

Written for the Sunday Morning BAZOO.

EASTER.

BEFORE CHURCH.

'Tis Easter morn, and I am glad
That Lent is past and o'er.
I've had the knot and the dress
Quite done a week or more.

AFTER CHURCH.

Alas! alas! my heart is broken
In pieces small and fine.
That Mrs. Jones had on a dress
Much handsomer than mine.

SOCIETY NEWS.

[Any items of interest suitable for this department, from Sedalia or neighboring places, are respectfully solicited. We want a vivacious, active and cheery lady correspondent in all the neighboring towns tributary to Sedalia. Address all such communications to B. B. B. B., society reporter BAZOO office, Sedalia, Mo.]

—Mrs. Fred Lipha-d is the guest of friends in Kansas City.

—Mrs. L. W. Welch will give a progressive euchre party soon.

—Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shirley are at the World's fair in New Orleans.

—Mrs. J. M. Snavely, of Clinton, is the guest of relatives in this city.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meuschke are entertaining Mrs. Lulu Christie.

—Miss Lin McConell, of Lamotte, is the guest of friends in this city.

—Miss Lee Ming, of Dover, is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Montgomery in this city.

—Miss Felle Herold will return from a visit with friends at Holden, to-morrow.

—Miss Victoria Knox, of Fulton, was the guest of friends in this city last week.

—Mrs. W. McLaren's children expect to leave for Texas ere long, where they will reside.

—Mrs. Dr. Bayne returned from a visit with her relatives in Lexington, Mo., last week.

—Mrs. Worth and mother of Parsons, were the guests of friends in this city last week.

—Mrs. D. J. Temple will give a large progressive euchre party in about two weeks.

—The family of Rev. Miller will leave next Tuesday for their new home in Lebanon, Mo.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. E. White are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Rutan, in Lamotte.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Y. of Lexington, were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. D. Bane, in this city.

—Mrs. Colonel Edger, who was the guest of Mrs. G. T. Brown, left for her home in Omaha Wednesday last.

—Miss Sue Belle Fife passed through this city Wednesday on her way to Kansas City to visit Mrs. F. H. Phillips.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Messery will go to California, to-day, where they will be the guests of relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. Hightman will go to housekeeping at the residence southeast corner Sixth and Lamite.

—Mrs. A. P. Moxey will give a "progressive euchre" next Wednesday evening at her residence corner of Ninth and Ohio streets.

—Miss Reta M. Reer, of Knobnoster, is expected in the city this morning, and will spend the day with her friend, Mrs. Geo. Weiler.

—Mrs. A. W. Perry expects to entertain a "company" of about thirty guests sometime this week, probably next Thursday evening.

—Miss Minnie Scott will go to Chicago this week where she will attend during the entire Mapes opera season, lasting two weeks.

—Miss Anna Allen will shortly change her location, having decided to take up her abode for the summer at the new Siche's hotel.

—Mrs. Vondrakyn and family will leave next Tuesday for California, where Mr. Vondrakyn is already, and will locate there permanently.

—Mrs. C. E. Messery is enjoying her visit at her home in Springfield, Illinois, and with her young son holds daily levees with her girlhood friends.

—The dancing school party given last Friday night at the opera house hall was attended by over one hundred people and a most enjoyable evening was the result.

—The Sedalia band then whom there is no more worthy or enjoyable organization in the city, will give their grand masquerade ball to-morrow night at the opera house hall.

—Judge John F. Phillips, wife and daughter were in this city last Wednesday. They were en route from Jefferson City to Kansas City, where they will reside.

—Miss Eliza Johnson left last Friday night for St. Louis, where she will remain over to-day. She was accompanied by Miss Florence Hager, who will visit friends for a time.

—Miss Mary Hogan, the St. Louis educationist, will give a dramatic reading in Warsaw for the benefit of the Baptist church at that point next Thursday evening.

—Mrs. Donohoe's piano pupils gave one of their pleasant and enjoyable recitals Friday afternoon. The program was carefully selected and the pupils acquitted themselves well.

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—The Young People's society of the Ohio street Methodist church had a pleasant meeting last Friday night at the residence of Dr. McCluney on Sixth street. About fifty guests were present and the time was wiled away with music and games.

