

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.

- May 18—Sunday 1st after Pentecost—Feast of the Most Holy Trinity.—Vespers of the same day.
... 19—Monday—St Peter Coelestin, Pope and Confessor.
... 20—Tuesday—St Bernard, Confessor.
... 21—Wednesday—St Felix of Cantalicimer, Confessor.
... 22—Thursday—(Holiday of Obligation) Feast of Corpus Christi.
... 23—Friday—SS. Philip and James, Apostles.
... 24—Saturday—Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Help of Christians.

ORIGINAL.

A TRUE CONVERT.

MR. BROWNSON OF BOSTON.

Some twelve months ago we expressed our conviction that the Editor of 'Brownson's Review,' was progressing fast to Catholicity. He has, since, entered the 'one sheep-fold,' and reposes under the guardianship of the 'one shepherd'—having, after twenty years of anxious and intelligent enquiry, satisfied his mind, that, elsewhere, the 'Household of Faith' was not to be found. We congratulated Mr. Brownson, at the period of his Baptism; we refer to him, now, as an edifying example of the 'Fruits of the Holy Spirit.'

In 'Brownson's Review' for April, we find a brief, but tenderly, beautiful, and affecting reply to some remarks of a Catholic Periodical, which had praised and misunderstood the Editor of the former. We were so much struck with one or two passages, that we immediately determined to publish them for the edification of the readers of the 'Cross.' Every

Christian may derive much benefit from a perusal of them;—to the convert, the study of them may be unutterably important.

There is nothing, for which converts to one creed, should labour so intensely as the acquisition of a *Catholic Spirit*. The '*individualism*' in which their old Faith indulged them, clings to their habits of thinking with a dangerous and, oftentimes, destructive tenacity. Forgetting that they have, now, a divinely constituted *Guide*; and that, they have abandoned, as *not of God*, the self-sufficiency of their *own judgment*, or *ichim*, they endeavour to associate the principles of individual judgment, and *cherish authority* together; and practice error while professing Truth. It is the result of uneradicated human pride. It continually affects the predominancy of Grace, destroys half the consolations of true Religion, and should be constantly and vigorously combatted.

The benefits of the *Cross* cannot be expected by those who refuse its humility. The simplicity which *knows* nothing—the humility which *presumes* nothing—the confidence which requires nothing—unless *that the church teaches* a doctrine or observes a practice—are true Catholicity and the inheritance of true Catholic souls. By these the giant becomes weak—the sage becomes a child—the Philosopher a Fool—the admired of a whole continent, becomes the last of men—'knowing nothing that he may know all,' glorying in nothing but the 'cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' 'the fulness of his future reward.'