

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL NOTES.

DIARY FOR APRIL.

1. Tues... Bismarck born, 1815.
5. Sat... Canada discovered, 1499.
6. Sun... Palm Sunday.
7. Mon... County Court Terms begin. County Court sitt. without jury (ex York) begin.
8. Tues... Supreme Court Act assented to, 1875.
9. Wed... Surrender of Gen. Lee, 1865.
11. Fri... Good Friday.
12. Sat... County Court Term ends.
13. Sun... Easter Sunday.
14. Mon... Easter Monday.
15. Tues... Lincoln assassinated, 1865.
18. Fri... First newspaper published in America, 1704.
20. Sun... Low Sunday.
23. Wed... St. George's Day.
24. Thur... Earl Cathcart Gov.-Gen., 1846.
27. Sun... 2nd after Easter. Queen Victoria proclaimed Empress of India, 1876.

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At the beginning of this year, case-law in the United States was represented by the immense number of 2,823 volumes of reported decisions.

The Government in England have brought in a Bill for the prosecution of offences. It provides for the appointment of an officer to be called the Solicitor for Public Prosecutions, who, under the direction of the Attorney-General, is to institute, undertake or carry on criminal proceedings. The rights of private prosecutors are not intended to be interfered with.

The research of Moncreu Conway in his book on "Demonology" has brought to light a curious oddity in ancient Danish jurisprudence. He says it was an old-time custom in Denmark for Courts to sit with an open window, in order that the devil might easily fly off with the perjurer. It might be well to try the effect in modern law courts, especially in hot weather and during election trials, as we have no doubt it would tend to purify the administration of justice. There is a pathetic complaint of a Barrister in the London *Times* in which he suggests, "if ventilation is not to be granted to us when the Court is sitting, may we not have the windows and doors set open when the Court has risen?" So that till we have some more effectual method of exorcising the foul air of the law courts, it would be well to revive the old Danish practice.

It is satisfactory to learn that Mr. O'Brien has prepared a second edition of his useful work on the "Division