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## Calendar for April, 1901.

MOON'S CHANGES.

Full Moon, 3rd, 9h. 20m. evg.  
Last Quarter, 11th, 11h. 57m. evg.  
New Moon, 18th, 6h. 37m. evg.  
First Quarter, 26th, 12h. 15m. m.

D	Day of Week	Sun	rise	Set	High Water	After
1	Monday	5	38	28	10	04
2	Tuesday	36	29	10	38	22
3	Wednesday	34	31	11	08	23
4	Thursday	32	32	11	36	23
5	Friday	30	33	0	06	12
6	Saturday	28	35	0	40	12
7	Sunday	26	36	1	16	12
8	Monday	25	37	1	54	13
9	Tuesday	23	38	2	27	13
10	Wednesday	21	40	3	26	14
11	Thursday	19	41	4	23	15
12	Friday	17	42	5	29	15
13	Saturday	15	44	6	45	17
14	Sunday	14	45	7	46	19
15	Monday	12	46	8	36	20
16	Tuesday	10	48	9	22	21
17	Wednesday	8	49	10	08	22
18	Thursday	7	50	10	46	23
19	Friday	6	52	11	25	24
20	Saturday	5	53	11	11	25
21	Sunday	3	54	1	07	26
22	Monday	5	0	0	56	27
23	Tuesday	4	0	0	57	28
24	Wednesday	3	0	0	58	29
25	Thursday	2	0	0	59	30
26	Friday	1	0	0	60	31
27	Saturday	0	0	0	61	32
28	Sunday	0	0	0	62	33
29	Monday	0	0	0	63	34
30	Tuesday	0	0	0	64	35

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## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

### Authentic Information in Regard to the Philippine Islands.

Admiral Dewey, during the month after his victory at Manila and before the arrival of the United States Commissioners, found that he could obtain the most reliable information with regard to the Philippine Islands and the natives from the Jesuit fathers in charge of the observatory at Manila. The Commissioners asked the Jesuits to arrange all the data with reference to the Philippines and allow the United States Government to print them. This is the origin of two volumes (in Spanish) which have just been issued from the Government press in Washington, entitled "El Archipiélago Filipino, being a Collection of Historical, Geographical, Statistical and Scientific Data concerning the Philippine Archipelago, collected by the Fathers of the Society of Jesus in charge of the Observatory at Manila."

Of the 1,500 sets of the work (consisting of 2 Vols. and Atlas) thus issued, 500 were reserved by the Government for its own use, and 1,000 were given to Father Algue to be sold for the benefit of the famous observatory at Manila of which he is director. Of these latter, 200 sets will be disposed of by Father Algue from Manila; the remaining 800 sets have been placed for distribution with his agent, JOHN J. WYNN, 27 and 29 West 16th street, New York City.

### ETHNOLOGY.

The chapters of the work that treats on ethnology are especially interesting. They show how much the missionaries in the Philippine Islands have studied the character of the inhabitants. There is a thoroughly scientific discussion of the origin of the peoples of the islands, showing how the fundamental part of the race came from the African continent, and the admixture of elements from Japan and China, from Hindustan and Persia, India, and from the South Sea Islands. Something of what has been accomplished for the uplifting of these races can be gathered from the history of Church progress in the islands and also from what has been done for the education of the people.

### THE ATLAS.

One of the best proofs of the missionary care for the training of the Filipinos, especially in such things as they are best suited to accomplish, is to be found in the atlas which forms part of the work. All of the maps were drawn and engraved by native Filipinos and the execution of them is of such excellence that they are a source of pleasure even to those who do not ordinarily imbue over such unesthetic artistic productions as maps. The data that formed the basis for the geographical accuracy of these maps were supplied by the Jesuits and certain other missionary religious orders. Their reliability can be best judged from the fact that the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey has adopted the atlas as the basis for its work in the Philippines. Mr. Henry S. Pritchard, Superintendent of the Coast Survey Bureau at Washington, declares that this set of maps represents the most scientific geography of the Philippine Archipelago that we possess. He says, besides, that it contains a large amount of new and very valuable material. Practically all that we know, for instance, of the interior of the large island of Mindanao, is due to the scientific enthusiasm of the Jesuit missionaries, who have in recent years penetrated into the island and gathered precious information.

