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Third Quarter, 4th, 11h. 54.2m. p. m. New Moon, 11th, 3h. 40.3m. p. m. First Quarter, 18th, 11h. 11.3m. p. m. Full Moon, 27th, 2h. 6.0m. a. m. Sun Sun Moon High Water rises Sets rises Ch't'n 1 Wednesday 2 Thursday 3 Friday 4 Saturday

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The Date of our Lord's Birth. (Antigonish Casket.)

The following paper on the date of our Blessed Saviour's birth, which appeared in the current number of be American Ecclesiastical Review nay not be without interest to our eaders. A few verbal changes have been made, almost all of them in the closing paragraphs, the object being to restore the reading of the original manuscript:

Editor of the American Ecclesiastica In his article on "Christmas Day

and the Christian Calendar" in the Beview for December, Father Thurston. S. J., alleges "the absence of any definite tradition" as the " real difficulty " in determining the date of our Saviour's birth. He sets forth as rendering the traditional date im probable-first, that it would be unusual for the shepards of Jude, to leave their flocks in mountain pastures at night during the month of December; secondly, that the Jews could hardly have been summoned to repair to their place of origin for enrolment during a season when travelling is difficult in the mountain regions of Palestine. He tells us, in fine, that "ail the evidence strongly suggests that it was really some princi le like this the fancifu analogy brought forward by a writer named Cyprian], combined with an Oriental symbolism, ultimately of Babylonian origin, which, deducing from the movements of the heavenly bodies a type of the life of man, led in some round-about way to the determination of December 25th. as the date of our Saviour's birth."

Now, I am aware that the point is go Maria peperit Christum."-In not one of very great importance. Joannis Evang tract., XXIII, n, 2. anything down as certain in a sffirms that the Romans had "accu-Nativity is really very much strong-

the time of St. Augustine. The custodiunt." "The record of the City. The supposed tomb of Rom- good works, for such as may seek implication is quite true, if there be census taken by Augustus, a most ulus is a black stone situated exact- their aid. Send your petitions to question only of the East. The authentic evidence of our Lord's ly in the spot which tradition Nazareth Convent. Kalamazoo. estimony of St. Clement of Alexan. Nativity, is preserved in the Roman points out as the burial place of the Mich. dris proves that beyond a peradven. archives." He even tells us that the founder of Rome, but as to its genuof two Fathers, both of them Doctors nascitur Christus," 1 of the Church. In the West, St. As regards the difficulties, the lat. put in the discovery, Augustine not only witnesses to the ter of the two is seen to be very existence of a definite tradition in slight, and indeed mel's away, when his day (De Trinitate, l. 4, c. 5, n 9), we reflect that December in Pales-

Virgin about the 25th. of March: the Jews would have weighed very ceptum et passum asse Christum et to fix the date of the enrolment. notissimus nativitatis ejus ostendit." ualty disposed of, although the Eq--Quaest, in Heptat. XC.

art. Christmas). Replying to a confirm the ancient tradition of the difficulty which he supposes his hearers to raise, that, namely, none is situated on the brow of a high of them had ever been in Rome, the hill, but tradition has it that the saint goes on to say, as I find his shepherds kept their vigil, not in the Under January 5th. the Bolland-

traditione), communicated the because it has a vital bearing on the occasion will be based on the conknowledge of it to us at that time." question, isls quote the decree of Pope Teles. have just quoted-a very scholarly phorus I, enacting that hencefor work, by the way we have the which the Holy Father grants all ward three Masses should be cele; following account of the pastoral the privileges of the "Jubilee Year," brated on the festival of the Nativiusages in Palestine : "In summer, or "Anno Santo," during the year ty-one at midnight, one at the when the plains are parched with 1900-but of this more in another man on P. E. I. We import our cloths from the very best This goes to show that the Roman dried up, they (the shepherds) property in N. Y. Freeman's Journal.) of the Apostles, There is mention tains, or to the banks of rivers ; and of the date on which the festival was in winter and spring, when the then kept; but the Roman Church rains have reclothed the plains with sion of the Plenary Courcil of bish never knew any other date than the verdure and filled the water-course, ops of Latin America will be held th of Degember. It will be obt they return. . . . Nearly all the in Rome on Trinity Sunday. For served that the Pope does no insti- pastoral usages were the same an some time past the prelates of the tute the festival; it existed before ciently as now. The sheep were Church in South America have been his time. Telesphorus became Pope constantly kept in the open air, and considering the question of introducas early as 140 a. n. We are now guarded by hired servants, and by brought fairly in sight of the days the sons and daughters of the own-when SS. Peter and Paul preached green—Ibid. art. Pasturage. (The Various preliminary meetings have Ohrist and Him crucifi d to the italics are mine.) It would appear, been held and the bishops have desig. Hood's Sarsaparilla Romans. There might easily have after all, that the alleged difficulty, nated some forty members of the listhe heat in that the One True Blood Purifier. been living, in the pontificate of which had its origin in the inability episcopate to rot as their delegates sold by all drubersts. \$1; six for \$5.

conversed with the first Vicar of customs other than the av them Christ upon earth. This complete pelves were fam har we , is but a ly bears out the words of S. Chryso- c nfirmation of the received tradi stom, when he says that the date of ion respecting the date of our the Nativity was known "from the Lord's birth. beginning to those who dwell in the West." ALEXANDER McD NALD, D. D.

