

PLANETS IN APRIL, 1888.

MONTREAL MEAN TIME.

(For Virginia and the Carolinas, deduct about 15 m.; for Iowa, Nebraska, and Kansas, 1 h. 35 m.; and the Pacific States, 3 h. 15 m.)

Venus is in Aphelion on the 2nd at 4 p.m. Uranus reaches Opposition and becomes an "evening star" on the 4th at 8 a.m., when he is directly overhead at midnight. On the 8th Mercury and the Moon are in Conjunction at 6.12 p.m., and Venus is overtaken by the Moon at 8.22 the same evening. The two planets are "morning stars." Mars reaches one of his most unfavorable Oppositions for astronomical discoveries (he being very far away from the Earth at the time) on the 11th, at 1 a.m., when he is overhead at midnight and becomes an "evening star" for the rest of the year. The Moon is at Apogee at 5.07 p.m. on the 12th; Venus and Mercury are in Conjunction on the 13-14th at midnight, and Neptune is near the Moon on the 14th at 4.45 a.m. On the 19th at 4 a.m., Saturn reaches Quadrature (90° from the Sun) when he is overhead at sunset. The Moon is alongside Saturn at 7.35 the same morning. On the 24th, at noon, Uranus is near the Moon; less than five hours later Mars is in a similar position. The 26th, at 3.07 morn., sees the Moon in Perigee. The 27th, at 8.22 p.m., Luna is 3° 26' N. of Jupiter.

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