

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.

- March 1.—Sunday—1 of Lent.
 2.—Monday—St Simplicius, Pope and Conf.
 3.—Tuesday—St Martina, Virgin and Martyr
 4.—Wednesday—Ember.—St Lucius, Pope and Martyr.
 5.—Thursday—St Casimir, King of Poland, Conf.
 6.—Friday—Ember. Lance and Nails of Our Lord.
 7.—Saturday—Ember. St Thomas of Aquin, Conf and Doctor.

ST. MARY'S.

The largest congregation seen for a long time, filled our Cathedral on Ash Wednesday. The Ashes were solemnly blessed by the Bishop, and distributed to the Clergy, and attendants in the sanctuary. His Lordship then read the 50th Psalm, and the Litanies of the Saints, after which he commenced Mass, attended by the Rev. Messrs. Conolly, Tracey, Nugent and Hennesy. The Holy Sacrifice being over the distribution of the ashes was resumed by the Bishop and Clergy. Several thousands of the faithful received this penitential and impressive rite with the salutary *Memento* which accompanied it *that they were but dust, and unto dust they would one day return.*

INTEMPERATE ORATORS.

"Great on the bench, great in the saddle,
 That could as well bind o'er as swaddle."—HOLLAND.

We perceive with regret in one of the Morning papers that a member of our community whose years ought to be a guarantee for more sense, has been making 'a holy show' of himself in 'the spout

ing lino' before a motley audience, during the past week. This poor man would be much more respected if he confined himself to his workshop and the education of his children. No matter what he may think to the contrary, we believe he is much more qualified for the discharge of those important duties, than for reading lectures at popular assemblies to the Clergy of Halifax. For the present we shall say no more on this subject, but conclude with the apposite wish of the Scottish Bard.

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
 To see ourselves, as others see us
 It wad frae mony a blunder free us
 And foolish notion!"

ST. JOHN'S, NEW BRUNSWICK.

We see from a late number of the St. John Liberator, that there are a handful of misguided persons in that town, pretending to belong to our Church, who fancied they might bring themselves into some notoriety by opposing the just wishes of their good Bishop, and the overwhelming majority of his beloved flock on a question of obvious utility to the interests of religion in the Diocese of New Brunswick. The Catholics are naturally anxious to have the Church possessions throughout the Diocese legally secured for ever, so that it would be impossible to divert them from the sacred purposes to which they are devoted. With the exception of a few places in America (where religion was in its infancy) this has been the custom throughout the whole Catholic world, because it