—The Shakespearean club will meet to-morrow night at 8 o'clock. "Fire his Night" will be read by Mr. C. G. Parker. Miss Lucy Reynolds will read an essay of the plot of the play and there will be other pleasant features.

—At the "novelty entertainment" which is to be given under the management of the ladies of the Episcopal church, a very clever "feature" just out of London, will be introduced in this country for the first time. The affair will be well worthy of patronage.

—The First Presbyterian church social given last Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. W. W. McNeely on Third street proved in point of numbers, refreshments, etc., to be one of the most successful given this season. About \$40 clear of expenses was taken in.

—Mrs. A. J. Van Wagner will leave week after next for Zanesville, Wis., where her husband has recently been installed as the regular pastor of the Congregational church, and where a residence has already been prepared. Mrs. Van Wagner's friends, while wishing her health and happiness, still regret to lose her.

—The St. Louis Spectator suggests that at an annual reception ladies should make a specialty of flowers. For instance, one lady could give a "Daughter" reception, another a "Lilac" or other "Snow-drops," etc. After a while, of course, these could be made into "Rose" receptions. The idea is a pretty one and can be adapted by some of our ladies.

—The reception given last Thursday night at the parsonage in honor of Rev. J. N. Sweeney as pastor of the Ohio Street Methodist church, was attended by about one hundred and fifty people. Elegant refreshments were served and the hostess assisted by an able corps of ladies, notwithstanding the crowd, made the evening's pleasure one of rare enjoyment.

—Miss Gusie Heimeyer is the possessor of the most elegant specimen of genuine gold flange in this city. It was made in Santa Fe, New Mexico, from a gold watch formerly belonging to her father, and represents a locket with a spear head accompanying. The carving of the locket is very artistically done and the flange work is wrought with the delicacy and fineness of a spider's web.

—Mr. C. C. Parker will on next Tuesday begin a fine course of lectures in this city, at the completion of which he will during the summer engage in an outdoor avocation in order to recuperate his health and be prepared to fill an educationally engaged position of which he has the refusal. Mr. Parker has done much to advance the cause of spoken language and the BAZOO wishes him success.

—Cards are out reading as follows: "Mrs. L. Heimeyer desires your presence at the marriage ceremony of her daughter, Hatie M., to S. E. Spencer, Tuesday morning, April 14th, 1885, at 10 o'clock, at their residence 307 W. Fourth street."

The wedding invitations will only include the immediate friends and relatives of the family, after which the bride party will leave for an eastward journey, accompanied by another bridal party from a neighboring town.

—A most enjoyable surprise party was given at the residence of Mrs. Monroe Whitmore in honor of her birthday last Monday. The hours were from 2 o'clock until four, and the occasion was made more memorable from the fact that Mrs. Whitmore was presented with a large and handsome swinging lamp. Refreshments were also served. Among the guests were: Mrs. Russell, Mrs. McReory, Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Bevis, Mrs. J. N. Corey, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. John Burkhardt, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Richard Hull, Mrs. L. F. Fessenden, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Knott and others.

—The tenth birthday of Miss Julia Ingram was appropriately celebrated yesterday at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Ingram, on Tenth street. The hours were from 2 o'clock until 5, and with light refreshments, games, etc., the young folks had a most enjoyable time. Miss Julia was made the recipient of a number of pretty presents. Among the guests were: Misses Blanche and Edie Gannhaber, Irene and Stokie Temple, Fannie and Matie Buckner, and many others.

—Misses Mammie and Minnie Hoffman, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hoffman, yesterday afternoon gave an Easter social to a number of their young friends. Those present were Misses Ella and Nellie Fitzgerald, Minnie Shaw, Ida Cooper, May Rickman, Bertha and Emma Jackson, Cattie Russell, Louella Hoffman, Gertie Wheeler, Jimmie Holman and Chas. Simosky. The little ones received an ample supply of Easter eggs, gotten up in gorgeous style, and any quantity of candy, popcorn and refreshments, and went home very happy over their evening's amusement.

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SEMINARY ENTERTAINMENT. The Broadway seminary pupils, under the direction of Mrs. R. T. Miller, gave a musical and literary entertainment at the Cumberland Presbyterian hall on Fifth street, last Friday evening.

