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DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

2. Fri..Beauharnois, Governor of Canada, 1726.
3. Sat..Trinity Term ends.
4. Sun..12th Sunday after Trinity.
7. Wed..Court of Appeal sittings begin.
10. Sat..Sebastopol taken, 1855.
11. Sun..13th Sunday after Trinity. Peter Russell, President, 1796.
12. Mon..Frontenac, Gov. Canada, 1672.
13. Tues..Co. Ct. sittings for York begin. Quebec taken by British, under Wolfe 1759.
17. Sat..First U. C. Parliament met at Niagara, 1792.
18. Sun..14th Sunday after Trinity.
19. Mon..Lord Sydenham, Gov. General, died, 1841.
24. Sat..Guy Carleton, Lieutenant-Governor, 1766.
25. Sun..15th Sunday after Trinity.
29. Thurs..Michaelmas Day.
30. Fri..Sir Isaac Brock, President, 1811.

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A CORRESPONDENT sends us a communication on the subject of magisterial abuses. As it has already been published, we do not of course reproduce it. It is the old story of rapacity and ignorance on the part of country justices, better told by Shakespeare than it has been since, and as true now as in his time. The darkness of the middle ages seems to cling to the skirts of this grotesque ghost of law and order.

THE following question in one of the papers at the recent Law Society examinations: "Explain how in some cases a Court of Equity in exercising their jurisdiction to restrain a party from doing an act, is in effect compelling a specific performance of that act?" reminds us of rather a good thing quoted by Sir Henry Maine in his Early History of In-

stitutions, which shows that even in the eleventh century the faculty for making bulls was fully developed, at any rate in Ireland. An ancient Brehon text-writer, after asking the question, "How many kinds of contracts are there?" gives the answer, "Two, a valid contract, and an invalid contract." A mode of classification which, as Sir Henry Maine observes, would scarcely have pleased Bentham or Austin.

READERS of Mr. Todd's admirable work on Parliamentary government in the British Colonies will be much interested at the news of the conclusion of the lengthy "deadlock in Victoria,"—the history of which is so graphically set out by him. It appears from Melbourne advices up to June 21st ult. that a Reform Bill had at length passed both Houses. On the one hand the Council have consented to dispense with their claim to have two members in every Cabinet, and also to reduce the qualification for membership to £100 rating instead of £150, their previous minimum. On the other hand the Assembly have abandoned their demand to have the franchise for mere occupiers reduced from £25 to £10 rental. The result appears fully to justify the steadfast refusal of the Imperial Government to apply the *Deus ex machina*.

WE commence in the number for this month what we hope to make a permanent and very special feature of our Journal. It is a selection from English Reports of such current practice cases as illustrate and interpret our Judicature Act and Orders. At the heading of each case