

Remarkable Days.

- 1 Parliament building burnt at Quebec
- 2 Purification Virgin Mary
- 3 Fair on the Thames, 1684
- 4 Earthquake at Catania, 1693
- 5 5th SUN. AFTER TRINITY.
- 6 Charles II d. 1685.
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- 8 Mary Queen of Scotts beheaded, 1587
- 9 Confederate Congress first met at Montgomery, Alabama, 1861
- 10 Queen Victoria m. 1840. Jeff. Davis elected President of Confederate States, 1861
- 11 Battle of Sobraon, 1846
- 12 SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
- 13 Oregon admitted as 33d State, 1859
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 John Hadley, inventor of Sextant, died, 1744
- 16 Lindley Murray, Grammarian, d. 1826
- 17 Michael Anglo, Sculptor, d. 1563
- 18 Martin Luther d. 1546
- 19 SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. Sir R. Murchison b. 1792
- 20 Joseph Hume d. 1855
- 21 Rev R. Hall, Baptist preacher, d. 1831
- 22 George Washington b. 1731
- 23 Joanna Baillie, Poet, d. 1851
- 24 Chas. Lamb, Essayist, d. 1775
- 25 Dr Buchan d. 1805
- 26 QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.
- 27 Longfellow b. 1807
- 28 George Buchanan died, 1582

AQUARIUS, or the Water-bearer, the zodiacal sign for January, and Pisces, or the Fishes, the sign for February, were named in Egypt some 2500 years before Christ, when these groups of stars rose soon after sunset in these months. At the same time the Nile overflows its banks, so that one group was called the

Water-bearer (Aquarius), and associated with January, and the other, the Fishes, (Pisces), which naturally followed the course of the flood, was associated with February. In those days, at the earliest dawn of science, these names, therefore, had their significance, in the valley of the Nile, if no where else; but with our lakes and streams all locked in ice, and our hills and plains all cloaked with snow, a girl on skates, or a polar bear, would be quite as fit signs for these months. Still it is an interesting fact, that, as the fishes are handed down to us as the sign for February, the young trout of our mountain streams and lakes are hatched about the first of this month, the eggs having been laid eight or ten weeks ago, in a smooth gravel basin, scooped out by the male, just as every farmer's boy has seen near the shore of a quiet shallow stream, made by the bream or other fish. But fishes have but little to do with the farm work for this month that I was going to speak about. Do up the chores, chop wood, &c. Lay plans for spring and for the entire season, so that men may be regularly employed at all times without crowding or confusion. Secure good farm laborers—the best are always engaged first—the highest priced are often the cheapest, by saving constant watching or superintendence. A dollar or two more per month will often secure several dollars more in labor or its equivalent, good management. Open drains or channels in wheat fields, which have become choked by snow or ice, should be cleared out on the approach of thawing weather. Cattle should be kept off meadows. Attend to the comfort of domestic animals, and prepare for the spring's campaign