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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.

- MAY 2—Sunday—IV Sunday after Easter, St. Athanasius, Bishop and Confessor.
 3—Monday—Finding of the Holy Cross.
 4—Tuesday—St. Monica, Widow.
 5—Wednesday—St. Pius, V. P. and C.
 6—Thursday—St. John before the Latin Gate, G.
 7—Friday—St. Benedict II, P. and C.
 8—Saturday—Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel.

IS THE QUEEN THE HEAD OF THE PROTESTANT CHURCH IN TEMPORALS ONLY?

This is one of the questions which we promised to answer last week.

Our opponents pretend that Her Majesty has a mere temporal Headship.

We declare on the contrary that she is *de facto* the Head of the English Church in *spirituals* as well as in temporals.

The Headship of Queen Victoria is surely as extensive as that of Queen Bess.

But the Virgin Queen exercised spiritual jurisdiction over the Church of England as the Head of that Church. *Inter alia* this Female Protestant Pope in her ridiculous *Bulls* for the consecration of Matt. Parker the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury, declared that she *supplied by her supreme Royal authority* any defect or invalidity that might occur in the consecration of this pretended Prelate: "*Suppletur nihilominus suprema nostra autoritate regia, &c.*" "If any thing be, or shall be wanting in these things which you are to do by our command, either in yourselves, or in any of you; or in your condition, state, faculty, which by the statute of this our Kingdom, or by the laws of the Church are required, or necessary" These were the words addressed to the Consecrators of Parker, who were themselves no Bishops, though they attempted to consecrate one. For the valid consecration of a Bishop, or the ordination of a Priest "the Laws of the Church" always "required" a Bishop, and declared that it was necessary, essentially necessary, that

the consecrator should be really invested himself with the Episcopal dignity. The laws of God required the same, as none but the Apostles, or the Bishops their successors received from Jesus Christ the power to consecrate or ordain.

But, Immaculate Bess *supplied* by her supreme authority all those trifling deficiencies, in the consecrators of Parker, and declared that if *any thing* should be wanting in their *condition, state, or faculty, she fully made up for it*, by the plenitude of her jurisdiction, and she was clearly exercised a headship in *spirituals* on that occasion as well as many others.

The conclusion is inevitable.

We now come to our own Gracious Sovereign whom we are sorry to be obliged to name in the same page as her unfeeling and bloody predecessor, the murderess of Mary, Queen of Scots. Let us hear the Tablet of the 6th of March.

"The Queen is about to make four new Bishops. . . . Her Majesty, or rather her Ministers, will decide upon the *limits, jurisdiction, and the titles* of the New Sees; will nominate certain clergymen to undertake the duties, and receive the incomes; and will issue a Royal Mandate commanding the Archbishop of York, to proceed to their consecration, under pain of various pains and penalties."

Is not this an interference in *spirituals*? Here we have a laic, and a female, *abridging* the *spiritual* powers and jurisdiction of old Bishops in their former Sees, imparting spiritual powers and jurisdiction to new Prelates, and commanding Archbishops to perform the spiritual function of consecration.

But this is not all.

Listen to the following declaration (in the 6 and 7 William IV. c. 87, Sect 21) made during the reign of Her Majesty's uncle and immediate predecessor:—

"And be it enacted that from and after the passing of this Act, the Bishop of Ely for the time being, shall take and hold the said Bishopric, and all the property, patronage, and rights, belonging thereto, except as heretofore provided, subject to, or under any provisions which shall be made by or under the authority of Parliament with respect to the said Bishopric."