

6.05 to 8.55 morn., and 4.50 to 6.15 aft., are good dates also. The 30th, from 5.20 to 7.45 morn., and 4.10 to 5.40 aft., are excellent for Fall grain.

OCTOBER.—As September 30th, on 1st and 2nd. The 27th, 28th and 29th are good for Fall grain, sowing from 2.45 to 3.50 aft.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

IT MAY HAVE APPEARED MANY TIMES IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE HEAVENS.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, where is he that is born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him."—Matt. ii., 2-3 v.

"And lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."—Matt. ii., 9-10 v.

What was this star?

Can its appearance have been otherwise than miraculous?

Miraculous, that is, marvellous in our eyes, but no more miraculous than the facts we see around us daily upon this earth, whereon we live, move and have our being. No more miraculous than that the Sun should shine brightly, the Moon reflect his light, the planets thread their appointed paths, or that the stars—each star a sun itself—should send us greeting through illimitable space.

Nevertheless, it is in the unusual that man most readily admits interposition of the Infinite. In the appearance of this star man sees His finger as plainly as those who listened to Daniel's translation of the handwriting upon the wall. Man beholds in this starburst the finger of that Majesty, that glorious power and light insufferable, one of whose marvellous attributes has been declared to be that He telleth the number of the stars and calleth them all by name. Man has been at work for thousands of years charting the sky, cataloguing, naming and numbering, but he has not yet told their number, much less called them all by name. Are not the largest telescopes of the best equipped observatories over the whole civilized globe most diligently engaged

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