

FEBRUARY.

Day of Month	Day of Week.	ANNIVERSARIES, REMARKABLE EVENTS, HISTORICAL NOTES, FESTIVALS.	SUN rises	sets.
			h.m.	h.m.
1	W		7 27	5 2
2	T	Purification of Virgin.—York Minster burnt, 1829	7 26	5 3
3	F	Blasius, Bp. and Mart.—Missunde taken by Prussia, 1864	7 25	5 4
4	S	Fair on the Thames, 1814.—Bursting of the Holmfirth Reservoir, 1852.—St. Eustacia taken, 1781	7 23	5 5
5	S	SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.—Agatha Virgin and Martyr.—Victoria Cross founded, 1856	7 22	5 6
6	M	New Blackfriars Bridge commenced 1864	7 20	5 7
7	T	Annexation of Oude, 1856	7 19	5 8
8	W	Mary Queen of Scots beheaded, 1587.—Jenny Lind born at Stockholm, 1820	7 18	5 9
9	T	Sultan of Turkey born, 1839.—Earthquake at Malta, 1861	7 17	5 11
10	F	Queen Victoria mar., 1840.—O'Keefe, dramatist, d., 1833	7 16	5 13
11	S	Washington b., 1723	7 14	5 14
12	S	SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.—Ben Johnson died 1637	7 13	5 16
13	M	Flournoie made Cap. of Italy, '65.—Glencoe massacre, 1692	7 11	5 17
14	T	St. Valentine.—Battle of Cape St. Vincent, 1797	7 10	5 18
15	W	Cardinal Wiseman d., 1865.—Pope driven from Rome, 1798	7 9	5 19
16	T	Lindley Murray died, 1826	7 8	5 20
17	F	John Braham died 1856.—Michael Angelo died, 1573	7 6	5 22
18	S	Martin Luther died 1546.—Capture of Trinidad, 1797	7 4	5 24
19	S	QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.—Incedon, singer, died, 1826	7 3	5 25
20	M	Princess Louisa of Wales b., 1867.—Sir J. Hume d., 1855	7 1	5 27
21	T	Shrove Tuesday.—Bishop Cranmer burnt, 1556	6 59	5 28
22	W	Ash Wednesday.—French Revolution commenced, 1848	6 57	5 30
23	T	Handel born, 1648.—Scourge of the Nile discovered, 1863	6 56	5 32
24	F	St. Matthias, B. & M.—Abdication of Louis Philippe, 1848	6 54	5 34
25	S	Sir C. Wren, died, 1723.—Garrick Club instituted, 1831	6 52	5 35
26	S	QUADAGESIMA SUNDAY.—Thomas Moore, poet, d., 1852	6 48	5 37
27	M	Soult defeated by Wellington, 1814.	6 49	5 38
28	T	Indian Mutiny commenced, 1857	6 47	5 40

SUNSET AND SUNRISE.—Why is a sunset more attractive to most men than a sunrise? Is it because but few ever see the latter, or because that which departs has more of our sympathies? I think not. The sunset comes to a beautiful mysterious close in the shade of night and the stillness of universal rest; but the sunrise never comes to a conclusion, it is dissipated in the glare and noise and turmoil of the day.—*Goethe*.

SLOTH.—It would be thought a hard government that should tax its people one-tenth part of their time, to be employed in its service; but idleness taxes many of us much more, if we reckon all that is spent in absolute sloth, or doing of nothing, with that which is spent in idle employments, or amusements that amount to nothing. Sloth by bringing on diseases, absolutely shortens life. Sloth, like rust, consumes faster than labour wears, while the key often used is always bright.