

# 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.

HALIFAX, DECEMBER 19, 1846.

## CALENDAR.

- DECEMBER 20—Fourth Sunday of Advent.  
 21—St. Thomas, Apostle.  
 22—St. Hermanegild, Martyr.  
 23—Fast St. Antoninus B. C.  
 24—Fast Vigil of Nativity.  
 25—Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.  
 26—St. Stephen First Martyr.

## ROME, PIUS IX.

We have been favored with the perusal of a private letter from Rome, dated October 30th, from which we take the following extract.

“The new Pope, Pius IX, is most popular. The people are quite enthusiastic about him. He is extremely kind and affable, and appears to be very active in transacting business.—He knows Irish affairs well, and takes much interest in them. There is an Irish College in Rome under the direction of that erudite scholar, and most amiable and respected Ecclesiastic, Doctor Cullen. Whilst the Irish Students were spending their vacation at their delightful Country House in Tivoli, the Pope made a visit to that Picturesque locality, an account of which you will see in the Journals. All the Irish students were received by his Holiness in the kindest possible manner.

“The people expect great changes in the government from Pius IX. Some even hope for a secularization of the public offices, or a Constitution. All reports of this description are void of foundation. His Holiness seems determined to administer the actual laws with vigour, and to oblige those in office to do their duty, and if he can do this, it will be quite sufficient for the good of the State. The present laws and form of government are very fair. There is no doubt his Holiness will have his difficulties to contend with; but his election appears to have been the work of God, as he has put an end to the dissensions in the State and restored confidence to the people. Every thing is now going on smoothly and peaceably.”

This is most gratifying, and it comes from a highly intelligent source. We are delighted, but not surprised at the interest which his Holiness takes in the affairs of the Irish Church which has clung to Rome with unshaken fidelity, ‘through grief and through danger,’ for nearly fifteen hundred years;—a church which has furnished the Holy See with Apostolic missionaries for every part of the known world—and nevertheless a Church which has received fewer honours from Rome than any other national Church in Christendom. *The creation of one or two Irish Cardinals would immortalize the beneficent reign of Pius IX., in Ireland, and accomplish what we believe to be a tardy act of justice to the eight millions of devoted Catholics in that noble kingdom.*

[From the Sun.]

### Noble Conduct of the Soldiers of the 89th Regt.

[To the Editor of the Sun.]

ST. MARY'S, HALIFAX,  
 December 15, 1846.

SIR,—Enclosed I send you £14 9s 2d, Halifax Currency, being the subscription of the Non-Commissioned Officers, Drummers, and Privates, of the 89th Regiment, in aid of the indigent and suffering Emigrants at Richmond.

I feel much pleasure in being made the medium of transmitting this liberal contribution;—it is another proof that the cry of distress has never reached the ear of the British Soldier in vain—and while it cannot fail to strengthen the bond of kindly feeling which always subsisted between the Military and the People of Halifax, it will give the 89th Regt. an additional title to our gratitude and esteem.

I am, Yours, &c.

JOHN NUGENT, R. C. P.

### ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this Society was held on the 10th inst. the President Rev Mr. Nugent in the chair. The Rt. Rev. Dr.