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I. THOSE IN WHICH ONLY THE NAME AND DATE ARE STATED.

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VIBIV · FIMVS · R · VII KA · SEP
DIC · IIII · ET · MAX · COS

(*E* *coemeterio Callisti; De Rossi, n. 16.)

Vibiu (Vibius) *Fimus recessit*, VII *Kalendas Septembres*, *Dicletiano* (Diocletiano) *IV et Maximiano Consulibus*.

"Vibius Fimus retired (from this world), on the seventh day before the Calends of September, in the Consulship of Diocletian for the fourth time, and Maximian [for the third time]," i.e. August 26th, 290, A.D.

De Rossi compares *Fimus* (dung) with the name *Stercorius*, commonly used by Christians. Thus, also, we find *Stercoria* applied to females. It is believed that such appellations were chosen by Christians in humility and self-abasement. I am inclined to think that,

* *Coemeterium* is used to denote a "Catacomb," and the inscriptions, that have been found in the Catacombs, are distinguished by the term *coemeteriales*, although the words do not necessarily imply "subterranean."