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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.

- APRIL 25—Sunday—III Sunday after Easter, St. Mark, Evangelist.
- 26—Monday—SS. Cletus and Marcellinus Popes and Martyrs.
- 27—Tuesday—St. Anastasius Pope & Confessor.
- 28—Wednesday—Patronage of St. Joseph.
- 29—Thursday—St. Peter, Mart.
- 30—Friday—St. Catharine of Sienna, V.
- MAY 1—Saturday—SS. Philip and James, Apostles.

ELEGANT EXTRACTS FROM THE PROTESTANT PRESS AND FURTHER DEMOLITION OF BIG PROTESTANT LIES.

The Catholic Religion—the only Religion of Christ, is making astonishing progress in “the land of Cakes.” Thank God there is a wonderful religious revival in Scotland, and there are fresh importations every day of “hot-headed young priests from Ireland” who are perpetuating the same blessed work which was begun in “auld lang syne” many centuries ago by zealous Irish missionaries. The Scotch priests and Bishops seem fully alive to the importance of the crisis, and are exerting all their energies to second the favourable dispositions of their long-dead countrymen. As we stated lately there are more than One hundred Catholic priests and Bishops in Scotland alone, and their astonishing success has mortified and alarmed the enemies of the Gospel. “Tell it not in Gath; publish it not in the streets of Ascalon,”—one Catholic Bishop alone, Dr. Gillis of Edinburgh has terrified all the bigots in “auld Reekie.” His eloquence is so captivating, his arguments so irresistible, his detection and exposure of Protestant forgeries so keen and withering, that they cannot withstand him; they are afraid to meet him; they will enter into no controversy with him, and they are forced to behold with a dogged silence the numerous converts whom he is receiving year after year into the bosom of the Catholic Church.

From a report of the Edinburgh Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland, which was lately published by the “Criminal” we find that the Knoxites have sounded the trumpet of alarm. But all will not do; the torrent has set in, and if the sanguinary Knox himself were now alive, he would be unable to resist it. England and Scotland are returning to the Faith of their Fathers. The long sufferings, tears, and prayers of the noblest children of Scotia—we mean of course the brave Catholic Highlanders who have clung to the Church of God in every trial, with the same tenacity as their Celtic brethren in Ireland—have at length reached the skies, and heaven seems to smile propitiously on the hills and valleys of their beloved country. In the report just alluded to after having avowed that Popery is “boldly spreading throughout the land” the presbytery go on thus:—

“There can be no doubt that in Scotland at least, much of the apparent progress of Popery is to be ascribed to the influx of Romanists from Ireland; (this same Ireland is a bitter pill to them in every part of the globe!) but that conceded, it is still apparent that *forts the most uncrucial* are made to cauce the unstable into the errors of Rome *Whichever Protestant may be* (all gentlemen of the Times and Guardian this is a hard hit) Romanists are earnest and devoted in the work of proselytizing; and cases are known where nominal Protestants have passed over to Popery, because of the *marked zeal of the priest*, contrasted with the alleged lethargy of the Minister.”

Serely the progress of Catholicism must be very great, when the Holy Fathers of the Protestant movement make such admissions as the above. But all the efforts to counteract it will be in vain. Protestantism is done for; the flag is on the wall, the sentence has been declared against it in courts celestial.—The rotten fastening of this “*triangle of shingles*” (we quote from our own Prophet Scribble) is stopped, and the shingles are flying about in all directions. The leaves that are scattered by the wind.” The Protestant settlers from old Scotland who left their native country twenty years ago, or less, have no notion of the extraordinary religious change that has taken place. There are six Priests and two Bishops in Edinburgh, and eleven Priests and a Bishop in Glasgow! How the poor “Criminal