

A. D.	SPAIN.	GERM.	ENGLAND.	FRANCE.	THE CHURCH.
1572				{ Massacre of St. Bartholomew.	{ Elizabeth is staining the soil of England with the blood of her Catholic subjects.—
1574				HENRY III., King.	Ireland is not spared.
1576		{ Rodolph II. E.		Holy League.	{ Publication of the Roman Martyrology.
1584				{ Death of the Duke of Anjou.	SIXTUS V., Pope. He institutes the Congregations of Cardinals.
1585				{ War of the Three Henrys.	—Mary Stuart, the Queen of Scots, a prisoner of Elizabeth, writes to the Pope a touching letter, declaring her fixed resolve to live and die a Catholic.
1587			{ Death of Mary Stuart.	{ Battle of Contras, gained by Henry IV.	
1588			{ The Invincible Armada	{ Murder of the Duke of Guise.	
1589				{ House of Bourbon HENRY IV.	{ URBAN VI., Pope.
1590				{ Battle of Ivry.—	GREGORY XIV., Pope.
1591				{ Siege of Paris.	INNOCENT IX., Pope.
1592					CLEMENT VIII., Pope.
1593				{ Henry IV. abjures Protestantism.	{ Annexion of the Duchy of Ferrara to the Pontifical States.
1598	{ Philip III., King			{ Treaty of Vervins. Edict of Nantes.	LEO XI., Pope.—PAUL V. Pope.—Persecution in Japan.—Chinese Missions.—Father Ricci in Peking.—The Jesuits in Paraguay.
1599			{ East India Company.	{ The Minister of State is the celebrated Sully. Under Henry's reign, colonists are sent to Canada and Guyane.	PAUL V. approves the following new Institutions: the Ursulines; the Congregation of Priests of the Oratory, established by Card. De Berulle; the Nuns of the Visitation, instituted by St. Francis of Sales.—Founding by St. Vincent of Paul, of the Sisters of Charity, in Paris.
1603			{ House of Stuart. JAMES I., King.		GREGORY XV., Pope.—Foundation of the Propaganda.—Canonization of St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, St. Theresa, and St. Philip Neri.
1605			{ Gunpowder Plot.		
1610				{ Assassination of Henry IV.	
1612		{ Matthias Em.		{ Louis XIII., King	
1614				{ Convocation of the States Gen.	
1618		30 yrs' warPalatine period.		{ The Protestant Party, commanded by De Rohan, threatens to dismember France.—	
1619		Ferd. II. Em.		Siege of Montauban.	
1621	Philip IV. Kg.				
1622					