

DECEMBER.

"Blessed be St. Stephen,"
 "There is no fast upon his even."

This month still retains the original name assigned to it in the Alban and first Roman calendar adopted, according to tradition, by Romulus, in both of which it was the tenth, as the name signifies. Our Saxon ancestors called it *midwinter* month, and *Yule* month from a "wheel," emblematical of the Sun's revolution or return in his annual course.

This month was anciently consecrated to Saturn. In the Alban calendar it consisted of thirty five days; Romulus reduced it to thirty, and Numa to twenty nine days. Julius Cæsar restored the day of which Numa had deprived it, and Augustus added another day, which it still retains.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter	7d 7h a m	Perigee	3d 7h a m
Full Moon	14 5 p m	Apogee	19 8 a m
Last Quarter	22 9 p m	Perigee	31 9 a m
New Moon	30 2 a m		

			SUN	
			Rises	Sets
			h m	h m
1	S	<i>Advent Sunday</i>	7 14	4 25
2	M	Inauguration of Huron College, Ont 1864	7 15	4 24
3	T	Hamilton & Toronto R R opened 1865	7 16	4 24
4	W	Montgomery and Arnold besiege Quebec 1773	7 17	4 24
5	Th	Insurrection in Canada 1837	7 18	4 24
6	F	Rebels defeated at Toronto 1837	7 19	4 24
7	S		7 20	4 24
8	S	<i>First Sunday in Advent.</i> Conception of the <i>B Virgin Mary</i>	7 21	4 24
9	M	Eng Cathedral in Montreal burnt 1856	7 22	4 24
10	T	Destructive Fire in Cobourg 1856	7 23	4 24
11	W		7 24	4 24
12	Th	Victoria Bridge opened for traffic 1859	7 25	4 24
13	F	Council of Trent 1545	7 26	4 24
14	S	St. Eustache destroyed 1837	7 26	4 24
15	S	<i>Second Sunday in Advent</i>	7 27	4 24
16	M	Fire at Point Levi 1856	7 28	4 25
17	T	First L C Parliament 1792	7 28	4 25
18	W		7 29	4 25
19	Th	Battle of Niagara 1813	7 30	4 26
20	F		7 30	4 26
21	S	<i>St. Thomas.</i> Shortest day. Winter solstice begins.	7 31	4 27
22	S	<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>	7 31	4 27
23	M	Prince Consort interred 1861	7 32	4 28
24	T	Election Riots at Fergus U C 1857	7 32	4 29
25	W	<i>Christmas Day.</i>	7 32	4 30
26	Th	<i>St Stephen</i>	7 33	4 30
27	F	<i>St John the Evangelist</i>	7 33	4 31
28	S	<i>Holy Innocents</i>	7 33	4 31
29	S	<i>Sunday after Christmas</i>	7 33	4 32
30	M	Black Rock burnt 1813	7 33	4 33
31	T	Montgomery repulsed at Quebec 1775	7 34	4 34