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As many persons are not aware of the signification of several terms, the following explanation is appended:

**GOLDEN NUMBER.**—This is in fact the *remainder* left after dividing 1844 and 1 added, by 19 years, that being the revolution or cycle in which the conjunctions, oppositions and other aspects of the Moon happen on the same days of their respective months, as they were set down 19 years before, and also within half an hour of the same time of day.

**THE SOLAR CYCLE** is, the 28 years that revolve before the same days of the week return to the same days of the month; the Sun's place to the same signs, and degrees of the Ecliptic at the same dates, and the leap years begin the same course over again with respect to the days of the week on which the days of the month fall.

**THE DOMINICAL LETTER**, which denotes Sunday, or Day of Our Lord, (i. e. *Domini*.) was the ancient mode of notation, but is now only used to denote the Sabbaths. Thus, the ordinary year being 365 days, or one more than 52 weeks, the Sunday letter falls back one letter each year; unless it is leap year, when a second move backwards takes place. As every fourth year is thus Bisextile, and as the number of letters employed is seven, the same Dominical letters will return only in four times seven or 28 years, whereas without that intervention, it would return in seven.

**THE ROMAN INDICTION** is a cycle of 15 years, indicating the terms of certain payments due by the Roman land holders to their Government.

**THE JULIAN PERIOD** is a revolution of 7980 years, and is produced by the continued multiplication of three Cycles above, viz., 19, 28, and 15.



**CIRCUMCISION.**—The Festival of the Circumcision was established about the close of the 5th. century, and adopted in the Church of England, 1550.

**EPIPHANY.**—A festival kept in commemoration of the manifestation of our Saviour to the Gentiles, and was first observed in 813.

**SHROVE SUNDAY.**—So called from the future tense of the saxon verb to *Shrive*, i. e. to confess preparatory to the more religious observances of Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY.**—This day was conspicuous in the History of the Ancient Church for the severity of discipline exercised on the patients. The name is derived from the sprinkling of ashes on the heads of the offenders.

**PALM SUNDAY.**—The Sunday next before Easter; also sometimes called Passion Sunday, as being the commencement of Passion week, or the week celebration of the suffering and passion of our Lord.

**GOOD FRIDAY.**—This day is the anniversary of the Cruci-