

Calendar for Feb., 1908

Moon's Phases. New Moon 2. 47. 37m. a. m. First Quarter 9. 0. 28m. a. m. Full Moon 17. 5. 5m. a. m. Last Quarter 24. 11. 24m. p. m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Moon, High Water, Low Water. Rows for days of the week from Sat to Sat.

The Librarian of the Vatican.

Every now and then, even still one reads in the newspapers of some being solemnly decorated in France by the President of the French Republic, for their services to humanity (the latest case occurred only a few weeks ago), but such announcements are trivial compared with that contained in a telegram from France the other day, to wit, that Father Ehrle had been appointed a member of the Academie des Inscriptions which is one of the five academies which make up the Institut de France, and the one that presides over history, archaeology, and ancient oriental languages. There are a great many reasons why such distinction should not have fallen to Father Ehrle just now—for he is not official of the Vatican, there is not a trace of modernism about him, he is a religious—a religious of the very worst brand, that is to say, a Jesuit, and, to crown all, he is a German, but in spite of all these drawbacks, Father Ehrle, S. J., who is the Director of the Vatican Library, is quite the greatest living authority on the care of books and the value and preservation and restoration of old manuscripts. Here in Italy we still remember how after the fire in the National Library of Turin, a government institution, Father Ehrle was begged to visit the place and give advice to the best way of restoring the precious manuscripts injured by the disaster. And those who have some familiarity with the management of the Vatican Library could tell some interesting stories of the reforms he has introduced there. He is a most deceitful and jesuitical person in every way. After his long association with yellow parchment (he has been Director of the Vatican Library since 1895) he ought to be sallow and thin and dried-up, and stooped, and instead he is tall and straight and fresh-complexioned with an eye as clear as if he lived always in the country; then he conceals his sixty-two years so effectively that you might easily take him to be ten years younger; if you meet him casually in a railway train you could never guess his nationality, for he would converse with you equally well in any one of half a dozen languages, nor his favorite occupation, for he would seem to be equally well-informed on any topic you might start. But if you want to kindle Father Ehrle's interest most easily, do not try him on books or manuscripts or archaeology—just mention casually that you take an interest in the poor people that live around the docks of Liverpool, and you have him at once. He will tell you stories about them, about their few faults and many virtues, and their strong faith, and you will be quite convinced that his love and knowledge of them is far greater than his affection for the most precious manuscripts in the whole of the Vatican. —R. M.

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General Canonge, who was formerly one of the professors in the French Military School in St. Cyr, points out very clearly that many of the principles of war which were followed in the course of her campaigns by the illustrious Maid, were definitely adopted and "fixed" by Napoleon as the proper technique of the warfare art.

At Blois, for example, her laying down of a definite measure of military success, showed an acute military instinct that was little short of marvelous; for military discipline had not characterized previous armies since the days of Caesar, with whose written views upon the matter she (an illiterate and untutored farm-girl though she was), in her own conceptions of military duties and discipline, agreed.

Again, she was ever, as Napoleon was subsequently, always an advocate of the offensive in military affairs and movements, knowing, as Napoleon afterwards declared, that "to conquer is to advance." Like Napoleon, she never divided her forces; like him, she never allowed the enemy time to reëquip himself, or to recover from his reverse.

At Jargeau, for instance, she refused an armistice to the Duke of Suffolk, knowing that it would enable his lieutenant to come to his aid. As Napoleon was accustomed to do, she always threw the maximum of strength against her enemy, profiting, nevertheless, of his division of forces. Thus, on May 8, 1430, she refused battle to the English army under the walls of Orleans, keeping, nevertheless, in touch with the enemy with her light cavalry.

When once she was assured of the separation of the enemy into two divisions, she brought her entire force to bear upon him, beating him in detail at Jargeau and Beaugency. General Canonge goes into the question of her military instinct. Military men are all agreed that the art of war is that which above all others requires learning; Michelet looks for the explanation of her successes in her common sense. Yet, says General Canonge, she made mistakes after her successes which were inconsistent with common sense; she need not, for example, have fallen into the hands of her enemy. Henri Martin attributes her successes to the almost superhuman "celicuity" of her soul. Yet, says our General, patriotism will not make a military genius.

