

# 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, MARCH 21, 1846.

## CALENDAR.

- MARCH 22—Sunday—IV of Lent.  
 23—Monday—In IV Week.  
 24—Tuesday—In IV Week.  
 25—Wednesday—Annunciation of B. V. M. (Holiday of obligation)  
 26—Thursday—In IV Week.  
 27—Friday—Most Precious Blood of our Lord.  
 28—Saturday—St Sixtus III, Pope and Conf.

## NEWS FROM THE OLD WORLD BY THE HIBERNIA.

On St. Patrick's Day, this noble vessel entered our harbour after a very favourable passage. When we heard the firing which announced her arrival, we naturally looked for the Green Flag and Musical Harp of the lovely land whose name she bore. The entry of the *Hibernia* on *St. Patrick's Day* into the magnificent harbour of so thoroughly *Irish* a City as Halifax must necessarily be an event of rare occurrence; and we think it might have been duly commemorated by a display of all the silk and embroidered decorations which the gallant vessel possesses, the Ancient Flag of the Green Isle being proudly conspicuous. But, perhaps, we are unreasonable. There is nothing *Irish* about the vessel but her name, and when Ireland shall attain such a prosperous condition that her Merchant Princes will have wealth and commercial enterprise enough to build a fleet of *Irish* steamers in *Irish* Dockyards, we may expect that every thing about them will be *Irish* and of *Irish* associations.

The news from Ireland is not encouraging. Famine and disease have begun their deadly work, and no imagination can conceive the horrors which are impending, and which will speedily overwhelm that long-suffering country unless the remedial measures of Government be prompt and comprehensive. Several Bills have passed, and others are being expedited through Parliament, which will have the effect of giving employment to great numbers of the people. Some of the Railroads too, have been commenced, and if the great famine crisis were over, the prospects of Ireland would brighten considerably.

The excellent Bishop of Cork, Right Rev. Dr. Murphy, who has for thirty years presided over that see, was recovering from a dangerous fit of illness. The obsequies of the Rev. Justin McNarrara, the exemplary P. P. of Kinsale, who died recently at Gibraltar, were celebrated in his parish with extraordinary marks of respect and attachment. The warm-hearted people poured in from forty miles round, to pay the tribute of their veneration and grief to one of the best of pastors. The Rev. C. Rooney, of Westland Row, Dublin, after many years of edifying, zealous and unobtrusive labours in the Parish of St. Andrew, has been promoted by Archbishop Murray to the important parish of Clontarf, vacant by the demise of the Rev. Mr. Callanan, who had governed the parish for the last 17 years. A fearful state of