The program was as follows: Invocation, Lord's Prayer, by a number of the pupils. Essay, "Dreamland," Maude L. Dugan. Piano solo, Verdi-Kunkle, "Il Trovatore," Miss Emma Crandall, was given with a beauty of finish, a delicacy of touch and an expression which won for Miss Emma the plaudits of the entire audience.

French Letter, Miss Lillie Harris, was a pretty natural school girl's letter, supposed to have been written in Paris, and actually was written in French in the original. Indeed, this young lady, who has only been studying French one year, is making fine progress.

Mendelssohn's "Mid-Summer Night's Dream," piano duo, by Miss Hatie Miller and J. M. Chance, was an exquisite number, and was given as only those who are capable of the best work can give.

Humorous lecture, Miss Emma Crandall, was full of amusement for the listeners and many of his happy hits were greeted with applause.

At the close of the programme a most charming little operetta entitled "The Secret" was given, in which the characters were taken by the following named young misses: Hatie Miller, Alice Bixby, Opal McMillan and Katie Miller. The operetta is full of pretty airs and the fresh young voices of the participants were nicely adapted to it. Little Miss Katie Miller was admirable in costume as a "poor boy" and her acting was very persuasive.

The chorus was well taken also, and all in all, the operetta as well as the entire entertainment was a great success. A novel feature of the entertainment was the pretty young ushers, Misses Katie V. Dine, Cora Beck, Opal McMillan, Bessie Shira and Katie Antes. The musical part of the entertainment was under the direction of Prof. Chance, who is recognized as one of the finest instrumentalists in the city, and a very able lecturer.

—Canvases woven linen examine ribbons shot with bars of gold thread trim some of the new Paris fashions and hats.

—Wide rimmed hats put on in bands and long laced bag-bows are the favorite trimmings of spring hats.

—Velvet collars, turned down or standing, are very fashionable. Jab ties and gaiters are worn with them.

—Spring velvets come in all the new shades of mastic tan, brick red, Russian green, and gray and brown shades.

—A great deal of velvet and velvet ribbon will be used for trimming, even the lightest fabrics both as to texture and color.

—New silk Jerseys are beautifully beaded with jet in various designs, and some in a pattern covering the whole garment.

—Some of the new cashmere gloves have long wrists embroidered in chain stitch on the closed tops, with silk of a pale shade.

—Cashmere of the finest twills will be used for both house and street dresses in the early spring months, and for cool days in summer.

—Silk handkerchiefs of bright colors are much used not only for hat trimmings, but for making pretty afternoon aprons. The handkerchief is not cut, but sewed to a ribbon matching it in color, so far in front as to be edged with the ends turned over on the sides. The ribbon is tied at the side in full loops and bows.

HOW SPRING GOWNS ARE MADE. The Worth costumes which have been seen this spring are made without drapery or looping. The skirts hang in folds at the back over a very moderate turtleneck, which is removable and consists of a small hair cushion or "matress," as it is sometimes called, for cloth, and heavy silk, or a light spring "imp over" buttoned into the back of the flounced petticoat for lighter dresses.

A combination costume in plain smoke and veiled figured wool shows a perfectly plain skirt, which hangs in large folds at the back and has no ornamentation except right side panels of the figured material enclosed in five-inches of veiled tulle. The shades are of the figured material, a soft bodice of plain velvet completing the costume.

A dress of ecru vicuna is embroidered all over with shaded leaves in brown, green, and blue, fine silk plush in a medium shade of the brown.

The old fashion is revived of sleeve differing in material from the dress, and very stylish costumes are made of broad-velvet with pointed bodice of plaid or silk, a beaded plastron a strip of the silk covered with the beading let in as an insertion into the sleeves of broad-velvet the length of the arm.

The love textures and designs in the Noopareil are so rich without being heavy as to have so much the appearance of silk velvet that they can be and are worn by the most fastidious, while the plain are especially desirable for making up as skirts and less susceptible to the influence of the weather than silk velvet.

