thursday—St. Paul, 1st Pope and Confessor.
 4—Friday—St. Venantius, Martyr.
 5—Saturday—St. Pascal, Baylon, Confessor

ORIGINAL.

A GLANCE AT THE GOSPEL OF TO-MORROW, 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

MATT. 7TH CH. 15 to 21ST VERSE INCLUSIVE.

The Saviour has just given an exposition of the great moral duties of man; the Old Law has received its perfectability and emendation; the dispensations of fear and love, of exclusiveness and communion, of him who "was like a servant in his Master's House," and of him who was like "an heir in the house of his Father," have been contrasted; the great summary of charitable obligation has been made; and Jesus echoes the exclamation, which it is to be presumed, the auditors already had made when they had listened to his discourse—"How narrow is the way which leads to life!" The Saviour, then, having encouraged them to "enter by the narrow way" would guard them from some of the dangers incidental to travel, and commences the Gospel of to-morrow by telling his followers to "beware of False Prophets!"

The very difficulties of the journey are calculated to arouse the pretensions of deceit; and the important interests involved in the issue are calculated to awaken anxiety for a proper guide. In these circumstances it is of overwhelming importance to "beware of False Prophets!"—men who are seductive and blind, infatuated but destructive, and who, realizing the characters, also realize the fate of the blind leading the blind—"both fall into the ditch."

It is obvious that a caution on this subject should have been vain, without a knowledge of some characteristic, by which the "False Prophet" could be known. The first expression used by our Lord in his regard is, that he "comes." He is not sent. He has no regular mission. His are not the footsteps upon the beautiful mountains evangelising "good things, evangelising PEACE." They are these (Jer. 23, 21) of whom God says, "they ran, and I sent them not."

They come, however, "in the clothing of sheep." "Pastor" was the frequent and cherished title which our Lord bestowed upon Teachers. He said to his Disciple, "Feed my Lambs." And he calls himself a Shepherd (John 21, 17), "I am the Good Shepherd." The False Prophets will come clothed as Shepherds—pretending to an office to which they have never been appointed—discharging a function which has never been confided to their care. It becomes still more necessa-