

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

DIARY FOR MAY.

1. Mon.. Prince Arthur born, 1850.
2. Tues.. Primary examinations.
4. Thur.. Last day for filing petition against election of any Benchers.
7. SUN.. 3rd Sunday after Easter.
9. Tues.. General Session and County Court sittings for York only. Intermediate examination.
11. Thur.. Examinations for admission. Can. for call to pay fees.
12. Frid.. Examinations for call.
14. SUN.. 4th Sunday after Easter.
15. Mon.. Easter Term begins. Term of Benchers elected in 1871 expires.
19. Frid.. Paper Day, Q.B.
20. Sat.... Paper Day, C.P.
21. SUN.. 5th Sunday after Easter. Rogation Day.
22. Mon.. Paper Day, Q.B.
23. Tues.. Paper Day, C.P.
24. Wed.. Queen Victoria born, 1819.
25. Thur.. Ascension Day. Princess Helena born, 1846.
29. SUN.. Sunday after Ascension.
31. Wed.. University College Easter Term ends.

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THE presentation of the address and testimonial to the Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, the Treasurer of the Law Society, referred to in the *resumé* of proceedings of the Benchers for last term, has been deferred until the first day of next term.

In gratifying the conservative desire to preserve the legal functions of the House of Lords, Lord Cairns has framed a tribunal which will be in reality a distinct Court of Appeal. It will neither be the old House of Lords, in which every peer had a vote on judicial questions, nor the more recent "House of Lords," in which the "Law Lords" alone had judicial functions. It will consist of those members of the House of Lords who have filled high judicial offices, and of two new Lords of Appeal, to be chosen from persons of suitable qualifications at the Bar or on the Bench. These new Lords of Appeal are to receive a summons, and sit and vote in the House like other peers, and to be paid each a salary of £6,000 a year. A fusion is gradually to be made with the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, which now practically consists of the four salaried members. Two additional Lords of Appeal are to be appointed in place of the four judges of the Privy Council, as vacancies occur. The practical result of the whole measure will be the creation of a new ultimate Court of Appeal, styled the "House of Lords," and having two divisions, one of which will deal with colonial appeals. To the colonies, therefore, Lord Cairns' bill is of no very vital importance. To insure the despatch of business, provision is made for continuous sittings of the new Court, unaffected by the prorogation or dissolution of the House of Lords.