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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.

- JANUARY 31—Sunday—Septuagesima Sunday.
FEBRUARY 1—Monday—St. Ignatius B. and M.
2—Tuesday—Purification of B. V. M.
3—Wednesday—St. Dionysius P. C.
4—Thursday—St. Andrew Corsini B. and Conf.
5—Friday—St. Agatha V. and M.
6—Saturday—St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti V

CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

The Committee for the clothing of the poor, and the distribution of fuel seem to have increased their charitable exertions in proportion to the severity of the weather. Nearly eighty poor girls received last week various articles of clothing which were made up by some benevolent Ladies in the Parish. In consequence of the exhausted state of the Clothing Fund many poor applicants went away disappointed. We understand, however, that a further sum has been placed at the disposal of the Ladies of the Committee for the purpose of procuring additional clothing. For this timely relief, as well as for some valuable assistance to the Fuel Fund, the Parish is indebted to the liberality of the late Judge Uniacke who bequeathed £50 to the Parish of St. Mary, and a similar sum to the Charitable Irish Society. Throughout life the lamented Judge was warmly attached to his Irish fellow-citizens, and he has thus proved in death, the sincerity of his affection. We know that the feeling was reciprocated, and that the Irish of Halifax will cherish the memory both of the Father, and the Son.—The Judge should have degenerated indeed, if his heart did not beat with the purest affection for the exiled children of his Fatherland.

Tickets for fuel were distributed on Monday last, and on Wednesday the distribution of coals, &c., took place, when about one hundred and twenty poor families, without any distinction of religion, were relieved.

In order that the committee may be enabled to continue the distribution of Fuel during the severest portion of the winter which yet remains, it was announced at the Cathedral last Sunday that a Charity Sermon would be preached at Vespers on to-morrow. It is earnestly hoped that the entire parish will respond to this charitable appeal, and that those who cannot attend the Sermon, will not fail to give their contributions at the various Masses throughout the morning.

A Singing School has opened at St. Mary's for the purpose of teaching Sacred Music. The teacher Mr Scribner is, from all we have heard, fully competent to perform the duty which he has undertaken. A large class is already formed, and the progress of the pupils seems to give universal satisfaction. So favorable an opportunity may never occur again, and we hope it will be very generally embraced.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We have received a Letter signed "A Catholic," to which we would have willingly given insertion if the writer had subscribed his name. It has reference to our remarks last Saturday under the head of the Catechistical Society. "A Catholic," in endeavouring to excuse scores of persons who absented themselves from the sewing room when clothes were to be made up for the poor, is ignorant or audacious enough to assert what we know to be false—namely that "the affair was conducted in a private manner." The "affair" was as publicly conducted as any other Parochial concern. It was managed at a meeting of the Catechistical Society which was previously announced from the Altar, at which the Bishop