SPRING WRAPS. There is nothing new in the small jetted and cloth wraps imported or manufactured for spring wear. They are very dressy—either covered all over with jet or have jetted sleeves, and have draperies of lace. The lace is not real, even upon wraps at \$80 and \$100 each, but a clever imitation of Chantilly, the veining and outlining only being a little more wiry. The body part of the wraps is very small, and forms either a visite or mantlet; but a flow of lace at the back and often upon the shoulders, sometimes forming flounced sleeves, adds to the appearance of size. There are also elegant little wraps made of a rich and lustrous black silk and trimmed with fine embroideries of silk and jet and bordering of ruffled lace. The jetted gradines, made in the piece, are applied both to wraps, as sleeves, or entire; and also to dresses. When used for wraps the body part is often made of dull satin or satin rhadames. Satin is to be used in conjunction with jetted lace and gradines very largely, for elegant costumes, the dressmakers say.

The cloth wraps are not left out by any means, but they are mainly in ecru units, with trimming of chenille fringe or passementeries studded with pendant chenille balls. These are a delusion and a snare. They droop, in more senses than one, and leave lit lumps hanging forlorn.

MEN'S FASHIONS. —Meltons in light colors are in demand for loose overcoats.

—Scottish chevrons, if appearances are correct, will be worn in colors of which wood, brown and drab will be popular.

—Worsted suitings are holding their own well, and a purchaser can find them at any tailor's in any pattern that suits his fancy.

—In worsted goods perhaps the most popular will be wide wales. Drab, grey, blue, black and brown are leading and favorite colors.

—Velour suitings have for principal patterns checks and over checks in various patterns that require indistinct, and look when examined closely much like the body of the goods.

—Covert coats, which in the minds of the small street boys, are the badge of a dude, although worn by many who are not thus classed, are much made from a cloth with a dead finish, and which is warranted waterproof. The cloth has recently been introduced.

—Finished velour in small checks and small plaids will be very popular material for trousers. There are many handsome designs in worsted, a dark groundwork with very narrow, bright stripes separated by about one-half inch being in demand. Double lined checks in moderate colors are very pretty and fashionable. Cashmeres are offered, but meet with limited sales. The change over last fall in the matter of trousering is very light, and the colors in vogue then will not be out of place to-day.

SOCIETY ELSEWHERE. PARSONS. —Miss Sperry, of Topeka, is visiting the family of E. A. Weekes.

—Mrs. E. Thayer left Wednesday afternoon, to visit friends at Walnut and Girard.

—Mrs. Matt Miller, of Mound, V. Reg., and Miss Addie Miller, of O. W. go, are visiting Mrs. Will Frye.

ROCKVILLE. —Miss Lella Crow of Shell City is visiting friends here this week.

—Rev. S. G. Clark and wife, have returned from a trip to the World's Fair at New Orleans.

—Mrs. Mary Chambers, Mrs. Clara Asbury and Mrs. McKim, spent Sunday at Nevada.

—W. S. Mason has returned from Ill. where he was summoned by the unexpected death of his father a week ago.

—Miss Emma Good, of Taberville, passed through here Monday last, en route to Warrsburg, where she goes to attend the State Normal School. She was accompanied by her uncle, L. H. B. Co.

LOUISIANA. —Mrs. J. C. Jamison and daughter left for Jefferson City Tuesday to reside.

—Mrs. B. H. Goodman in company with Mrs. Dr. Story, of Clarksville, went to St. Louis Tuesday.

—Mrs. Irene Carry and daughter Ruby, of Mt. Sterling, Ill., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Snunners.

—Miss Kate Fitzpatrick and Mr. Dave Pak of Hannibal, were the guests of Miss Lizzie Summers this week.

—Miss Berta C. Turner, daughter of Mrs. C. V. Turner, and Mr. Robert W. Ogden, brother of Charles Ogden of this city, were married 31st ult. at the residence of U. P. Cain John J. Ogden, Troy, Mo.

CLINTON. —Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Warth came in last Wednesday night from Nevada.

—Mrs. W. H. McLain and daughter, Miss Kate, are visiting the World's Fair at New Orleans.

—Mrs. J. B. Colt and son, Johnny, left last Tuesday night for St. Louis for a visit of several days. Miss Minnie, who is attending school there, was confirmed in the Episcopal church Wednesday night, and will return, with her mother to spend a few days at home.

