

Commencement of the Seasons.

Spring commences March 21. | Autumn commences Sept. 23.
 Summer commences June 21. | Winter commences Decr. 21.
 Mean obliquity of the Ecliptic, January 1st, 1855— $23^{\circ} 27' 28''.65$.

Eclipses.

In the year 1855 there will be four Eclipses—two of the Sun and two of the Moon, viz. :—

I.—A total Eclipse of the Moon, May 1st and 2nd—visible at Halifax, as follows :—

Moon enters the Penumbra,	May 1st, 10h. 0m. evening.
Moon enters the Shadow,	1st, 11h. 3m. do.
Middle of the Eclipse,	1st, 11h. 21m. do.
Moon leaves the Shadow,	2nd, 0h. 39m. morning.
Moon leaves the Penumbra,	2nd, 1h. 42m. do.

II.—A partial Eclipse of the Sun, May 15, 1855, invisible at Halifax.

III.—A total Eclipse of the Moon, October 25th, 1855—visible at Halifax, as follows :—

Moon enters the Penumbra,	October 25th, 1h. 30m.
Moon enters the Shadow,	" 2h. 32m.
Middle of the Eclipse,	" 3h. 16m.
Moon leaves the Shadow,	" 4h. 0m.
Moon leaves the Penumbra,	" 5h. 1m.

IV.—A partial Eclipse of the Sun, November 9, 1855—visible only in South Australia and the South Pacific Ocean.

Morning and Evening Stars.

VENUS will be an Evening Star till the 26th September, and then a Morning Star till the end of the year.

MARS will be an Evening Star till the 11th April, and then a Morning Star till the end of the year.

JUPITER will be an Evening Star till the 3rd February, and then a Morning Star till 20th of August ; then an Evening Star till the end of the year.

SATURN will be an Evening Star till the 10th of June, and then a Morning Star till the 17th of December.

The Weather.

The nearer the time of the moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter, is to *midnight*, the fairer will be the weather during the seven following days.

The nearer to *midday* or *noon*, these phases happen : the more foul or wet the weather may be expected during the seven following days.

Length of night equal to double of the rising of the Sun ; length of day equal to double of the setting of the Sun.

Circumcision
 Epiphany,
 Septuagesima
 Sexagesima,
 Shrove Sunday
 Ash Wednesday
 Quadragesima
 St. Patrick,
 Palm Sunday,
 Good Friday,
 Easter Sunday
 Low Sunday,
 St. George,

Feb'y. 28th,
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