

## FIXES DATE OF THE CRUCIFIXION

Dutch Scientist Places It as March 25 In the Year 29.

### REASONS FOR HIS DEDUCTIONS

Dr. Veen Arrived at His Conclusions After Many Years' Study of Biblical Lore, and Also the Various Methods of Determining Time That Have Prevailed.

D. J. Veen, a Dutch scientist, claims to have ascertained the true date of the actual crucifixion of Christ. According to him, Christ was crucified March 25, in the year 29 of our reckoning. To prove this Dr. Veen has searched thoroughly not only Biblical lore, but also the various methods of determining time which have been in use throughout the ages. Dr. Veen shows that the common belief up until the middle of the second century was that Christ ate the Passover with his disciples Thursday, the 14th of Nisan, or the first Jewish month of the year. About the middle of the second century, however, the great argument began between the eastern and western branches of the church as to the true date of the celebration of the Passover and the death of Christ.

"Then, as now," says Dr. Veen, "the main point of dispute was as to the exact date of Christ's death, whether this came on the 14th or 15th of the month Nisan. One party maintained that the first three or synoptic gospels make it clear that Christ ate the Passover with his disciples the 14th and was crucified the 15th of Nisan. According to the other party, it appears from the gospel of John that Christ was crucified the afternoon of the 14th of Nisan and that the Passover was to be eaten the evening thereon following after sunset."

Fixing the Dates. Then after going deep into the various methods of reckoning time that have been used in finding the dates connected with the Christian era, Dr. Veen goes on to say:

"The dates for the celebration of the Jewish and Christian Passover depend upon the date of the full moon after March 21, and thus after the spring equinox. This is called the spring full

moon. The Passover is observed as the full moon appears on the evening of the 14th of Nisan at sunset, and thus, according to the Jewish reckoning, at the beginning of the Jewish Passover begins. The early Christians celebrated this feast, as that of the resurrection of the Lord, on the first day of the week following upon the 14th of Nisan, and it was about this that the difference of opinion arose in the second century between the eastern and western branches of the church.

"The former maintained that Christ, the true Passover Lamb, had died on the 14th of Nisan, and they celebrated the Lord's supper as a Passover feast on the evening of that day, and on the 14th of Nisan they celebrated the resurrection Passover. The western branch rejected this Jewish chronology entirely and celebrated the Passover of Christ on Friday after the spring full moon and his resurrection on the succeeding first day of the week."

#### Dr. Veen's Deductions.

It is at this point that Dr. Veen makes the deductions which lead him to declare that Christ was crucified March 25 of the year 29. He shows that there are eight years—from the year 27 to the year 34—in which the event might have occurred. But, he argues, Christ was crucified on a Friday and buried toward evening of that same day, the beginning of the Jewish Passover, as is shown by the gospels. But of those eight years there are only two in which the 14th of Nisan, or beginning of the Jewish Passover, falls on Thursday. Those two years are the twenty-ninth and thirty-third. Of the two he claims that the twenty-ninth should be given the preference, first because Christ was born in 750 and not 754 years after the founding of Rome, and thus four years before the beginning of our era.

His second reason for claiming that the correct year is the twenty-ninth is that the Passover came early that year, while in the year 33 it was fully two weeks later. In the book of John it is told that on the night when Christ was apprehended it was cold and that a fire was burning in the outer court of the high priest. Dr. Veen claims that in the year 33 the Passover would have occurred in April and declares that in Palestine the nights are then no longer cold. Dr. Veen also claims that Christ ate the Passover with his disciples Thursday evening at sunset, which would be the beginning of the 15th of Nisan and therefore of the Jewish Passover, according to Jewish reckoning.

Kindness is a language the dumb can speak and the deaf can hear and understand.—Bovee.

## CENTENARY OF BIRTH OF HARRIET BEECHER STOWE

Son and Grandson of Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Write Her Life.

In June the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Harriet Beecher Stowe will be widely celebrated. A new life of the "little woman who made the great war," as Lincoln called her, is about to come from the press, written by her son, Charles Edward Stowe, and her grandson, Lyman Beecher Stowe.