With all other soldiers who have spoken of Joan, since 1430 to our own times General Canonge simply bows before the miracle of Joan who was "sent and inspired." Providence, he says, wished to save France, and the Maid of Orleans must have come as a reward for the piety of the French during the Crusades. —N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

Presentation to Father Campbell, S. J.

The services which Father Campbell, S. J., of St. Joseph's, Glasgow, has rendered to the cause of religion, his zeal for the material welfare of his people, and the universal popularity and esteem in which he is held, received a fitting recognition in the City Hall, Glasgow, on Wednesday evening. To mark the occasion of his

home coming from a very successful missionary campaign in Nova Scotia, and also of the fact of his having reached the twenty-fifth year of his priesthood, the parishioners of St. Joseph's thought they could not attest their love and affection in a more tangible form than by making him the recipient of a purse of sovereigns.

Had No Idea

(From the Catholic Mirror, Baltimore.)

A day or two ago we were approached by a friend with the startling announcement that a certain Baltimore daily (one of the best) had just published the late decree of the Holy Father concerning sponsalia (engagements) and matrimony.

"You see," continued this friend, "one can find such news in the dailies sooner than one can in the Catholic weekly. Now you can't possibly publish it before Saturday—three or four days after the whole city knows it."

"But we don't intend to publish it, madame."

"You don't?"

"No, madame."

"May I ask why?" says the astonished friend, who, by the way, is not a subscriber; but who is always willing to accept a few copies when they contain anything of special interest.

"You may," we replied. "Our principal reason for not publishing it again is that we have already published it. You will find it in full in our issue of September 14, 1907—some four months ago."

"Oh!" falter the lady.

"It is true, madame," we asserted. "Furthermore, you will find in that same issue a communication from our Roman correspondent, in which the famous decree is explained and dilated upon; in fact, you will find therein a practical history of its causes and its probable consequences."

"I'll tell you," said the lady. "Still, furthermore, you will find the decree, with editorial comment and interesting sidelights, in three-fourths of the Catholic papers, published some time in the latter part of September—also four months ago."

"Well,—I beg your pardon," said the lady. "You see, I had no idea."

"Of course you hadn't," we replied, with gentle irony.

And the moral is: That people who fail to subscribe seldom have any idea!

The late Reverend Dennis J. Stafford, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, was probably the most remarkable pulpit orator America has ever seen, not excepting Henry Ward Beecher. He once refused \$65,000 from a lecture bureau for a single course of lectures, but he gave his talents freely to educational and charitable institutions.

Of late years the growing demands of his parish forced him to decline many invitations. Had he entered another career, he might have been the greatest tragedian of the century, but he chose a better part and his death at the early age of forty-seven is mourned as a calamity far beyond the bounds of the city in which he was born and in which he spent the last years of his life. —Casket.

The archdiocese of Chicago will soon be divided. The Episcopal See will be in the city of Rockford, Winnebago county. Three names have been chosen and sent to Rome. The three selected by the irremovable rector, and confirmed by the bishop of the province are: Rt. Rev. F. J. Muldoon, auxiliary bishop of the archdiocese, Very Rev. Edmund M. Dunne, chancellor, and Rev. Edward A. Kelly, pastor of St. Anne's Church. The Catholic population of the new diocese is estimated to be one hundred thousand.

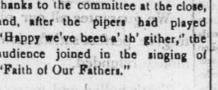
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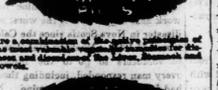
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Joan of Arc As a Warrior.

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A well-known French General, Canonge, of an old Huguenot family, has recently published a life of Joan of Arc, in which, as a military expert, he gives us a valuation of the simple Maid of Orleans as a soldier.

This work has been well received in Europe. It is admitted that General Canonge has, for better than any other historian who has dealt with the subject, established the personal responsibility of Joan as leader of armies, during her campaigns of 1429 and 1430.

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