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DIARY FOR JANUARY.

1. Sat.....New Year's Day. Christmas vac. in Ct. of Ap. ends.
2. Sun.....2nd Sunday after Christmas.
3. Mon....Heir and Dev. sitt. aud Co. Ct. Terms begin.
6. Thurs..Christmas vacation in Chancery ends.
8. Sat.....Christmas vac. in Exch. Ct. ends. Co. Ct. Term ends.
9. Sun.....1st Sunday after Epiphany.
11. Tues....Court of Appeal Sittings begin.
16. Sun.....2nd Sunday after Epiphany.
18. Tues....Heir and Dev. sitt. ends. Second Intermed'te Exam.
19. Wed....Second Intermediate Examination.
20. Thurs..First Intermediate Examination.
21. Fri.....First Intermediate Examination.
23. Sun.....3rd Sunday after Epiphany.
25. Tues....Primary Examination.
26. Wed....Primary Examination.
27. Thurs..Primary Examination.
28. Fri.....Final Examination.
29. Sat.....Final Examination.
30. Sun.....4th Sunday after Epiphany.

TORONTO, JANUARY 1st, 1881.

The attention of our readers is called to the publishers' notice which appears on the cover. We think they will agree that the *LAW JOURNAL*, now in its twenty-seventh year, has taken a new lease of life. On this the first day of January, 1881, and at the beginning of another series, we wish our friends, old and new, a Happy New Year.

Sir James William Colville, one of the paid Judges of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, died last month at the age of 70. He commenced his professional career as an Equity draughtsman in England, but afterwards went to India and became Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Calcutta.

Two new law books are announced, one by Mr. Stephens, author of the *Quebec Law Digest*, on the law and practice of joint stock companies, under the Canadian Acts. The other is by Mr. Kehoe, of the Ontario Bar, on the law of choses in action. Both subjects are important, and if well treated cannot fail to receive a hearty welcome at the hands of the profession in this Province.

In the recently published memoirs of Panizzi, the Librarian of the British Museum, we notice a letter of the Rev. William Shepherd, relative to attorneys' charges during elections, which is worth reproducing: "A scamp of an attorney, who thrust himself into some trifling employment in Sir Francis Burdett's celebrated contest for Middlesex, on sending him his bill, after charging for a journey to Acton, and another to Ealing, &c., &c., closed with the following item—'To extraordinary mental anxiety on your account, £500.'"

In the English legal periodicals we observe that "a gentleman" publishes a card to the effect that he is "prepared to undertake the getting up of evidence and the obtaining of reliable information in any litigious matter of importance." As a recommendation of himself for this sort of work, he further informs the public that he has "very *exceptionable* facilities for obtaining information." In his exceptional desire to use long words, he has failed to frame an unexceptionable advertisement. We notice a similar blunder in the use of this word, at the end of the judgment in *Waddell v. Smyth*, 3 Ch. Cham. 413 which may safely be attributed to the reporter.

The well-known case of *Angus v. Dalton* is slowly moving onwards in the House of Lords. The practice, which has for some time been neglected, of summoning the judges to advise the House, is to be revived in this appeal. It is said that Sir George Jessel and two of the Vice-Chancellors are to be summoned for that purpose. The result of this case will be watched with much interest. Few more remarkable examples can be found of judicial divergence