

4th.—The first page of a work by Aristæus, written in the first century after Christ.

5th.—A fragment containing a few lines of ethical writings from the Oracles of Zoroaster Magus, of the first century after Christ.

6th.—Fragments of historical writings, author unknown, but very interesting, from the fact that they contain historical and geographical information never yet known. Written about the second century after Christ.

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CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR 1861.

| 1861. | SUNDAY. | MONDAY. | TUESDAY. | WEDNESDAY. | THURSDAY. | FRIDAY. | SATURDAY. | 1861. | SUNDAY. | MONDAY. | TUESDAY. | WEDNESDAY. | THURSDAY. | FRIDAY. | SATURDAY. |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|----------------------------|---------|---------|----------|------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| JANUARY... (31 days.) | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | JULY..... (31 days.) | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |
| FEBRUARY... (28 days.) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | AUGUST..... (31 days.) | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | | | | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| MARCH..... (31 days.) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | SEPTEMBER... (30 days.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | 31 | | | | | | | | 29 | 30 | | | | | |
| APRIL..... (30 days.) | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | OCTOBER... (31 days.) | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | | | | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
| MAY..... (31 days.) | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | NOVEMBER... (30 days.) | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| JUNE..... (30 days.) | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | DECEMBER... (31 days.) | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | 30 | | | | | | | | 30 | 31 | | | | | |

NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS, 1861.

County Grammar Schools.

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------|----|
| January..... | 19 | July..... | 0 |
| February..... | 20 | August..... | 15 |
| March..... | 16 | September..... | 21 |
| April..... | 20 | October..... | 23 |
| May..... | 21 | November..... | 20 |
| June..... | 20 | December..... | 15 |
| Total..... | 116 | Total..... | 94 |

Common Separate Schools.

| | | | |
|---------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| January..... | 22 | July..... | 23 |
| February..... | 20 | August..... | 12 |
| March..... | 20 | September..... | 21 |
| April..... | 22 | October..... | 23 |
| May..... | 23 | November..... | 21 |
| June..... | 20 | December..... | 16 |
| Total..... | 127 | Total..... | 116 |

OFFICIAL REPLIES OF THE CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, TO LOCAL SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN UPPER CANADA.

In continuation of the Chief Superintendent's Official Replies to letters of Local School Authorities, involving questions and proceedings under the School Law, published in former numbers of the *Journal of Education*, we insert the following, which have been selected from hundreds of answers which have been sent out from the Department.*

NO. 1. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF RURAL TRUSTEES.

Regulations in regard to Holidays and Vacations.—No person or persons have anything to do or decide in a school section, as to how long the school shall be kept open, and how much shall be paid the Teacher, and for how long a time, but the Trustees who are elected and invested with the corporate powers of the Section, for those purposes.

2. But neither the Trustees or Teacher, nor both together, have any right to over-ride or disregard the General Rules and Regulations authorized by law. It is not, therefore, lawful for the Trustees and Teacher to agree to teach school during the legal holidays or vacation, and to close the school during legal teaching days. No return or apportionment can be permitted for teaching the school on legal holidays; and for every legal teaching day the school is closed, a corresponding deduction must be made in the returns and apportionment. If the returns are not made in accordance with the legal regulations and official instructions, both Trustees and Teacher are liable to fine and punishment for making false returns in order to obtain a larger portion of the School Fund than they are legally entitled to.

3. The legal School year cannot close earlier than the Friday before Christmas.

4. The times and length of the vacations and holidays, and of the teaching days, and the length of the School year, and the number of teaching days each month in the year, are for the benefit of the whole people, and cannot be chopped and modified for the sake of an individual Teacher or Trustees.

5. The legal Regulations do not allow anything to be apportioned to a School for teaching during any of the legal holidays, or to any Teacher for teaching during any of those days; nor have the Trustees authority to levy and collect rates for the payment of a Teacher for teaching on unauthorized days.

6. In the half-yearly returns and in the printed Manual of School Laws and Regulations for Trustees, page 13, you will find the number of legal teaching days during each month of the year.

The Saturday Holiday must be observed.—A Teacher is as much authorized and bound by law since May last, to allow the pupils to rest from School every Saturday, as he was before required to allow them every other Saturday. Did he not now allow every Saturday as a holiday, the Trustees might complain of him for not conducting his School according to law, but not if he complies with the law. Both Trustees and Teachers, and all agreements between them, are subject to the law as made or amended by the Legislature.—(See *Journal of Education* for July last.)

Using the School House for Public Meetings, &c.—If there be a provision in the deed of a site on which the school house is built, requiring the Trustees to open it for all kinds of public or religious meetings, then, in case of refusal to do so, applica-

* Parties in correspondence with the Educational Department will please quote the number and date of any previous letters to which they may have occasion to refer, as it is extremely difficult for the Department to keep trace of isolated cases where so many letters are received (nearly 700 per month) on various subjects.