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THE CHRISTIAN ERA.

Is it 1883 or 1888? What a German Professor Claims

There have been for centuries doubts as to the correctness of the accepted calculation of the Christian era. Some learned historians cannot agree whether Christ was born in the year 747, 749 or 754, counting from the foundation of Rome. Recently Professor Sattler, of Munich, has published an essay in which he tries to reconcile the testimony of the evangelists with the other historical data on this point. He has examined four copper coins, newly discovered, which were struck in the reign of Herod Antipas, one of the sons of Herod the great; and he comes to the conclusion that Christ was born not 754, but 749 years after the foundation of Rome, and therefore the present year is 1888 instead of 1883. This opinion the professor tries to corroborate by the testimony of the evangelists.

According to St. Matthew, Jesus was born toward the end of the reign of Herod the great, and when that king died, Jesus was yet a little child. According to St. Luke, Jesus was born in the year in which, by virtue of a decree of Augustus Caesar, governor of Syria, made the first census of Judea. Again, St. Luke says that St. John began to baptize in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, and in that year baptized Jesus, who was then thirty years of age. As to the first testimony there can be no misunderstanding. Christ being born in 749, when Herod died. But the other testimony needs some explanation, from the *brevarium imperii* (census of the empire) which was added to the will of Augustus Caesar, it is evident that a thorough census of the countries that compose the Roman empire must have been made. In fact, Augustus had three censuses of his empire made, namely, in 726, 746, and 766. As St. Luke says that in Judea the first census was made during the reign of Herod, the census must have been ordered in 746. Probably the census was begun in Judea in 747, and Professor Sattler thinks that it was not made in Jerusalem earlier than 749. He finds that the four coins enable him to make clear the testimony of the evangelists as to the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius. Though Augustus died on August 10, 767, yet the beginning of the reign of Tiberius must be counted a year and a half earlier (February, 766), when he was appointed co-regent. Therefore the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius falls in 780, when St. John baptized Jesus, who was then about thirty years of age.

An evangelist says that Christ began to preach forty-six years after the Temple at Jerusalem was built by Herod. Now, it is known that the building of the Temple was begun eighteen years after Herod was appointed by the Roman Senate as regent of Judea, or in the year 734 from the foundation of Rome. Adding forty-six to that year, it gives 780 as the year in which Christ began to preach.

If all these calculations of Professor Sattler are correct, then the Christian era began five years earlier than is usually supposed, making the current year 1888 instead of 1883.

A young girl was caught kissing her sweetheart a few nights ago. Her mother took her to task for permitting such things, but the girl silenced her by quoting this scripture "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do that men should do unto them." The old lady thought of the time when she was a girl, and a flood of happy memories came rushing through her mind, she drew out her handkerchief, wiped her eyes and her spectacles and the girl got off lightly that time.

What man is there whom contact with a great soul will not exalt? A drop of water on the petal of a lily glistens with the splendors of the pearl.

TITLES TO GOVERNMENT LAND.

One day, not long ago says the *Northwestern Trade Bulletin*, a deed was taken to the register's office in Des Moines, Iowa, for record, which had been executed in 1860. During all the intervening years the holder had no record title to his farm, and the original owner, had he been so disposed, could have sold it again, when the second purchaser, by recording his deed could have secured the legal title. There are thousands of like instances in the western states. Every holder of a deed of real estate should make sure that it is on record. In the United States land office at Des Moines there are said to be nearly 30,000 government patents of lands, which should be in possession of the owners of the land, and on record in the proper county. Some of the entries which they represent are 30 and 40 years old. It is not generally known (or this would not be the case) that the holder of this land has no evidence of title to his land whatever, and should he die no conveyance could be made, and there would be trouble in settling the estate. All he holds is the certificate of purchase from the register and receiver of the land office, which, if he will read, will show that he has paid so much money for a quantity of land—a simple receipt for money. It gives no title and guarantees nothing. If he has sold the land on the basis of such certificate, he has done so without legal right or title. It is well known that in the rush for government lands 23 years ago mistakes were liable to occur and did occur. In many instances, certificates and patents were duplicated. In several instances when parties received their patents it described an entirely different tract of land from the certificate. In one instance, a person who, after waiting many years, went to the Des Moines Land Office to get his patent or deed, he found it was for a tract different from that described in the certificate. He had sold the land and gave a warranty deed. The land described in the patent had already been taken by another purchaser, who had received a certificate for the same land, and got his patent, and sold it again. The first purchaser having discovered the conflicting title sought to correct it, when he discovered his mistake, and that a certificate of purchase was not a deed by a large majority. It cost him a good sum of money to settle with his grantee. Probably 20,000 holders of government land in Iowa, it is said, are in the same fix, and it is only by surrendering their certificates at the Land Office that errors, if any exist, can be corrected. This is true of all purchasers of government land in any state. And here arises another difficulty. If the original purchaser has died, and it is discovered that a wrong tract has been deeded or patented, a new patent or deed cannot issue, for land cannot be conveyed to a dead man. Hence every holder of government land, whether the original purchaser or not, should know that the government patent is of record. Land sharks exist everywhere, and they will cause trouble when least expected.

The Soda Remedy in Burns and Scalds. It is now many years ago that the author, while engaged in some investigations as to the qualities and effects of the alkalies in inflammation of the skin, etc., was fortunate enough to discover that a saline lotion, or saturated solution of the bicarbonated soda in either plain water or camphored water if applied speedily, or as soon as possible, to a burned or scalded part, was most effectual in immediately relieving the acute burning pain; and when the burn was only superficial, or not severe, removing all pain in the course of a very short time; having also the very great advantage of

cleanliness, and, if applied at once, of preventing the usual consequences—a painful blistering of the skin, separation of the epidermis, and, perhaps, more or less of suppuration. For this purpose all that is necessary is to cut a piece of lint, or old soft rag, or even thick blotting paper, of a size sufficient to cover the burn or scalded parts, and to keep it constantly well wet with the sodaic lotion so as to prevent its drying. By this means it usually happens that all pain ceases in from a quarter to half an hour, or even in much less time. When the main part of a limb, such as a hand or forearm or the foot and leg, has been burned, it is best, when practicable, to plunge that part at once into a jug or pail, or other convenient vessel filled with the soda lotion, and keep it there until the pain subsides; or the limb may be swathed or encircled with a surgeon's cotton bandage previously soaked in the saturated solution, and kept constantly wet with it, the relief being usually immediate, provided the solution be saturated and cold. What is now usually sold as bicarbonate soda is what I have commonly used and recommended, although probably Howard's is most to be depended on, the common carbonate being too caustic. It is believed that a large proportion of medical practitioners are still unaware of the applied remedy, which recommends itself for obvious reasons.—*Popular Science Monthly*.

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