
THE CALENDAR.

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF THE CALENDAR,

FOR THE YEAR 1872.

Golden number.....	11		Dominical Letters. G F
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The year 1872 is the latter part of the 5875th and the beginning of the 5876th year since the creation of the world, according to the Jews. The year 5633, commences on the 30th September, 1872.

The year 1872 answers to the 6585th year of the Julian period, to the 2652 from the foundation of Rome, to the 2648th year of the Olympiad, and to the 7381st of the Byzantine era.

THE MONTHS.

The year seems to have been divided into months before the Deluge, for we read in Genesis; "In the second month, the seventeenth day of the month." Our present months are lunar, with an additional eleven days to increase the lunar year of 354 days to the common one of 365 days.

The names of the months are of Roman origin. January was called after Janus, the two-faced God, because it begins and may also be said to end the year. February is so named from Febro, to cleanse; March, the third month, was formerly the first, and was dedicated to Mars; April is derived from the verb Aperire, "to open," buds and flowers then beginning to open; May is said by some antiquarian, to have been named by Romulus, in honor of the Majores or class of Senators who assisted him in the Government of Rome; June is likewise said to have been so named in honor of the Juniores, another class of Senators; August the next month, was named after Augustus; September was formerly the seventh month, reckoning from March, and takes its name from Septem, seven; October