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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.

HALIFAX, SEPTEMBER 6, 1845.

CALENDAR.

- Ser. 7—Sunday XVII after Pentecost—Vespers of the following day.
- 8—Monday—Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 9—Tuesday—St Sergius I, Pope and Confessor.
- 10—Wednesday—St Hilary, Pope and Confessor.
- 11—Thursday—St Nicholas of Tolentine, Confessor.
- 12—Friday of the Octave.
- 13—Saturday of the Octave.

ST. MARY'S.

On last Sunday the Right Rev. Dr. Dollard officiated pontifically at the cathedral, both in the morning and evening. His Lordship celebrated a Pontifical High Mass, at 11 o'clock, at which Dr. Walsh, the Clergy and Students assisted. The procession from the Vestry to the Choir was most imposing, and the sight of two Bishops of the Church, in the Sanctuary of St. Mary's, was well calculated to gladden the hearts of all who beheld it. The splendor of the vestments, the richness of the sacred vessels, and the decorations of the altar, attested that it was no ordinary celebration. A throne was prepared for Bishop Dollard, and a *Prie-dieu* covered with crimson velvet fringed with gold, together with a cushion of the same beautiful material. Whilst his Lordship was reading the preparatory Psalm and prayers for High Mass, at his throne, Tierce was chaunted in the choir, at the conclusion of which, he advanced to the Altar, attended by Rev. Messrs. Tracy and Hennesy, as Deacon and Sub-deacon, and Rev. Messrs. Hannan and Lyons. At

the conclusion of the Pontifical Mass, the Bishop returned to his Throne, unvested, and made his thanksgiving. Meantime, Sext was chaunted in choir, at the end of which the Assistants, Clergy and Bishops returned in-procession to the Vestry. At three o'clock Vespers commenced, at which Dr. Dollard presided. The singing in the Organ Choir was particularly good, both at Vespers and High Mass. After the *Salve Regina* Dr. Walsh ascended the Altar, read the Gospel of the day in English, and delivered a discourse upon it. We trust Halifax is destined to witness many such happy days, when the Prelates and Clergy of our Church will be found at its Cathedral Altar solemnizing the mysteries of religion in a manner that would reflect no discredit on the most Catholic part of Old Europe. The good Bishop of New Brunswick left town on Tuesday morning, on his return to his Diocess.

PURGATORIAN SOCIETY.

The Bishop announced, last Sunday, that he was anxious to re-organize this Society, which was founded two years ago for the purpose of exciting, amongst the faithful, a charitable desire to relieve, by their prayers and other good works, the suffering souls in Purgatory. The office of the Dead is to be recited once a week in future, by the choir members, for the repose of the faithful departed. This pious practice will commence on