

# THE CROSS.



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ed 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.

- Nov. 30—1st Sunday of Advent.  
 Dec. 1—Monday—St. Didaous, Confessor.  
 2 Tuesday—St. Bibiana, Virgin and Martyr.  
 3 Wednesday—(Fast day) St. Francis Xavier, Confessor.  
 4—Thursday—St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Conf.  
 5—Friday—(Fast day) St. Andrew, Apostle.  
 6—Saturday—St. Nicholas, Bishop and Confessor.

## DEATH OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF COLOGNE.

This illustrious Confessor of the Faith, and most glorious ornament of the Church in the 19th century, has been at length released from his mortal sufferings, and called to receive the reward of his apostolic labours. He has left to his country, and to the Church, a name not more ennobled by illustrious lineage than by the splendor of his many virtues. In times of peril he was a tower of strength, and a pillar of light, to the Catholics of Germany. Guardian of the Faith, and of canonical discipline, he preserved the sacred 'deposit' with unshaken courage. That Holy Faith he prized more than his liberty, more than his life. No threats could daunt, no bribes could seduce, no cunning deceive him. With that noble independence which the sacerdotal character should always possess, he 'spoke of the testimonies of the Lord in the sight of Kings,' and in the peaceful assertion of the rights of conscience withstood all the fury of a ruthless persecutor. Honour to the

memory of Clement Augustus, who 'put no trust in princes,' who preferred 'to obey God rather than men!' His sufferings were indeed great, and the cruelty of his persecutors almost unexampled in the present age. Assailed by calumnies, seduction and threats, he was found immovable. His remorseless enemy, the late King of Prussia, had his palace surrounded at night by armed troops, and in the dead of night the aged and suffering prelate was torn from his bed, and hurried off to the fortress of Minden where for a long time he was kept in the most rigorous captivity. In the beautiful Pastoral which he addressed on that occasion to his sorrowing flock, he thus writes:—

Torn by the force of arms from children who are so dear to my heart, separated by a sorrowful captivity from the flock that God has given to my charge, the only thing in my power, my dear children, amid the affliction that overwhelms you, is to comfort you by the word of the Lord, who will sustain and animate your courage.

"I am united to you, as I ought to be, by an indissoluble tie. For I bear you all in my heart in this captivity, by which I render testimony to the Gospel.

"Know, dear children, that whatever may happen me, is all prepared by the Lord, for the advancement and glorification of his Church. The chains with which I am loaded have become visi-