

THE CROSS.

"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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WEEKLY CALENDAR.

- March 5 Sunday 1. of Lent.
6. Monday, SS Vincent and Anastasia, transferred from Jan. 29.
7. Tuesday S Thomas of Aquin, Doctor and Conf.
8. Ember Wednesday, S. John of God Conf.
9. Thursday S. Frances Roman widow
10. Ember Friday Corn of the Lawe and Nails which signify our Lord Christ
11. Ember Sunday, S. Margaret of Carthage. Pentecost from Feb. 26.

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The objects of this Publication are so fully explained by an article in the REGISTER of Tuesday last, that we prefer giving it insertion to any observations we might make:

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith having resolved that a small Religious Publication should issue on Friday evenings throughout the Lent; and deeply impressed from an earnest conviction of its usefulness that during that Penitential season such a Religious Miscellany devoted exclusively to an explanation of the ritual Services of the Church and edifying extracts from authors of approved piety, would salutarily subserve the aims of their spiritual superiors, in exciting within our Catholic auditory a frame of mind suitable to the serious solemnities of the Season,—they have determined to make the essay, and will every Friday publish a small Paper, designed as the agent of these pious offices.

The pages of this little Periodical will be marked by an entire exclusion of all topics foreign to, or irrelevant to, the one holy and undivided object; and no passage of either a secular or political tendency will be suffered to sluce within its columns.

A sincere observance of the rule thus prescribed will, it is hoped, secure to the little Work the approbation and aid of all who feel a proper interest in the sacred importance of Catholic instruction and religious improvement, and will not fail to produce a favourable, frank, and fervid sympathy with the purposes of the Association.

The Association feel that their present design, by the oneness of its spiritual character, and the utter absence of every thing that may jar with local or temporal interests—will present, in its periodical appearance, a most interesting place for the mind of the reader at this Holy Season, where it may retire, as for a respite, from the agitation and disquiet of the world, and assist its other devotional duties by various perusals.

That such a little Miscellany as the one contemplated has been a desideratum, the Association feel, inasmuch as many conscientious persons, during the Penitential periods of the Church, object, that the immortal concerns of the Lord's Spiritual Kingdom should be mixed with the petty secular and transient interests of this distracted life; nor do they willingly witness, at such times, the cares and passions of the world in juxtaposition with the high aims and holy aspirations of Heaven.

Another and not inferior object, which weighs with the Association, is the dispersed condition of the Catholics of the Province—many of whom, unavoidably far from the practical ministrations of the Church, and precluded by the expense of books of piety from access to their contents, will thus find these little sheets the depositories of pious information,—and, it may be, the best possible substitutes for that Oral Instruction which, in their isolated