

10. *Korban Bellam*: one of the great Mohammedan festivals.

25. *St. Swithin*, A.D. 888. He desired to be buried in the open churchyard, and the attempt to remove his body to the choir, was followed by 40 days' heavy rain, whence the Anglo-Saxon proverb.

20. *St. Margaret*: Martyr, A.D. 273, one of the most popular saints among the English.

22. *St. Mary Magdalene*.

25. *St. James the Great*, brother of St. John, Apostle and Martyr, A.D. 43. The first martyr among the Apostles, patron saint of pilgrims, and of Spain, where he is said to have preached.

26. *St. Anne*, mother of the Virgin.

AUGUST.

1. *Lammas Day*, or *Loaf Mass Day*: when first fruits were presented at the altar.

6. *Transfiguration*: Instituted by the Greek Church, 700.

7. *Name of Jesus*.

10. *St. Lawrence*: Martyr, A.D. 258.

24. *St. Bartholomew*: Apostle and Martyr, flayed alive in Armenia.

27. Landing of Caesar in Britain, 65 B. C.

28. *St. Augustine*: Bishop of Hippo, one of the great Doctors of the Church, A.D. 430.

29. *St. John the Baptist* beheaded.

SEPTEMBER.

1. *St. Giles*: Patron of cripples, A.D. 725

2. Burning of London, 1666.

7. *St. Eucherius*: Bishop of Orleans. He converted 7000 infidels in 3 days, and foretold his own death.

8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

14. *Holy Cross Day*. Duke of Wellington died at Walmer Castle, 1852.

17. *St. Lambert*: Bishop and Martyr, Utrecht, A.D. 704.

21. *St. Mathew*: Apostle and Evangelist. He preached the Gospel in Judea and afterwards in Parthia and Ethiopia.

26. *St. Cyprian*: Archbishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258. Many of his writings are extant.

29. *St. Michael and All Angels*—Michaelmas Day—one of the four quarter days, and the day for eating geese.

30. *St. Jerome*: one of the most learned and voluminous of the early fathers, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, A.D. 420.

OCTOBER.

1. *St. Remigius*: Archbishop of Rheims, A.D. 535.

4. *St. Francis of Assisi*: Founder of the Friar Unions.

6. *St. Faith*: Virgin and Martyr, Aquitaine, France, A.D. 290.

9. *St. Denis*: Patron saint of France, Bishop of Paris and Martyr, A.D. 272.

13. Translation of King Edward the Confessor, 1163.

17. *St. Etheldreda*: Abbess of Ely, known as St. Audrey.

18. *St. Luke*: Evangelist and Martyr, one of the 70, preached in Egypt and Greece, was hanged at 84.

25. *St. Crispin*: Martyr, patron saint of Shoe-makers, whose trade he practised.

28. *St. Simon and St. Jude*: Apostles and Martyrs.

31. *Hallowe'en* or *All Hallows Eve*: A universal holiday, especially among the Scotch and Irish.

NOVEMBER.

1. *All Saints Day*: Instituted in 610, in memory of all Saints not otherwise commemorated.

2. *All Souls*, not in the English Calendar—for souls in Purgatory.

5. *Gunpowder Plot*, 1605. A great day among school boys.

6. *St. Leonard*: Patron saint of prisoners.

11. *St. Martin*: Bishop of Tours, A.D. 397, patron saint of vintners, &c. Martinmas, one of the Scotch quarter days.

13. *St. Britius*: Successor of St. Martin.

15. *St. Machutus*: Bishop of St. Malo, who is said to have performed many miracles.

17. *St. Hugh*: Bishop of Lincoln, rebuilt Lincoln Cathedral, A.D. 1200.

20. *St. Edmund*: King of the East Angles, martyred by the Danes, A.D. 870.

22. *St. Cecilia*: Patroness of music, Martyr, A.D. 230.

23. *St. Clement*: 3rd Bishop of Rome, martyr, A.D. 100, author of an Epistle read as Apostolic in the early ages.

25. *St. Catherine*: Martyred at Alexandria by being torn to pieces by a wheel.

29. *Advent Sunday*: Beginning of ecclesiastical year.

30. *St. Andrew*: Apostle and Martyr, patron saint of Scotland, was put to death in Greece, A.D. 70.

DECEMBER.

6. *St. Nicholas*: Patron saint of Russia, Bishop of Myra, A.D. 526.

8. *Conception*: Instituted A.D. 1070.

13. *St. Lucy*: Virgin and Martyr, Syracuse, A.D. 315.

21. *St. Thomas*: Apostle and Martyr. He preached to the Parthians, Medes and Persians, and was put to death on the Cow-mandel Coast.

24. *Christmas Eve*: The yule log is burned, mistletoe hung, and wails go their rounds.

25. *Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Day*—the greatest holiday of the year.

26. *St. Stephen*: Proto-martyr, one of the first Deacons, stoned to death.

27. *St. John*: Apostle and Evangelist, the beloved disciple, brother of St. James, youngest of the twelve, died at Ephesus at the age of 100.

28. *Holy Innocents—Childermas Day*—in memory of the children killed by Herod.

DATES OF SOME FASTS AND FESTIVALS.

- Cent. I. Sunday, Easter, Pentecost.
- " II. Lent, Christmas.
 - " III. Ember Days.
 - " IV. Saints Days, Annunciation.
 - " V. Roman Circumcision, Advent.
 - " VI. Feasts of the Circumcision, Pancras.
 - " VII. Nativity B. V. M., All Saints.
 - " VIII. The Presentation, Transfiguration, Ascension.
 - " IX. Easter Monday and Tuesday, and Whit Monday and Tuesday.
 - " X. All Souls, Evens or Vigils.

- Cent. XI. All Popes that had been Martyred.
- " XII. Thomas of Canterbury, 11,000 Virgins.
 - " XIII. Epiphany, Circumcision, Conception, Conversion of St. Paul.
 - " XIV. Thomas Aquinas, Bridget, Corpus Christi.
 - " XVI. VII. Sorrows of Our Lady, Bruno.
 - " XIX. Immaculate Conception of the B. V. M.