

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.

- APRIL 20.—Sunday IV. after Easter—Vespers of the following day;
 ... 21.—Monday, St. Auselm, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor.
 ... 22.—Tuesday, St. Soter and Caus, Popes and Martyrs.
 ... 23.—Wednesday, St. George, Martyr.
 ... 24.—Thursday, St. Fidelis of Smaranga, Martyr.
 ... 25.—Friday, St. Mark, Evangelist.
 ... 26.—Saturday, St. Cleins and Marcellinus—Popes and Martyrs.

ORIGINAL.

ORIGEN.

BY A STUDENT.

To memories of old time : ye seem like stars
That throw bright radiance o'er the midnight deep,
Brightening and be-utifying, with their rays,
All—all that else were dark.

In looking over the history of times gone by, we shall invariably discover this melancholy fact, that Envy was ever one of the principal actors in the theatre of life. Every one who reads, every one who sees; every one who can judge is acquainted with this truth. The greatest and the best in virtue and in Religion, were, at some time or another, the most calumniated, and the most suffering; the greatest and the best in Science and Literature were oftentimes doomed to the same unhappy fate. Such was the fortune of men in the past—such is that of many around us at present—and such, cries human nature, shall be the case till time shall be no longer. The extent to which envy exerted its serpent power will be too sufficiently seen in the

career of the illustrious individual whose life we now intend to examine.

The Catholic Church, in her long galaxy of glories, boasts of many a thousand high-souled sons, but bright as are their brightest names, there are few, perhaps none, who shed so transcendent a halo around her as that of the immortal Origen. This great priest was an Egyptian—born about the close of the second century. His father, St. Leonidas, who was a martyr to the Catholic faith, instilled betimes into his youthful mind those salutary lessons which christianity alone imparts, and by this early instruction, so strengthened his young spirit as to fill it with all that holy energy which his future career often so beautifully displayed. Hoping one day to see his son an honour to the Church, the saint entertained a most ardent desire to have him instructed in the Scriptures as thoroughly as possible, and for this purpose he enjoined upon the youth a daily task of committing to memory some little portion of the sacred writings. In this Origen most joyously concurred, and quickly shewed by his penetration into these matters, such deep discernment and wonderful acumen, as altogether rendered his father incapable of giving solutions to his questions.

Besides the name of Origen he had several others; such as the "Invincible"—the "Composer"—the "Resistless"—all of which he acquired on