

over to the day that pagan Rome celebrated in honor of "the Sun-God," is evidently a fulfillment of the prediction recorded by the Prophet Daniel, when in speaking of a certain anti-Hebrew power that was to speak great words against, and wear out the Saints of the Most High; it is also stated that this same great power would think to change "Times and Laws," and that power to do this would be in its hands 'until a time, times and the dividing of times.' This is but one of the many predictions with which the word of God furnishes us, to prove that the papacy is the Fourth beast of Daniel, and the serpent power of the Revelation, which was to wear out the Saints of the Most High, and drive into the wilderness the remnant of the woman's seed "which kept the commandments of God, and had the testimony of Jesus Messiah," and history shows that these predictions have been literally fulfilled, and also where we are on the stream of time, for the Papacy can change "times and laws" no longer." The observings of Christmas as the natal day of the Messiah is one of the distinguishing marks of the beast, and the disciples of Jesus the Nazarene, who are slowly but surely emerging from the wilderness, and directing attention towards the restoration of Zion, and the near approach of the Messiah, will be deficient in duty if they fail to expose "this mark," and neglect to observe as a sacred season the time of the Passover, once so solemnly observed by the church of God. That this period of the year, in our northern latitudes,

when the sun, the centre of the solar system, the emblem of life and immortality, is beginning to rise again from the south, is a very proper time, especially on the part of the young, to indulge in a little innocent and healthy amusement and recreation, for the reunion of friends and families, the expression of general thankfulness on the part of all, and the exhibition of charity towards the poor and suffering, we gladly allow, but let it be observed as the commemoration of the returning sun, and the prospect of a renewal of life, and not as the anniversary of the Messiah, which it certainly is not.

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With this issue, ceases for the time being our management and publication of the NAZARENE MESSENGER, but it will still continue to be published, and its size increased, we understand, to 20 pages, without any increase in the subscription price. Its place of publication will, however, be changed to Cheltenham, England. Its new publishers, with more time, talents, and the necessary means to meet requirements, will, we hope, succeed in making succeeding volumes what it ought to be, a first class Magazine, and the liberal media of all seekers after truth, who desire to see the revival of the faith and practices of the Nazarene Apostolic church, and the establishment of the Kingdom of the Messiah. In freely transferring our interests in the MESSENGER, we still retain a deep interest in its future welfare, and propose to act as its