

FEBRUARY.

"At Candlemas the cold comes to us."

FEBRUARY, the second month of the year. It was called by the Saxons Fever month, from which some trace its name, while others attribute it to the word *februus*, to purify or cleanse.

February was not in the calendar of Romulus. It was added to the year by Numa, who gave it the twelfth place in the calendar. The Decemviri transferred it to the place where it now stands. Numa assigned 28 days to it, in order that the sum of the year might be an uneven number, according to a Pythagorean fancy. In an ordinary year February has twenty-eight days; in Bis-sextile or Leap-year, it has a twenty-ninth day, as happens this year.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter	2 d.	5 h. a.m.			
New Moon	8	9 p.m.	Perigee	7 d	10 h a.m.
First Quarter	16	2 a.m.	Apogee	19	9 a.m.
Full Moon	21	6 a.m.			

			SUN.	
			Rises.	Sets.
			h. m.	h. m.
1	Th	Parliament House, Quebec, burnt, 1854.	7 17	5 11
2	F	Candlemas, or Purif. of B. Virgin Mary.	7 16	5 12
3	S		7 15	5 13
4	S	Sexagesima Sunday.	7 14	5 15
5	M	"Colonist" office, Toronto, burnt 1856.	7 12	5 16
6	T	Series of earthquakes com. L. C., 1663.	7 11	5 17
7	W		7 10	5 19
8	Th	Demonstration in Toronto against Buffalo Convention, 1856.	7 09	5 20
9	F	Canada ceded to Brit, 1763. Union of U. & L. Canada 1841.	7 07	5 22
10	S	Queen Victoria married 1840.	7 06	5 23
11	S	Quinquagesima Sunday. Lord Sydenham Governor, 1840.	7 05	5 24
12	M	Cobden sailed for Canada 1859.	7 03	5 26
13	T	Shrove Tuesday.	7 02	5 27
14	W	St. Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday. First day of Lent.	7 01	5 28
15	Th		6 59	5 30
16	F		6 58	5 31
17	S		6 56	5 32
18	S	First Sunday in Lent. Canada settled 1534.	6 55	5 34
19	M		6 53	5 35
20	T	Tithes abolished in U. Can., 1823.	6 52	5 36
21	W	Ninety-two resolutions passed in Can. Parliament, 1831.	6 50	5 38
22	Th	Ogdensburgh captured by the British, 1813.	6 49	5 39
23	F	Election riot Montreal, 1855.	6 47	5 40
24	S	St. Matthias.	6 45	5 42
25	S	Second Sunday in Lent.	6 44	5 43
26	M		6 42	5 44
27	T	Sir J. Colborne Adm., 1838.	6 40	5 45
28	W		6 39	5 47
29	Th	Intercalary day.	6 37	5 48