

mended by similar phraseology in Muratori's n. 2, p. 431—"Obiit bonæ memoriæ Cæsaria medium noctis die Dominica inlucescente VI Id. Decembris." Thus also Suetonius, *Cæsar*, c. 81—"Ea nocte, cui illuxit dies cædis, &c. In Kirchhoff's n. 9119 we have the corresponding Greek phrase—ἐπεφωσκει[ούσης τῆς] ὀγδόης τοῦ 'Α [θουρ] μηνός. But I am not satisfied. The objection to De Rossi's reading is—that he does not supply the letter in the place left vacant by the stone cutter *scil.* between N and V. Can it be that the vacant space was intended for the monogram, with the letters ΑΩ incorporated with it, as they often were, and that this having been omitted either from the ignorance or inadvertence of the workman, ΑΩ were cut in the corner, but yet should be read between *In* and *vixit*—*scil.* "in ΑΩ vixit" *i. e.* *in Deo* or *Christo vixit*, in the sense "lived in God," "died?" See n. 65, &c.

1. 6. *Die Saturni luna vigesima signo Capricorno.* This inscription has been discussed chronologically and astronomically by Blanchini, Lupi and Marini, but De Rossi is the first who has shown that the notices in it are really astrological, and that they should be regarded as forming a horoscope of birth. Thus, p. LXXXIV, he proves that each of these characteristics—*scil.* the fourth hour of Saturday, the Moon in Capricorn, and the twentieth day of the May moon—was regarded as unlucky. See also his comment.

(c) Day of the month, octave of Easter, and year:—

88.

NATV · SEVERINOMINEPASCASIVS
DIESPASCALESPRIDNOVAAPRIILN
DIEIOBISFL · CONSTANTINO
ETRVFOV̄V̄CCCONSSQV̄V̄VIXIT
ANNORVMVI · PERCEPIT
XIKALMAIASETALBASSVAS
OCTABASPASCAEADSEPVLCRVM
DEPOSVITD · IIIIKALMAIFLBASILIO
V̄CCOns

(Urbini in ædibus publicis ; De Rossi, n. 810.)

Natu(s) Severi nomine Pasc(h)asius dies Pasc(h)ales pridie Nonas Apriles, in die Jovis, Flavio Constantino et Rufo, Viris Clarissimis, Consulibus, qui vixit annorum (annos) VI. Percepit XI Calendas Maias et albas suas Octavas (Octavis) Paschæ ad sepulcrum deposuit, IV Kalendas Maias, Flavio Basilio, Viro Clarissimo, Consule.