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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.

- FEBRUARY 7—Sunday—Sexagesima Sunday.
8—Monday—St. John of Matha Conf.
9—Tuesday—Comm. of the Passion of our Lord C.
10—Wednesday—St. Scholastica V.
11—Thursday—St. Antherus P. and M.
12—Friday—St. Theophorus P. and M.
13—Saturday—St. Gregory II., P. and Co. f.

ST. MARY'S.

On Sunday last, at Vespers a Charity Sermon was preached by the Very Rev. Mr. Connolly in aid of the Fund for supplying fuel to the poor, during the rigorous season of winter. The attendance was numerous, and the pathetic and earnest appeal of the Preacher was very liberally responded to by his audience the handsome sum of Seventy Pounds having been contributed at the close of the Sermon. This charity has already effected much good amongst our suffering poor, and the proceeds of the sermon last Sunday will enable the active members of the committee, to resume their meritorious labours. "Blessed is the man who hath compassion on the needy and the poor, in the evil day, the Lord will deliver him,"

"Whilst we have time, let us do good" is the advice of the great Dr. of the gentiles, and there are many charitable souls in Halifax whose zeal is fully alive to its importance. Several humane individuals, are still engaged with the charity that never tires, in making up articles of clothing for our female poor. The blessings and prayers of those whom they will have sheltered from the wintry blast, will assuredly plead for them at that dread tribunal before which we must all, one day, render an account of our works.—In reference to this charity, we have received another anonymous letter signed *A Catholic*. This back-handed scribe might have saved himself the trouble. If he have not moral courage enough to append his signature to his communication, and to subscribe his opinions with his name, his vain desire to appear in print cannot be gratified. Let him, or those lazy lumps of indolence whose champion he is, attend regularly for the future at the

meetings of our benevolent Societies, and they will acquire every necessary information to enable them to employ to advantage some moments of that precious time which they murder without remorse. And speaking of anonymous Letters, we will say once for all, that we hold them in utter detestation.—There is too great a proneness in Halifax to grasp this cowardly weapon of the dark assassin. We have known the peace of families destroyed, domestic happiness embittered, the feelings of estimable individuals wounded, and the fair fame of some of the best Christians in our community aspersed by those vile and infamous productions. Even the clergy are sometimes sought to be made the medium of directing those covert attacks of corroding jealousy and disappointed spite. We would recommend these anonymous gentry to beware. There is a dangerous game, and the chances of detection are more numerous than they imagine. A victim to public justice is much needed in this villainous department. One has already escaped; and by means which we actually shudder to think of. The next sly fox that shall be unkenelled, will, we promise him, get a badgering which he will remember to the day of his death.

FANCY BALL AND FANCY POLITICIANS.

The Sun of Monday last, contained a letter from a Roman Catholic protesting against the introduction of persons attired in any of the Religious orders of our church, into the Ball room on Tuesday night. The writer stated that a rumour was prevalent through town that such a thing was contemplated, and he entered his protest beforehand against such a violation of good taste and the decencies of religion. We say nothing of the manner in which his sentiments were couched, but we can well conceive that any lover of his religion, who feels warmly on such a subject, will express his opinions in energetic language. With his principles however, we fully concur, because we think that every thing connected with Divine worship, or the service of the Almighty God should be respectfully treated by all Christians, and never introduced, except in their proper place. Peradventure the writer was too sensitive in his apprehensions,