Among the most interesting of the facts it brings out is that it never occurred to the "little woman" that there was anything about "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in the least likely to precipitate a war. She wrote the book with the kindest feelings toward the south, and her aim was to be not only just, but generous.

To begin with, Mrs. Stowe was not of the extreme abolitionist type. It was her firm belief that the better element in the south hated slavery and that this element was much larger than was commonly supposed. Then, too, while she loathed the system with all her heart, she was willing to believe that it took more often than not the kindly patriarchal form.

She gave Uncle Tom three masters, and two of them were kind. She made one of her plantation owners detest slavery and free his slaves. She wanted to make the north understand that the best southerners would co-operate with them in a reasonable attempt to do away with the evil.

Never was a little woman more surprised to find herself execrated. Her feeling had been when she first wrote the book that it would displease the abolitionists and bring sympathetic response from the south—that is, if anybody ever read it at all, which she had doubted.

When the book appeared the world turned topsy turvy for her. People in the south who had not read the book or who had read it with their minds made up beforehand thought her some sort of monster. A cousin who lived in Georgia did not dare put the name of Mrs. Stowe on the envelope when she wrote to her. She was asked if it was possible such a woman could be received in decent society in the north.

Mrs. Stowe found herself, in short, put in a class of agitators with whom she had never belonged, and the poor little dove of peace had sent out came back with its feathers ruffled beyond recognition.

None the less, though she was bitterly disappointed at the attitude of the south, she would not forsake her

guns. She claimed, and the facts presented in the new life amply bear out the statement, that there was nothing in "Uncle Tom's Cabin" not based on actual occurrences.

### RUEF TEACHES BIBLE.

Former San Francisco Boss Conducts Class in Prison.

Abe Ruef, who is serving a fourteen year sentence in San Quentin for bribery, has started an evening Bible class for convicts which promises to be popular.

Ruef found his two cellmates reading trashy novels, so from dinner time until the lights went out he talked to them about the Bible.

They told others, and soon Ruef had a score of auditors. Now he has agreed to deliver a series of sermons in the prison chapel on Sundays.

Ruef is an excellent talker. He says the Bible has been his chief reliance in time of trouble.

Ruef has been buying books of mechanics and agriculture for the prison circulating library, and he has urged convicts to read them so that they may be prepared for useful work when discharged.

They're Eating Baseball These Days.



—Philadelphia Press.

### ELKS TO HONOR WOMEN.

Special Prizes Offered For Them at the Coming Reunion.

Women are to be signally honored in connection with the twenty-fifth annual grand lodge reunion of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Atlantic City next July.

Among the prizes now being arranged will be a substantial reward for the lodge having the greatest number

of ladies in the line on the fourth day of the convention and another for the lodge which brings the largest number of ladies to the reunion.

Judging from early "signs," the contest for grand exalted ruler will be one of the closest and most exciting for years. Up to this time Portland, Ore., leads for the 1912 reunion.

#### Testing the "Bud."

An old bachelor had somehow strayed into a young people's party, and, realizing that he could not hope among so many handsome youths to make the heart of a single maiden throb, he said to the nearest girl, whose conversation had shown somewhat more good sense than he had expected:

"Look about the ballroom. Notice that the girls who have removed their gloves have well shaped arms. And—ahem!—some have not removed them!"

"But neither generalization fits me," answered the girl, "for, you see, I have one arm bare and one gloved. What would you say about me?"

"Walk out and let me look at them," said the old bachelor unfeelingly.

The girl took a few steps out, paused and returned.

"Take the other glove off," said the old bachelor.—New York Times.

A Policeman's Advice to Tolstoy. Count Tolstoy once saw in Moscow a policeman dragging in a most rude manner a drunken moujik to the station. The count stopped the policeman and said to him:

"Canst thou read?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"And hast thou read the gospel?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then thou must know that we must not offend our neighbor."

The policeman looked at the unpretentious figure of his interrogator and asked him in his turn:

"Canst thou read?"

"Yes," replied the count.

"And hast thou read the instructions for policemen?"

"No."

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