RICH HILL. —Mrs. Dell Cobb, accompanied by her mother Mrs. A. B. Wesson of Appleton City, are visiting relatives in the vicinity of Prescott, Kansas.

HANNIBAL. —Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Crawford returned last evening from Texas.

—The German Social Club will give one of their pleasant dances at Mozart Hall April 6th.

—Judge Rowe and wife, Wallace H. Rowe and Mrs. Buchanan arrived from St. Louis to-day.

—Dr. E. H. Brumbaugh and family left for Louisiana Thursday, where the doctor has been assigned as pastor for the next year.

—Mrs. Frank Martin, of Monmouth, Ill., arrived Tuesday morning, called here by the sad intelligence of the death of her sister, Mrs. Tuppie Kay.

—There was an immense attendance at the Fourth Street Skating Rink last Monday night. The Mother Hubbards were in abundance. The first prize, for the handsomest Mother Hubbard costume, was awarded to Miss Mary Rogers; second prize, Miss Nettie Bentley. For the handsomest Miss Alma Peoples was awarded the prize. Miss Alma's costume was not the homeliest by any means but the prize was probably awarded by reason of her youth.

THE AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION. —Pittsburg, Pa., April 3.—The district convention of the Amalgamated association meets here this afternoon at two o'clock for the purpose of electing representatives to the national scale convention which meets here on the 18th instant. Ninety delegates are present. Vote for T. B. Anderson for mayor.

—FOR SALE.—The two lots on which the Lindell hotel stood, on the corner of Main and Montjeau streets, will be sold at public sale on Monday, April 6, 1885, at 2 o'clock p. m. The lots are each 45x140 feet, the terms are one half cash and the other half in twelve months with 6 per cent interest. W. W. CULLOM. 3-24tdw2t

FLEA BITES.

—Fourteen young ladies recently took the veil at St. Joseph's convent in St. Louis.—Exchange.

There were about fourteen hundred young ladies took the veil in this city last month, March wind and fear of free-lives was the probable cause.

—Clausa writes to inquire: "What has given woman the reputation of being such a great talker?"—Ex.

We don't know Clausa unless it is because she is always at it.

—"Matrimony Made Easy" is the title of a new book.—Ex.

That is a good title but what we want to know is how to buy Brussels carpets and pianos and dusters and servant girls and babies rattles and \$200 seal skin saques on \$8.50 per week.

—"If man wants to own the earth, what does woman want?"—Ex.

She probably wants a new spring bonnet just now.

—Since Father Adam first was fooled, The world has been by woman ruled; She rules by tactics of her own, A laugh, a sigh, a smile, a frown.—Ex. And often too, if given room. She rules by yielding of the broom.

—Scientists have developed the fact that after marriage women seldom chew gum.—Exchange.

They have a better use for their jaws than that and use it when "he" don't come.

—The girl who is handsome enough to produce love at first sight should be locked up during the heated season. She is liable to produce a son stroke.—Wat-look Observer.

She should be put in bonds at all events and the minister is the proper person to do it.

—To recover and old gray goose worth forty cents, claimed by a neighbor, cost a Kentucky litigator forty dollars.—Ex.

The "Kentucky litigator" must have been a awful old goose, also.

—A Poughkeepsie church member knows a woman who puts a five dollar bill on the plate every Sunday, and if she happens to be absent three Sundays in succession, she puts on twenty dollars next time.—Ex.

Send her west.

—It is said there is a soft side to every man. That's the reason why a dude is afraid to stand on his head.—New York World.

A mis take. The reason a dude does not stand on his head, is because he has no head to stand on. A dude is all clothes.

—A Vermont farmer made a net profit of \$4,350 from the produce of a single turkey hen during the past season.—Ex.

He would probably have doubled that amount had the hen been married.

—A Lamar girl recently frightened her lover entirely out of his matrimonial notions by working and presenting him with the motto: "I need thee every hour." He said he would be willing to give her the greater portion of his time, but that his health demanded an hour or two out of doors every day for exercise.—Exchange.

It is probable she only wanted him to hold her smelling bottle.

—Florida has a town named "Hurrah."—Exchange.

Old Florida of July must live there.