1 See Grotius' Commentary on Luke, 2. then a- to the existence of a tradition respecting the date of our Saviour's birth, in the Roman and western Church, at the close of the as showing how liable one's judgment o fourth century and ling before—a events belonging to another place and time

They both appeal, in the first place,

as we have seen, to the tradition of

tradition definite, positive, immemo- is to be colored by one's environment, that rial. The absence of such a tradi- Grotius seems to find it an almost insupertion in the East may be noted as a somewhat curious fact, but need not give us much anxiety. We know at Bethlehem when our Lord was born. how, at an earlier date, the tradition We shall presently see that this, instead of of the Roman Church respecting the being an insuperable objection, or, indeed time on which Easter was to be an objection at all, is rather in a general kept, prevailed in the presence and way, fresh proof of the truth of the ancien in the very te th of a definite, positradition. The words of Grotius are (Luke tive, and, as it was held, Apostolic tradition in the Churches of the East, and was universally recognized as true after the Council of Nice. Other early writers may attach tum in diem xxv Decembris."—"Since there is hardly any place where shepherds undue weight to fanciful analogies are wont to live in the open air during the and symbolic considerations in de- winter season, it may well seem strange termining the date of the Nativity, that the Roman Church, which could s but certainly St. Augustine and St. easily have consulted the records of the census, should have set our Lord's Nativi-Chrysostom do nothing of the kind.

Under the Soil of Rome-

the Church in the West, and they give us clearly to understand that One day recently your correspon this tradition was corroborated by dent, wh le rambling about the bill the testimony of ancient records of Tusculum, struck his stick a few still extant in their day. "We have inches in the soil and discovered evidence," says St. Augustine, "in beautiful piece of old Roman mosaic whose consulship and on what day pavement. Another day not long the Virgin Mary gave birth to before, as he was rassing up the Christ. Apparet quo Consule, quo Via del Tritone, le saw an exquisite die conceptum de Spritu Sancto Virmosaic figure of Our Lord which some workmen had accidentally come upon when restoring the plas-I fully agree, too, with Father Thur- And St. John Chrysostom, in the ter of an old house; another day a fully agree, too, with Father Thur- and S. countries of an old nouse; another day a ton that we should be careful not to sermon already mentioned, not only couple of months ago he beheld some magnificent columns and rematter of this kind unless we are rate information" as to the date, but mains of statues which had just quite sure of our ground. But the also points out the source whence been dug out of one of the narrow Nativity is really very much stronger than your learned contributor the public records that are kept at has m de it appear to be. Indeed, Rome can easily learn the exact in the papers one day last week that Church in the decrees of the Holy it is scarce too much to say that he lets it go by default, time of this enrolment."—Apud the tomb of Romulus had just been Church in the decrees of the Holy Council of Trent. discovered in the Forum. For We are told that a "widespread and constant tradition ever since than either, refers time and time have been going on in this treasure he days of St. Augustine " links the again to the record of the census house of antiquity and many valubirth of our Lord with the 25th of taken by Augustus, which was pre-December. Taken in connection served in the Roman archives. "De which will considerably alter the patron, through the intercession of with the other statement of his al. censu denique Agusti," he says, appearance of a spot which has be- the Sisters of St. Joseph, who durready quoted, this implies that there "quem testem fidelissimum Domini- come familiar to thousands who ing the entire month of March, will was no "definite tradition" before cae nativitatis Romana archiva have never been near the Eternal willingly offer their prayers, and

Death has begun its ravages early but even brings forward the fact tipe is, after all, a comparatively certified by the tradition as proof that Christ was conceived of the Virgin about the 25th, of March:

The fact tipe is, after all, a comparatively in the new year among the Sacred College. On the 21st, of the prestore that Christ was conceived of the the convenience or inconvenience of Virgin about the 25th, of March: Virgin about the 25th. of March: the Jews would have weighed very Santos passed away, five days bethat was held at Green Bay.—Cath-fore his 70th. birthday. His Emin-olic Standard and Times. Paschæ celebratio et dies Ecclesiis The other can be even more effect the Catholic hierarchy, is the 124th ence, one of the brilliant stars of member of the Sacred College who Saxony, known to Londoners durcyclopælia Britannica mentions it has died during the pontificate of ing his ministration at the German S, Chrysostom, in the East, is still as a "difficulty," and the writer in Leo XIII., and with him departed church in Whitechapel as "Father core explicit. In the course of a Chambers' so magnifies it as to the sole survivor of the seven or Max," has, it is announced, been apsermon preached at Antioch in 368, make out, from this sole circum- eight cardinals created by His Holi- pointed "curate" (query, cure) of he says: "It is not yet ten years stance, that "it is almost certain ness in his first consistory of May the principal Catholic church in since this day [Christmas on the that the 25th of December cannot 12th, 1879. Among the others who Nuremburg, the old German city of 25th of Dec] was clearly known to (the italics are the writer's) be the received the "bat" in the same which Longfellow sang so sweetly. us, but it has been familiar from the beginning to those who dwell in the from deeming it aldifficulty, I am West." (See A Catholic Dictionary, persuaded that it tends strongly to

words quoted in Natalis Alexander's mountain pastures, but in a deep History of the Church, tom 4, 81: valley lying to the northeast of "That is no reason why we should Hethlebem. "On the northeast side the press here as to the precise date sity, Rome, aged 70. The deceased have any misgiving, since we got the town."—I read in the Encythe date from those who dwell in that city, and who have accurate information on this point. For they who live there, and who long before who live there, and who long before ing the birth of the Saviour." I ask with ancient tradition (ex aniqua the seader to note this particularly, memorations in connection with the paganda Fide. Now, in the work from which I ends on D cember 31st, 1900. decree has just been published

-(ST. KILIAN MORE

Telesphorus, men who had seen and of men to imagine conditions and in the council, which will take Hood's l'ills pills are the best afterdinner

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