

Fixed and Moveable Festivals, &c.

Circumcision,	Jan. 1	Birth of Queen Victoria,	May 24
Epiphany,	6	Ascension Day, Holy }	17
Septuagesima,	Feb. 4	Thursday, }	
Sexagesima,	11	Pentecost—Whit. Sun.,	27
Shrove Sunday,	18	Trinity Sunday,	June 3
Ash Wednesday, Lent begins,	21	Corpus Christi,	7
Quadragesima, or 1st S. in Lt.	25	Accession of Q. Victoria,	20
St. Patrick,	Mar. 17	St. John Baptist,	24
Palm Sunday,	April 1	Birth of Prince Albert,	Aug. 26
Good Friday,	6	Birth of Prince of Wales, Nov.	9
Easter Sunday,	8	St. Andrew's,	30
Low Sunday,	15	Advent Sunday,	Dec. 2
St. George,	23	Christmas Day,	25

Ember Days.

Feb'y. 28th, March 2nd and 3rd.	September 19th, 21st and 22nd
May 30th, June 1st and 2nd.	December 19th, 21st and 22nd.

The following signs are used in our Almanac to denote the different positions and phases of the moon. ☾ denotes the moon in the first quadrature; that is, the quadrature between change and full; ☾ denotes the moon in the last quadrature; that is, the quadrature between full and change. ○ denotes new moon. ● denotes full moon.

When viewed through a telescope, the surface of the moon appears wonderfully diversified. Large dark spots, supposed to be excavations or valleys, are visible to the eye; some parts also appear more acid than the general surface. These are ascertained to be mountains, by the shadows which they cast. Maps of the moon's surface have been drawn, on which most of these valleys and mountains are delineated, and names are given to them. Some of these excavations are thought to be 4 miles deep and 40 wide. A high ridge generally surrounds them, and often a mountain rises in the centre. These immense depressions probably very much resemble what would be the appearance of the earth at the moon, were all the seas and lakes dried up. Some of the mountains are supposed to be volcanic.

Halifax.

Latitude, North, 44° 39' 20".
Longitude, West, 63° 36' 40".—In time, 4 h. 14 m. 26.7 s.

NOTE.—All mean time, except the rising and setting of the Sun. The Sun and Moon's declinations are given for the meridian of Greenwich.