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DIARY FOR OCTOBER.

2. Sun...16th Sunday after Trinity. Prince Arthur visited Toronto.
3. Mon...Co. Court Terms and sitt. without jury (ex York) begin.
4. Tu...First edition English Bible printed, 1535.
8. Sat...Harrison, C. J., sworn in, 1875. Co. Ct. Term ends.
9. Sun...17th Sunday after Trinity. T. Moss, sworn in Judge Court of Appeal, 1875.
10. Mon...County Court Term for York begins.
11. Tu...Guy Carleton, Gov. of Canada, 1774.
12. Wed...Lord Lyndhurst died, 1863.
13. Thu...Battle of Queenston, 1812.
15. Sat...County Court Term for York ends.
16. Sun...18th Sunday after Trinity.
21. Battle of Trafalgar, 1805.
23. Sun...19th Sunday after Trinity. Lord Monck, Gov.-Gen., 1861.
24. Mon...Sir J. H. Craig, Gov.-Gen., 1837.
25. Tu...Supreme Court sittings. Battle of Balaclava, 1854.

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IN citing the "Rules of Court" scheduled in the Judicature Act, we shall, for the present at least, refer only to the marginal number. This is found to be the most convenient practice and not so cumbersome as a reference first to the order and then to its sub-division.

OF the many well-conducted legal journals in the United States, not the least so is the *American Law Review*. The last number contains a summary, scientific, practical, and illustrative of the law on "the slander of a person in his calling." This is a remarkably good paper, and shows the author, Mr. John D. Lawson, to be a man of original thought and large capacity for analysis, and a sound lawyer. We shall hope to see something further from his pen.

SIR GEORGE JESSEL, the late Master of the Rolls, having been appointed to the

Court of Appeal, has been succeeded by Mr J. W. Chitty, Q. C., M. P. for Oxford. Mr. Chitty is the son of the late Mr. Thos; Chitty, of the Inner Temple. The name of Chitty has been, in the profession, all over the Anglo-Saxon world, a household word, and, it is almost as well known to the general public in England, in the person of the new Judge, by reason of his having been for many years umpire at the Oxford and Cambridge boat races. Mr. Chitty is a young man, comparatively, for the English Bench, having been born in 1828. The appointment has been very well received by all classes.

THE *Albany Law Journal* reports the case of *Thompson v. United States*, decided in the Supreme Court, in which it was held that proceedings in mandamus against a municipal officer to compel the performance of an official duty do not abate by the expiration of the office of the defendant, when there is a continuing duty irrespective of the incumbent, and the proceedings are undertaken to enforce an obligation of the corporation or municipality to which the office is attached.

IT is probable that the recent disastrous fires will be productive of some litigation. Any legal light upon the lurid subject will be of use. In *Kippner v. Biehl* (24 Albany L.J. 192,) it appeared that the defendant set a fire in his stubble field. Before doing so he plowed three times around the field. At night he, as he supposed, extinguished the fire. He did not do so, but unknown to him, the fire smouldered in a slough and revived, and two days afterwards extended to plain-