

## DIARY FOR JANUARY.

1. SUN... *Circumcision*. Taxes computed from this day.
2. Mon... *Heir and devisee Sitt. com.* County Court and Surrogate Ct. Term begins. Munic. Elections.
3. Thur... *York and Peel Winter Assizes* commence.
4. Frid... *Epiphany*.
7. Sat... County Court and Surrogate Court Term ends.
8. SUN... *1st Sunday after Epiphany*.
9. Mon... Election of Police Trustees in Police Villages.
11. Wed... Election of School Trustees.
14. Sat... Tr. & Cha. of Muns. to make ret. to Br. of Audit.
15. SUN... *2nd Sunday after Epiphany*.
16. Mon... Members of M. C. (except Co's) and Tr. of P. V. to hold first meeting.
17. Tues... *Heir and Devisee Sittings end.*
21. Sat... Articles, &c., to be left with Secretary of Law. S.
22. SUN... *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*.
24. Tues... Members of County Council to hold 1st meeting.
25. Wed... *Conversion of St. Paul.*
29. SUN... *4th Sunday after Epiphany*.
31. Tues... Last day for Cities and Counties to make returns to Government. Gram. School Trust. to retire.

# The Local Courts'

AND

## MUNICIPAL GAZETTE.

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## TO OUR READERS.

Ten years ago the first number of the *Upper Canada Law Journal, and Municipal and Local Courts' Gazette* was published. With this number will commence the eleventh year of a publication for which even our best friends anticipated but a short life.

The result has assured us that the undertaking was based on a proper foundation. Commenced with many interests in view, and embracing subjects of value and interest to various classes, the conductors from the first hoped to make the *Law Journal* "generally useful, as well to the profession as to county officers, officers of division courts, magistrates, coroners, and municipal functionaries;" indeed it was only by such a combination that a sufficient support could have been obtained to meet the expenses of a law periodical.

At first a very large measure of support came from county and division court officers; latterly this somewhat changed, and now professional men and county and division court officers stand nearly on a par as to numbers in the subscription list. We have continued to enlarge and improve upon the original design, but with little return beyond the current expenses and abundant and flattering testimony to the value of the publication.

It has been represented to us that if the subscription were reduced one-third, the circulation would at once be doubled; but, according

to the present arrangements, this would not be possible without a positive loss. We have also been made aware that clerks and bailiffs of division courts, and suitors in the remote divisions, and also magistrates and municipal officers, object to pay four dollars a-year for a publication in which so much matter for the lawyers appears, the same being of little value to them; and, on the other hand, professional men say that they are made to pay for matter devoted to the information of division court and other officers magistrates, &c., and which they care little or nothing about. And some again contrast the price of the *Law Journal* with the newspapers; but such a comparison is most unfair as the subscription lists of the leading journals are forty or fifty times larger than ours—and this must always be the case. With a publication confined to a particular subject, and limited to a few classes, the circulation *must* be limited. After the first thousand, the expense of printing is little beyond the cost of the paper, and herein lies the ability of journals with a large circulation to sell at a low rate.

In order to meet the views and wishes of all our supporters the conductors have decided on publishing separately *The Upper Canada Law Journal* and *The Local Courts' and Municipal Gazette* at greatly reduced prices: the former to contain the matter intended more particularly for the profession, the latter to include subjects of special importance to county and division court officers and suitors, magistrates, municipal officers, &c. In this we follow a similar plan acted on in respect to the English *Law Times* and *County Courts' Chronicle*, both which periodicals are published at the same office, a portion of the matter appearing in both.

Under the new arrangement, it is not proposed to curtail the amount of matter usually given to the profession in the *Law Journal*, whilst the matter for the other classes of our readers will be increased. The cash subscription to the *Law Journal* will be reduced to \$3 yearly, and the cash subscription to the *Local Courts' Gazette* will be \$2; and as a portion of the matter suited to both publications may be transferred from the former to the latter, to persons taking both publications the charge will be \$4 yearly. If not paid within one month, the charge will be—for the *Law Journal*, \$4; for the *Local Courts' & Municipal Gazette*, \$3; for both, \$5.