

The Christian Messenger.

HALIFAX, N. S., MAY 5, 1875. ALMANAC FOR MAY.

New Moon, May 5th, 10h. 49m. morning. First Quarter, 12th, 3h. 22m. morning. Full Moon, 20th, 4h. 35m. morning. Last Quarter, 28th, 2h. 16m. morning.

Table with columns: Day, SUN, MOON, High Tide, Low Tide. Rows for days of the month from 1st to 31st.

THE TIDES.—The column of the Moon's Southings gives the time of high water at Parrsboro, Cornwallis, Horton, Hantsport, Windsor, Newport, and Cape Tormentine.

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Agriculture.

SPRING WORK.

THE FRUIT GARDEN. Orchards—need to have the fertility of the soil kept up; give them well-rotted manure.

Grafting—on poor varieties of trees if sound and healthy may be readily made to produce good marketable fruit.

Strawberries—Set out plants as soon as the ground is in working condition.

Raspberries require to be planted from 4 to 6 feet apart and may be tied to stakes or trellises.

KITCHEN GARDEN.

Cold-Frames must be open every day, except when cold storms occur.

Carrots.—Sow when the ground is warm and dry; use plenty of seed.

Cauliflowers—The richer the ground in which these are planted, the better will be the prospect of a good crop.

Radi-hes—Sow in drills, a few each week. Market-gardeners sow between rows of beets.

Rhubarb—Fork in manure around the plants. New beds are made by dividing the old roots.

Manure, and plenty of it, is essential in gardening. Guano and fine bone are among the most certain fertilizers.

Grouping of Shrubs produce a pleasing effect; they should never be trimmed into formal shapes.

In "Planting out," trees and shrubs they should be so placed as to cut off the view of objects on one's own place.

Trees and shrubs, when planted, make grateful returns for good treatment. Give all evergreens—spruce those used for screens—abundant room to develop.

FLOWER GARDEN.

Herbaceous perennials may be raised from the seed. The number of really good things is large; we enumerate some that are readily obtained and excellent.

Hardy Bulbs—To have the best flowers, fresh bulbs must be planted every Fall, but Hyacinths, Tulips, Crocuses, and the rest may be left in from year to year.

Tender Bulbs and Tubers are set in Spring, taken up in Fall, and kept over Winter in the cellar.

Annuals are tender and hardy; the tender, such as Balsams, Cockscombs, Amaranths, etc., need to be started under glass or in the house windows.

Ricinus or Castor-oil Plant is highly ornamental; a plant of 8 or 10 feet high.

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PLOWING.—In plowing one may "make more haste" but get "less speed."

EARLY PASTURING is a mistake. The stock is made dissatisfied, and lose their appetite for dry food.

DRY PEAS FOR COOKING.—The Blue Imperial pea is one of the few peas which cook soft after ripening.

PLANT TREES.—The second Duke of Athol planted 6,500 Scotch acres of mountain ground—useless for other purposes—with larch.

CELERY.—The Journal of Horticulture says: Sawdust is a good thing for earthing celery, placing it between the rows and around the plants after the leaves and stalks have been brought together.

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