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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.

BALIFAN, JANUARY 3, 1846.

## CALENDAR.

- 6—Sunday—(Vacant) Octave day of Holy Innocents.
- 7—Monday—Vigil of Epiphany.
- 8—Tuesday—Epiphany of our Lord.
- 9—Wednesday—Of the Octave.
- 10—Thursday—Of the Octave.
- 11—Friday—Of the Octave.
- 12—Saturday—Of the Octave.

## ST. MARY'S CATECHISTICAL SOCIETY.

Mr. P. J. Compton, the Secretary of this Society, has favoured us with a report of the proceedings at the very numerous Meeting of the Society, which was held on Monday last. The communication, however, reached us at too late an hour for insertion in our present number, but we will not fail to publish it in the next Cross.

## ROME.

It has been already announced in the European journals that a marriage was about to be concluded between the Archduke Stephen of Austria, and the Grand Duchess Olga, the daughter of the Emperor of Russia, and that the latter was about to embrace the Catholic faith. It is confidently reported that the Pope has been applied to in order to obtain his sanction for this marriage, and that his Holiness is determined to make it an essential condition of his approbation that the persecuting Autocrat of the Russians shall treat his

oppressed Catholic subjects in Poland with more humanity for the future, and secure to them the free exercise of their religion. The visit of the Emperor Nicholas to Italy has, it is said, an immediate connection with this affair, and that the favourable or unfavourable dispositions of Gregory XVI. would determine the question of his visit to Rome.

Monsignor Pacci, Papal Nuncio at Brussels, has been appointed, by his Holiness, Bishop of Perugia in the Roman States, the climate of Belgium not having agreed with his health. He is to be succeeded by Monsignor di San Marzano, son of the celebrated Count of that name, who filled several important posts under the Empire, and was afterwards Minister of Foreign affairs in Sardinia. Perugia is one of the most remarkable towns in the Pope's dominions, and contains most valuable treasures of art in its hundred churches and public institutions. It is within a few miles of the celebrated Lake of Trasimene, where the Romans sustained so dreadful a defeat from the direst of all their adversaries, the renowned Hannibal of Carthage. It is also the birth-place of Pietro di Perugino, the great painter and the master of Raphael.

On the 26th of last October an affecting ceremony took place at Rennes in Brittany. It was the