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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. 11.

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## CALENDAR.

- Jan. 11—Sunday—Within the Octavo.
- 12—Monday—Of the Octave.
- 13—Tuesday—Octavo day of Epiphany.
- 14—Wednesday—St. Hilary, Bishop and Confessor.
- 15—Thursday—St. Paul, first Hermit, Confessor.
- 16—Friday—St. Marcellus I., Pope and Martyr.
- 17—Saturday—St. Anthony, Abbot.

## ST. MARY'S CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

On Monday evening, 29th ult., the Quarterly Meeting of this most useful Society was held in the New Vestry. The attendance of members was unusually numerous, and all present seemed to take a deep interest in the proceedings. The Rev. Mr. Conolly, Vice President of the Society, occupied the chair, and was assisted by Rev. Messrs. Tracey, Nugent, and Hennessy. On the roll of members being called, upwards of Twelve Pounds were received in quarterly dues. Mr. Peter Morrissey, the very efficient superintendent at the North End, handed in a return of the number of children in attendance there, at Catechism, for the last five months, which was highly satisfactory. Mr. Compton, the Secretary, gave in a return of the number of boys in attendance at St. Mary's for the past four months, and Miss McSweeney reported the number of girls for the same period. Several ladies and gentlemen were then proposed and admitted as members. Arrangements for the examination of the children, and for the purchase and

distribution of premiums, were also made, as well as to procure clothes at this inclement season for such poor children as could not attend Catechism. It was resolved that the Bishop should be requested to have an appeal shortly made by one of the clergymen for this pious purpose.

The Examinations at St. Mary's were directed to be made on the second Sunday of January, (tomorrow) and those at St. Patrick's, on the fourth Sunday, the distribution of premiums to take place on the Sunday after each examination. A sum of Eighteen Pounds was appropriated for the purchase of suitable premiums. All the ladies who taught Catechism at St. Mary's, for the past quarter, kindly volunteered their services for the next three months, and the gentlemen creditably followed their example, with one or two exceptions. We are delighted to be able to make the same statement concerning the Male and Female Teachers at the North End. Before the meeting separated a resolution was passed that the absent Members should be requested to pay up their arrears without delay in order to increase the fund which is to be soon devoted to such noble, charitable, and benevolent purposes.

We have always considered the Catechistical Society as second in importance to none in the parish. It is a powerful auxiliary to the Clergy in the Christian instruction of youth. Already it has achieved much good for the Catholics of Halifax,