

DIARY FOR AUGUST.

- 1. Tues.. *Lammas.*
- 4. SUN.. *10th Sunday after Trinity.*
- 11. SUN.. *11th Sunday after Trinity.*
- 14. Wed.. Last day for County Clerks to certify County rates to Municipalities in Counties.
- 18. SUN.. *12th Sunday after Trinity.*
- 21. Wed.. Long Vacation ends. Last day for setting down and giving notice for re-hearing in Chancery.
- 25. SUN.. *13th Sunday after Trinity.*
- 29. Thurs. Re-hearing Term in Chancery commences.

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AUGUST, 1872.

Mr. George Richardson, elected Mayor of Salisbury last year, refused to qualify, and was thereupon fined £100. One of our U. S. exchanges manifests considerable astonishment—remarking that it never heard of any person who had been elected Mayor of any of the cities of America refusing to qualify.

Under the title of "A Sweeping Reform," the English *Law Journal* publishes a letter from a correspondent, timidly recommending that every solicitor who has been certificated and in practice three years, should have the privilege of taking all oaths and affidavits in all the courts. There are still a few things in which we are a-head of our professional brethren in England.

PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PRIVATE INJURIES.

Public convenience is of so much importance in the eyes of the law that private rights have not infrequently been invaded, and often this is so necessary and unavoidable that, whilst we may feel that a hardship has been done, we must admit that there was no escape from the dilemma of injuring one, or of, on the other hand, injuring many. But this principle must not be pushed too far, and, at least, the individual must, as far as possible, be remunerated for the injury he may sustain for the public good.

A recent case is instructive on this subject. The authorities of a township corporation, in the discharge of their duties, cut and deepened certain ditches on the side of one of the public roads, and the result was that part of the plaintiff's land was flooded and his crops injured. The defendants pleaded that they had a statutable duty to keep the roads in repair and in discharge of this duty the alleged grievance was committed. To make the plea a good answer to the action it would be necessary to hold that a municipality, for the purpose of repairing or draining their road, may