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DIARY FOR FEBRUARY.

16. Tues...Sittings of Supreme Court Canada begin
18. Thur...Sittings of Divisional Court of Chan. Div. begin.
21. Sun...*Septuagesima Sunday.*
28. Sun...*Sexagesima Sunday.*

TORONTO, FEBRUARY 15, 1886.

* Two correspondents send in specimens of a new style of advertisement, sent to their clients by a New York attorney. It is in the shape of a post card, on which is given a well executed engraving of the advertiser, who concludes his laudatory observations on himself by saying: "We are neither too dignified or modest to ask for work." This is honest and above board, if not professional.

THE dinner on Thursday evening last, was from a material point of view a decided success, and reflected great credit on the committee. There was plenty to eat, plenty to drink, and plenty of noise. In fact, we think we are well within the mark in saying there was at least ninety per cent. too much of the last named element of conviviality. Much to the annoyance of everybody else, a handful of individuals present seemed to think there was nothing unseemly, nothing disrespectful, in treating the eight or nine Superior Court Judges, and the other gentlemen of seniority and position, who attended the dinner to a mingled assortment of popular songs, cries of "rats," "how do ye do," "put 'em on the list," and inarticulate noises, and senseless clamour of various descriptions. They probably considered that they were having a "high old time."

For our own part, however, it struck us as not "high" but the reverse, and not "old" but very, very "young," and we could not help wishing that the judges who honoured the banquet would exercise their united jurisdictions by enjoining to perpetual silence the principal offenders. Nothing of the sort occurred at the dinner of the Legal and Literary Society last year. Let us hope that nothing of the kind will ever occur again.

It is really of some importance that these annual professional gatherings should continue. They are calculated to draw the profession together, and to create *esprit de corps* among the members of it. Perhaps, however, it may be better henceforth to make the dinner an exclusively Bar dinner. It does not do to make the numbers too great, and we would suggest that the dinners of the Legal and Literary Society and of the Bar should be held on separate occasions. We would further venture to suggest that on no account should extra orders for wine be permitted. If the amount of wine consumed had been confined to what was supplied by the committee there would have been far less of what the chairman euphemistically called "enthusiasm." It is hard to get any "farrarder" on claret, or even pale sherry; but champagne would appear to present too great attractions to some, whom we would like to sentence to a prolonged diet of toast-and-water. Lastly, we would add that it would be a result which we feel sure would be regretted by the vast majority of barristers and students if the occupants of the Bench should cease to join in these annual reunions.