

# 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.

HALIFAX, DECEMBER 26, 1846.

## CALENDAR.

- DECEMBER 27—St. John Apostle and Evangelist.  
28—Holy Innocents M. M.  
29—St. Thomas of Canterbury B. M.  
30—Of the Octave 6th day Sem.  
31—St. Sylvester, I. P. C.

## ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

We lately published the letters of His Holiness to the Central Council of Lyons and Paris, in which he bestows his august patronage and benediction on this great work. From recent accounts it appears that Pius LX., was one of the earliest supporters of the Association in Italy. So long ago as 1837, when the nature of the Institution was hardly known beyond the Alps, the illustrious Bishop of Imola was the first Prelate in the Roman States who raised his voice in favour of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. The Collections made in his Diocese exceeded those of all the surrounding cities with the exception of Rome. In 1839 and 1841, he published two additional Pastorals which testify his anxious and persevering solicitude, for the success of the Association. We have therefore every reason to hope that under his glorious Pontificate the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, will not only continue to prosper, but make more noble conquests than it has ever yet achieved. We are delighted to perceive that in the No. of the Annals for May last, the sum of 2000 francs is stated to have been received from Halifax during the previous year. This is indeed a record of which Halifax may be justly proud.

## CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

A Quarterly meeting of St. Mary's Catechistical Society was held on Monday evening, the 15th inst., the Rt. Rev. Dr. Walsh in the Chair, assisted by the Very Rev. the Vicar General and Rev. Messrs. McIsaac and Daly.

The business of the evening was commenced by taking up the quarterly dues—stating the proceedings of the past quarter and receiving the returns of the superintendants of the Classes at St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. From those returns the average number of children of both sexes attending catechism during the past summer were at St. Mary's 506,—at St. Patrick's 213, making a total of 700 and upwards receiving the benefit of religious instruction.

Since the commencement of the winter season, the number has somewhat decreased owing to a want on the part of many of the children, of clothing suitable to the season. The sum of thirty pounds was voted and placed at the disposal of a Committee of ladies and gentlemen, as the nucleus of a Clothing Fund.

The following resolutions were then passed, one directing the Secretary to notify all defaulting members that unless their dues were paid up previous to next quarterly meeting, their names should be erased from the Books.

Another, directing the sixty pounds worth of fuel stored, for the relief of the poor, to be issued on the last Monday of January next.

The following new members were admitted—Miss Ann Lannigan, Miss M. A. O'Neil, Messrs. James Duggan, Patrick Wallace and Edward Wallace.

The Quarterly dues received, amounted to upwards of Nine Pounds.

P. J. COMPTON,

Secretary.

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH—SUBSCRIPTIONS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

Collected by Messrs. Thomas Walsh and Wm Jamieson.

Michael Flannery, Martin Murphy, Mrs. Horn, Timothy Carrigan, Mrs. Nevill, and Miss Mary Nevill 1s 3d each; Maurice Bride, William Jamieson, Thomas Walsh, and Mr. Bulger's family