### CLIMATOLOGY.

The chapters on climatology also have an especial interest. Here Father Algue, S. J., the director of the observatory at Manila, was at home in the work. His own book on hurricanes in the Philippine Islands has made him an authority throughout the world on the meteorology of that part of the Far East. From a series of most careful observations made during the last few years he has succeeded in deducing a set of laws which enable meteorological observatories to tell several days beforehand the approach of one of the severe storms which are so common in the archipelago in certain seasons and always so destructive. A series of cloud appearances has also been worked out including especially the upward and downward movements of clouds, which will enable mariners to have definite warning of the approach of any severe storm long before the storm itself appears on the horizon.

### SEISMOLOGY.

The study of the earthquakes of the islands forms another subject of

intense scientific interest. Earth quakes are not infrequent in the Philippines, and an interesting fact is that they are more likely to occur in neighborhoods where there are active volcanoes. The connection between volcanic action and earthquakes has long been assumed. It is well known that earthquakes are local and this is confirmed by the observations made in the Philippines. The fact that the progress of earthquakes is limited and their effect modified by mountain ranges is emphasized by the investigations carried on by the missionaries at various stations in the islands.

### MINERALOGY.

Another interesting chapter in the work is devoted to mineralogy. Copper, so important in present-day commerce and industries, is found in reasonable abundance. Silver is very rare and occurs only in connection with certain lead ores which latter, however, are found in a number of localities. Gold is the typical metallic product of the Philippines and it has been found on all of the important islands in quantities that will repay working. It occurs in placers, in veins, and in quartz, and a number of nuggets of pure gold have also been found. Gold in crystals is not an unusual discovery on the island of Cebu.

There is, in a word, in these volumes, the most precious fund of authentic information with regard to things Philippine that could well be collected.

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## Interesting Happenings The World Over.

The British War Office having asked for Catholic chaplains for the forces in South Africa, twenty-six priests in the Diocese of Liverpool volunteered their services. Bishop Whitehead has accepted five, whose names have been forwarded to the authorities and who are awaiting instructions.

An original and interesting feature recently added to the columns of the "London Daily Chronicle," and which has attracted much attention, is a series of anniversary quotations, in honor of celebrated men, under the heading, "This is My Birthday" (Shakespeare). On Saturday last the following appropriate passages were chosen for the Holy Father's birthday:

"If his name be George, I'll call him Peter." Shakespeare.

"He doth rely on none: But carries on the stream of his dispose Without observance or respect of any. In will peculiar and in self-admission." Shakespeare.

"O, good old man; how well in thee appears The constant service of the antique world." Shakespeare.

"May he live Longer than I have time to tell his years; Ever beloved, and loving may his rule be!" Shakespeare.

And, when old Time shall lead him to his end, Goodness and he fill up one monument!" Shakespeare.

"Reigns but does not govern."—There.

The Anglican Church, says the "Weekly Register," of London, has to mourn the loss of the Rev. William Bright, D. D., canon of Christ Church and regius professor of ecclesiastical history in the University of Oxford. A slight and shrunken figure, shy and nervous in manner, but with a caustic wit among friends and with a gentle piety, he was turned out of a Scotch professorship for finding fault with the Reformation, and retired to the vicarage of Holy Cross, Holywell, only just within the ancient city wall of Oxford. On the promotion of the celebrated Dean Mansel, Mr. Bright, somewhat unexpectedly, succeeded to the vacant canonry and professorship. He was one of the more extreme High Churchmen of his day, and had a unique personal history among them from his holding a university office, while he belonged also to a more liberal sort than that of the old Tractarians. His "History of the First Six Centuries" is painstaking and agreeably written and displays a curious appreciative sympathy with each of the great heresiarchs, which either his kindly temper suggested, or the traditions of Anglicanism might seem to demand.

The death the other day of Monsignor Dabert, Bishop of Perigueux, in the 90th year of his age, removes the doyen of the French Episcopacy, the only member of it who was not nominated by the Third Republic.

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