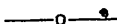


appointed as a Fast; but from time immemorial we may say has been noted for performance by the multitude of absurd and superstitious usages, derived from peoples dark and heathen, worshippers of Baal and other false deities. The people of Presbyterian Scotland seem to have retained more of these usages than any others in the British Isles.



BLACK LETTER DAYS.

We take a portion of our space to notice some of the days marked in our Church's Calendar, which have not before received explanation from us. Others of these were referred to last year in our September issue.

October 1st.—Remegius Bishop of Rhemes: was born in Handou, where he pursued his studies with great assiduity, and was supposed to lead a monastic life. He was subsequently elected Bishop, and is said to have converted King Clodovens and a large portion of his kingdom to the faith of Christ, for which reason he is by some esteemed the apostle of France, and her kings unto this time have been canonized out of the cruse of which he made use, but St. Deny's has the more popular claim to this distinction.

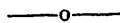
6th.—Faith, virgin and martyr; a young woman of heroic piety, born at Vais de Garve, and who suffered a cruel martyrdom about the year 290.

9th.—St. Deny's, Bishop and martyr, called Dionysius the Areopagite in the Acts of the Apostles, was converted to christianity by St. Paul. He was one of the judges of the great court, and afterward Bishop of Athens, where he sealed the profession of the faith with the blood of martyrdom. He is claimed by the French as their tute-

lor saint, having as it is supposed first preached the Gospel to them. This however is fabulous, for it is certain that it was not until many years after his death that they were favoured with the Gospel message. Strange stories are related of him, among which the most absurd is the legend, that having been beheaded by the Roman Governor of Paris, he walked two miles with it in his hand to a place called the Martyr's Stile, and there laid down to rest.

13th.—Translation of King Edward the Confessor. The Confessor—a name given to him by the Pope, for settling that which in his day was called Rome Scot, but, better known as Peter's Pence, a tribute paid into the treasury of the Vatican. His crown, chain, staff, &c., are still made use of in the coronation of our English kings.

17th.—Etheldrea, virgin; was a daughter of Anna, a king of the East Angles, and although twice married, first to Toubert a lord of Licolnshire, and then to King Egfrid, was yet styled a virgin, and became a nun in Coldringham Abbey. She afterwards built an abbey at Ely, of which she was the abbess, where she died, and was recorded for posterity by the name of St. Andry.



In every Parish pecuniary matters claim attention. Material things must be used, and expense connected with their maintenance in good order, is unavoidable. Buildings are ever requiring restoration in some of their parts; and those appropriated for Divine worship, being large, call at times for large expenditure.

The trusty Wardens and Vestry of St. Luke's find that the furnaces for