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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.

- JUNE 6—Sunday—Within the Octave, II after Pentecost, St. Norbert B. & C.
7—Monday—Of the Octave.
8—Tuesday—Of the Octave.
9—Wednesday—Of the Octave.
10—Thursday—Octave of Corpus Christi.
11—Friday—Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus G
12—Saturday—St. Leo. III, P. C.

BERMUDA—TEMPERANCE—EMIGRATION.

We have seen a private letter from the Rev. Mr. Nugent, the present Missionary at Bermuda, from which we have been kindly permitted to make an extract or two. The friends of the Temperance cause will be glad to hear of its success, and it is but an act of justice to the gallant Regiment which is now stationed in this garrison, to publish their humane conduct to the distressed Irish exiles at Bermuda:—

“After my arrival I lost no time in bringing the subject of Temperance prominently under the notice of the military. I preached two Sundays successively at St. George’s, the chief station for the troops, and I have the happiness to say that all my medals were soon distributed, Protestants and Catholics indiscriminately coming forward to take the Pledge. I shall send the list of names to the Secretary of the St. Mary’s and St. Patrick’s Temperance Society with all convenient speed.—Officers and men must be alike struck with admiration at the remarkable change produced by the administration of the Pledge. Indeed to do the gallant Irishmen of the XXth Regiment justice, I must say that I never met a body of men who love their religion and their country better, or who listen to the voice of the minister of religion with more docility. A short time ago a vessel put into St. George’s in distress. She had sixty passengers on board, bound for Boston, chiefly Irish, from Galway, Mayo, and the west of Ireland. Those poor creatures were nine weeks at sea, and looked miserable in the extreme.

The tale of woe which Ireland tells, was verified in the haggard countenances of many, and indeed they all seemed wretched and heart-broken. But they had friends, and warm friends here. No sooner was it known that an Irish Emigrant ship in distress had arrived in the harbour, and that there were people on board who had not a morsel to eat, than their countrymen of the TWENTIETH rushed down to the spot, boarded the vessel and soon made the poor exile forget his hunger and his sufferings in the substantial warmth of a genuine Irish welcome.—The Irishmen of Halifax will know how to appreciate such conduct. Yes, indeed, that stately figure with the red, flashy coat, and white belts crossing on the breast, with its inverted, truncated conical cap surmounted by a tassel, its dark grey trousers, polished shoes, glittering bayonet, long musket and artificial gait;—that figure may appear formidable and repulsive but, approach it closely, examine it more thoroughly, and you will in many cases find that under all this show, there is a gentle, a generous, and a noble heart, and many such hearts have I found amongst those gallant fellows of the TWENTIETH Regiment in Bermuda.”

We have only to add—*God bless them!* with our earnest advice that they should adhere faithfully to their precious Pledge of Temperance,—the soldier’s best friend.

EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

A correspondent has sent us an extract from a Letter on this subject, which was published in the Morning Chronicle of the 29th ult. Perhaps, with the exception of Ireland, there does not exist in any part of the world, so great an anomaly and injustice as the condition of the Church of England in Nova Scotia; and it is right that the whole Province should be made fully acquainted with the brand of degradation that has been thus stamped upon the foreheads of more than five-sixths of the population. For we do not believe with the writer of the Letter in the Chronicle, that the English Churchmen in this Province amount even to one fifth of the population. We doubt much if