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## DIARY FOR AUGUST.

2. Sun.....9th Sunday after Trinity. Bat. of the Nile, 1798.
6. Thur.....Prince Alfred born, 1844.
9. Sun.....10th Sunday after Trinity
11. Tues.....Primary Examinations begin.
13. Thur.....Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieut.-Gov. U.C., 1818.
16. Sun.....11th Sunday after Trinity.
17. Mon.....Gen. Hunter, Lieut.-Gov. U.C., 1799.
18. Tues.....First Intermediate Examinations and Primary Examinations.
20. Thur.....Graduates seeking admission to Law Society to present papers.
23. Sun.....12th Sunday after Trinity.
24. Mon.....Francis Gore, Lieut.-Gov. U.C., 1806.
25. Tues.....Solicitors' Examination and First Intermediate.
26. Wed.....Barristers' Examination.
27. Thur.....Second Intermediate Examination.
30. Sun.....13th Sunday after Trinity.

TORONTO, AUGUST 1, 1885.

Too much rich food is not good this hot weather. We therefore refrain from publishing more than one number in July and one in August. We trust that our usual custom in this respect is not unsatisfactory to our readers. It is very satisfactory to us.

We have received from the Secretary of the Board of County Judges a learned dissertation as to the jurisdiction of the General Sessions of the Peace for Ontario, read by His Honor Judge Senkler, of St. Catharines, at the last meeting of the county judges. It will appear in our next issue.

*Pump Court* gives its readers in a late number what it calls an endeavour, in a fragment, to suggest in Greek verse the power of the pregnant poem, "Humpty-Dumpty: "

"ὄμι μὲν ἔξεν Οὐμπτιος Δόμπτιος  
Οὐμπτιος Δόμπτιος φέλ δ'ὄν πλούμπιος.

This is amusing, no doubt, but for our part we think the old lines beginning—

*Humptius in muro cœdit Dumptius alto  
Humptius e muro Dumptius heu cœdit,*

savour of much more scholarship and quite as much wit. Nevertheless, φέλ δ'ὄν πλούμπιος is good.

## RECENT ENGLISH DECISIONS.

### DISCOVERY.

The first case in the June number of the *Law Reports* of the Chancery Division to which we think it necessary to refer is that of *Bidder v. Bridges* (29 Chy. D. 29), which, however, is not a very satisfactory sort of case, and as to which we are inclined to wonder why it should have been reported. It contains an elaborate discussion by Kay, J., of the principles on which a defendant is entitled to obtain discovery from a plaintiff. The case was appealed, and upon the argument the Court of Appeal without giving any reasons, which are reported, intimated that the plaintiff was bound to answer some further part of the interrogatories than Kay, J., had allowed, and counsel for both parties then agreed that the Court of Appeal as arbitrators should settle the interrogatories to be answered, which they proceeded to do, allowing, with variations, some of the interrogatories which had been wholly disallowed by Kay, J.

### TRIAL BY JURY—ACTION ASSIGNED TO CHANCERY DIVISION.

The next case, *Gardner v. Jay* (29 Chy. D. 50), is also upon a point of practice, which it may be useful to note in connection with the recent decisions in *Masse v. Masse*, ante p. 179; *Pawson v. Merchants' Bank*, and *Herring v. Brooks*, ante p. 222. The plaintiff commenced an action in the