

### Remarkable Days.

- 1 CIRCUMCISION.—Proclamation of Emancipation of Slaves in United States, 1865.
- 2 General Wolfe, b. 1727.
- 3 Allied Fleet entered the Black Sea, 1854.
- 4 Newton, b. 1642.
- 5 Duke of York, d. 1827.
- 6 EPIPHANY.
- 7 St. Disaff's Day. Young Men's Christian Association formed, 1856.
- 8 Battle of New Orleans, 1815.
- 9 Sir D. Baird took possession of Cape of Good Hope, 1806.
- 10 Linneus, d. 1778.
- 11 Alabama, U. S., passed Secession Ordinance, 1861.
- 13 1st SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 14 St. John, N.B., burnt, 1837.
- 15 Edward Everett, d. 1865.
- 16 Sir John Moore, d. 1809.
- 17 Benjamin Franklin, b. 1706.—Battle of Falkirk, 1746.
- 18 Festival of St. Peter's Chair, Rome.
- 19 James Watt, b. 1736.
- 20 2d SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 21 Plague at Edinburgh, 1647.
- 22 Lord Byron, b. 1788.
- 23 Duke of Kent, d. 1820. (Queen Victoria's father.)
- 24 Frederick the Great, b. 1712.
- 25 Conversion of St. Paul. Robert Burns, b. 1759.
- 26 New South Wales settled, 1788.
- 27 3d SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.
- 28 George III., d. 1820.
- 29 Napoleon III., married 1853.
- 30 Charles I., b. 1849.
- 31 Massacre of Glencoe, 1692.—Constitutional Amendment passed in U. S. prohibiting Slavery, 1865.

THE work of another twelve months is before us. Let not the new year find us idle. No great work was ever accomplished, no grand success gained, no good character formed, either on the farm,

in the workshop, or at the desk, by idle habits or hours misspent. Activity of mind or body is the way to happiness, contentment, and prosperity. A busy man for me. Put a little more work on his shoulders, and he does not flinch. He can bear up under it when a lazy man would falter. Work is no hardship, for it brings along its satisfactions and its conquests.—But what can we do now? Much! Lay out the work for the summer. There are the cattle to be taken care of. They won't come out well in spring if neglected now. There is the wood pile to be looked after. A few hours' smart chopping won't hurt anybody nowadays. There's the poultry-yard. Hens want a little care as well as cows, and sheep, and pigs. Give them a warm, sunny house, a little sand or gravel to roll in, a few potatoes and a few bones to pick, and if they don't begin to lay soon it's their own fault, and not yours. And then there's the newspaper and the farm-book. Get the best, and read it now that you have time. A good, well-selected farmer's library is a treasure at this season.

WEEDS.—The microscope reveals the fact that every stem and twig as large as a quill contains some ten thousand little tubes, through which the water or sap is constantly passing upward during growth, to the leaves above, which spread it out by means of their fine net-work, and give it in the form of vapor to the air. With ten weeds upon a square foot, it is fairly estimated that the careless farmer has forty-four million pumps at work on every acre, dissipating the moisture and drying up the soil, at the expense of the crops. Farmers, are the weeds pumping your fields at this rate?