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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.

- MARCH 21—Sunday—Passion Sunday.
 22—Monday—St. Gregory the Great, P. and Conf.
 23—Tuesday—St. Benedict, Abbot.
 24—Wednesday—St. Timothy B. M.
 25—Thursday—Annunciation of the B. V. M. II class
 Holiday of Obligation.
 26—Friday—Seven Dolours of B. V. M.
 27—Saturday—St. Margaret of Cortona.

SAINTE CALVIN AND HIS GUARDIAN ANGEL.

Continuation of the Holy History of Jack of Geneva, with sundry specimens of his Christian Tolerance in that Protestant City.

Ecce iterum Crispinus: et est mihi some vocatus,
 Ad partes; monstrum nulla virtute redemptum,
 A vitis—

A few weeks ago, our religion, and some of its most sacred institutions, were assailed with unmeasured vituperation, in the pages of the Guardian. As we had given no provocation, we naturally felt indignant. We have given expression to our feelings in a manner which our wanton revilers will not speedily forget. Perhaps they are already convinced, that a silent discretion would have been the better part of valour, and that it was safer to confine their abuse of popery to the pulpit, than to have wielded the two edged sword of the Press. When we retorted and spoke contemptuously of the gloomy bigot of Geneva, we did so advisedly, and for the express purpose of making our opponents feel some of that pain which they scrupled not to inflict on others. They have smarted under the rod: and they now charge us with cruelty, and invoke public sympathy in as piteous tones as those with which Servetus appealed at the stake to the Robespierre of Geneva. But it is all in vain. The entire public are too well acquainted with the history of this quarrel. None but those who are the blind slaves

of bigotry or political prejudice, believe, that the offensive portion of this warfare has been commenced by us. Indeed we know that those amongst our fellow citizens whose opinions are worthy of any respect, declare that this contest has been forced upon Catholics—that it is in reality not a war of religious opinion but a political ruse—that those who commenced it, had no other object than to serve the purposes of their party at the approaching Election, and that having evoked the genius of religious discord amongst a peaceful community, the unscrupulous conjurers richly deserve all the chastisement they have received at our hands. They lifted up their eyes in holiest horror, when we called Jack Calvin a monster; but they had no compassion for our feelings when they vomited forth their blasphemies, on the most adorable of our mysteries, and bespattered our religious institutions with the slime of their filthy imaginations.

They now attempt to fasten upon us, the charge of intolerance and by falsely asserting that the Catholics aim at universal domination, to fan the dying embers of bigotry throughout the country. We repeat again and again that the charge is false—that Catholics have no such intention—that even if they had, it is morally and physically impossible for them to carry it into effect, as a glance at their political position will show. However in defiance of justice and common sense, this deceitful clamour will be kept up, as long as they hope to derive from it, any political advantage, and not one moment longer. It is useless then, to reason with such impostors, to enter into serious discussion with them on the absurdity of the No Popery cry, is to offer an homage to their sincerity which they do not deserve. They knew full well the iniquity of their game, but they will play it out, and as we see in the monstrous, unnatural alliance of the *Times* and the *Guardian*, of the Church of England and her bitterest enemy, of Luther and Calvin, of Knox and Cranmer,—they can forget the most inveterate of enmities, to join in fierce opposition against the Church of nineteen centuries, that glorious "Pillar and Ground of Truth" which has hitherto defied the "Gates of Hell" itself.

But we must return to the history of Jack the faggot-burner and prove to the people of the Guardian that charges of intolerance