

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER.

1. SUN.. 14th Sunday after Trinity.
 8. SUN.. 15th Sunday after Trinity.
 15. SUN.. 16th Sunday after Trinity.
 21. Sat.. St. Matthew.
 22. SUN.. 17th Sunday after Trinity.
 29. SUN.. 18th Sunday after Trinity.

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The Local Courts'

AND

MUNICIPAL GAZETTE.

SEPTEMBER, 1872.

The Right Honourable Sir Barnes Peacock, late Chief Justice of the High Court of Calcutta, was appointed in June last a member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, with a salary of £5 000 a year. Sir Jas. W. Colville, one of his colleagues on the Judicial Committee, is also a retired Chief Justice of the same Indian Court.

Mr. Baron Hughes, one of the judges of the Irish Exchequer, died last July. It is said that his successor will be the present Attorney-General for Ireland, the Right Honourable Richard Dowse, M.P.

In noticing the death of Matthew Davenport Hill, Q. C.,—the senior in the list of Queen's Counsel—the *Law Magazine* and the *Solicitors' Journal* advert to the fact, that in 1838 he won general respect and admiration by his gratuitous defence of twelve men, who had been condemned to transportation by a Canadian Court for political offences in Canada and who were brought to London on a writ of *habeas corpus*, obtained on the ground of an illegal conviction. He succeeded in getting the conviction quashed as to one half the number.

It has lately been held in the English Court of Bankruptcy, by one registrar sitting as chief judge in an appeal from another registrar, that a liquidation by arrangement cannot be sanctioned by the court in a case where the debtor was without assets. It appears from the judgment, that the point was not argued; no cases are referred to, and the matter is disposed of by a broad declaration that it was clear to the mind of the registrar that the Legislature never intended that a debtor, who has not a single farthing for his creditors, should avail himself of the provisions of the bankruptcy law. The practice is stigmatised as an ingenious device to revive a most obnoxious practice under the old law, that of white-washing, and ought to receive no countenance from the court: *Ex parte Ash*, 16 Sol. J. 574. The *Revue Critique* lately discussed this question under the Dominion