

Memorable Days.

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GENERAL COUNCILS.

		A. D.			A. D.
<i>Jerusalem</i>	Against Judaisers.....	51	<i>Rome</i>	Third Lateran.....	1179
<i>Aries</i>	Against the Donatists.....	314	<i>Rome</i>	Fourth do.....	1215
<i>Nice</i>	Ecumenical Council.....	325	<i>Lyons</i>	Emperor Frederick deposed.....	1245
<i>Constantinople</i>	Arian.....	387	<i>Lyons</i>	Temporary reunion of Greek and Latin Churches.....	1274
<i>Rome</i>	Athanasian.....	342	<i>Vienna</i>	Fifteenth Ecumenical.....	1213
<i>Sardis</i>	Against Arius.....	347	<i>Pisa</i>	Popes elected & deposed.....	1409
<i>Constantinople</i>	Second Ecumenical.....	381	<i>Constance</i>	Huss condemned to be Burnt.....	1414
<i>Ephesus</i>	Third do.....	431	<i>Basle</i>	Eighteenth Ecumenical.....	1431
<i>Chalcedon</i>	Fourth do.....	451	<i>Rome</i>	Fifth Lateran.....	1512 to 1517
<i>Constantinople</i>	Fifth do.....	553	<i>Trent</i>	Nineteenth Ecumenical.....	1545 to 1563
<i>Constantinople</i>	Sixth do.....	681	<i>Rome</i>	Last Ecumenical.....	1870
<i>Nice</i>	Seventh do.....	787			
<i>Constantinople</i>	Eighth do.....	870			
<i>Rome</i>	First Lateran.....	1123			
<i>Rome</i>	Second do.....	1189			

JEWISH CALENDAR FOR 1878.

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Sebat.....	Jan. 29		Ab.....	July 25	
Adar.....	Feb. 27, 28		".....	August 8	Fast—Destruction of
" 14, 15	" 13, 14	Fast of Esther.	Elul.....	" 23, 24	[the Temple.
Nissan.....	" 13, 14	Furim.			
" 15, 16	Apr 12, 13	First two days of Pass-	5684.	Sep 22, 23	New Year's Feast;
" 21, 22	" 18, 19	Last two days of do.	Tishri.....	" 24	Fast of Gedaliah.
Iyar.....	" 27, 28	Lag L'Omer.	" 10	Oct. 1	First day of Atonem't
Sivan.....	" 27	Feast of Weeks.	" 15, 16	" 6, 7	Feast of Taber-
Tamuz.....	June 1, 2	Fast.	" 21	" 12	Hosanna Raba (naïces
" 25, 26	" 25, 26		" 22	" 18	Feast of Eighth Day.
" 18	July 13		" 23	" 14	Feast of the Law.
			Heshvan..	" 21, 22	
			Kislev....	Nov 20, 21	
			" 25	Dec. 15	Feast of Dedication.
			Tebet.....	" 20, 21	

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JANUARY.

So named from the Roman God Janus, who was represented with two faces, one looking back over the old year, the other forward to the new. It is usually one of the coldest months, and the old proverb

"When the grass grows in Janiver,
It grows the worse for't all the year"
is particularly applicable to Canada.

1. *Circumcision—New Year's Day*, generally observed as a day of rejoicing throughout the world. In France the custom is universal to make presents to young and old, and in Scotland it is the great holiday of the year.

6. *Epiphany*, or Manifestation of Our Lord to the Gentiles, *Old Christmas Day*, *Twelfth Day*. On this day the Queen, through the Lord Chamberlain annually presents gold, frankincense and myrrh at the Chapel Royal, in imitation of the gifts presented by the Wise Men, to Our Saviour. "Twelfth Day" is always a great festival with young people, being generally the culmination and conclusion of the Christmas Holidays.

Plough Monday: The first Monday after the Epiphany is still observed in many parts of England. Formerly the ploughmen used to go from house to house, collecting money to buy tapers to burn before favorite shrines, to win a blessing on their work.

18. *St. Hilary*, an eminent Defender of the faith against the Arians.

18. *St. Prisca*, Virgin and Martyr, a noble Roman maiden of twelve, who was thrown to the lions, but they refused to touch her; she was then beheaded.

20. *St. Fabian*, Bishop of Rome, Martyr in the Decian persecution A. D. 250. The Eve of St. Agnes, when by using certain charms maidens will be favoured with dreams of their future husbands.

21. *St. Agnes*, a noble Roman Virgin Martyr, A. D. 304.

22. *St. Vincent*, a Spanish Martyr, A. D. 304. The state of the weather is now to be observed by the farmers.

"Remember on St. Vincent's Day,
If that the Sun his beams display."

25. *Conversion of St. Paul*:

"If St. Paul's day be faire and cleare,
It doth betide a happy year;
But if perchance it then should raine,
It will make deare alle kinds of grain;
And if ye clouds make dark ye skie,
Then neate and fowles this year shall dye;
If blustering winds doe blowe aloft,
Then warre shall vex ye realm full oft."

30. *King Charles the Martyr*. The anniversary of the execution of King Charles the First. Until 1859 a special service was held on this day in Church of England.