—Miss Birdie Mountjoy, of Lexington, plumed her wings for a flight homeward Monday morning, and she was wailed by many a sigh by the wearers of broadcloth herabouts.—Richmond Conservator.

The wearers of broadcloth must have been about out of wind by the time the "high flyer" reached home.

—Cleveland is the most constant democrat of the lot. He hasn't been to church since his inauguration, and it is now thought he never did attend church in his life.—Exchange.

He attended a pretty big "aesthetin" on the 4th of March.

Pleuro-Pneumonia.

St. Louis, April 4.—The definite determination of the existence of pleuro-pneumonia in Callaway county, this state, and the action of the meeting of stockmen and others held a few days ago at Fulton, where the disease was discovered, has attracted a good deal of attention in different parts of the state, and meetings have been held in two or three counties contiguous to Callaway to devise means for protection against afflicted herds in that county. It is not unlikely that Callaway will be quarantined against by other counties, but the general impression seems to be that there is not only no good reason for other states to quarantine against Missouri but that such restriction would be detrimental to the general interests and unwarranted by existing circumstances. Governor Marmaduke has been giving this subject particular and earnest attention for some time and to-night sent the following dispatch to Governor Martin of Kansas:

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 4. To Gov. John A. Martin, Topeka, Kas: Your state veterinary surgeon, Dr. Holcomb, has, ere this, doubtless advised you of his observations and views concerning pleuro-pneumonia now in this state. I, as governor of the state, am giving the matter all the attention in my power, and up to date my information is that it only exists in Callaway county, and the most efficient and prompt measures are being taken to stamp it out follow it up and crush it out wherever it may be found. In the interest of the general public good I trust you will not entertain the proposition to quarantine against this state, for it only obstructs commerce and I am sure it is not needed as a matter of protection. I will keep you faithfully advised on this subject. [Signed] JOHN S. MARMADUKE. Vote for T. B. Anderson for mayor.

—Physicians have long prescribed Dr. Graves' Heart Regular for Heart Disease, why—because it is a sterling preparation for a peculiar disease, and 30 years use warrants it. \$1. per bottle.

"ROUGH ON PAIN." Cures colic, cramps, diarrhoea; externally for aches, sprains, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism. For man or beast. 20 and 50c.

EASTER.

The Resurrection Season One of Joy and Thanksgiving.

Former Dispute as to the Date of the Festival—How the Question was Determined.

Many of our religious festivals have a peculiarly poetical and picturesque aspect, and the idea of them is inseparable from the season in which they are celebrated—a crystal clear heavens and frosty dark as a part of Christmas, bursting blossom and fragrant flowers of early summer as a part of Whitsuntide's tongues of fire, while Easter, were it fixed by law to any day, could have no other period than that of the vernal equinox.

Yet the date of Easter has afforded ground for a good deal of schism and controversy in the Christian Church; for the day being movable, and depending on certain relations of the full moon to the vernal equinox, left some little liberty for its designation, and the Eastern Church chose to celebrate it on the day of the Jewish Passover, hoping, perhaps, to replace that ceremonial day with its Judaic character, while the Western Church would have it celebrated only on the Sunday following the Passover; and after maintaining a friendly difference till the end of the second century, the dispute became of a different character. The Eastern Christians supported their custom by the examples of St. Philip and St. John, with the latter of whom their old Bishop Polycarp had lived, and so sought to know; for was not this the St. John who all but sowed the Lord's acre, the beloved disciple that did outrun Peter and come first to the sepulchre? The Western Christians quoted in support of their custom the practice of St. Peter and St. Paul. The Western Church had, in some respects, more reason than the other on their side, first because the resurrection having undisputedly taken place on a Sunday, a Sunday would seem to be the rational day for its observance, and secondly, because, owing to imperfections in the calendar, the Eastern day sometimes fell earlier than the vernal equinox, which caused the feast to be observed twice in that year and not at all in the next year, the vernal equinox being held as the opening day of the natural year. All sorts of mathematical and astronomical calculations were made and cycles were framed by which the moon's age could be determined accurately, but the question as to whether the day should be kept according to the Eastern or the Western custom was never definitely settled in the British church till toward the close of the seventh century, when the king of Northumbria, the heathen who had lighted the bird fitted, like the soul, out of one darkness into another—called a council and decided the question