

DIARY FOR AUGUST.

1. Frid. ...Slavery abolished in British Empire, 1834.
3. Sun. ...8th Sunday after Trinity.
5. Tues. ...Atlantic cable laid, 1858.
10. Sun. ...9th Sunday after Trinity.
12. Tues. ...Prim. Exam. Disraeli created Lord Beaconsfield, 1877.
13. Wed. ...Prim. Exam. Sir Peregrine Maitland, Lieutenant-Governor, 1818.
14. Thur. ...Primary examinations.
17. Sun. ...10th Sunday after Trinity. General Hunter, Lieutenant-Governor, 1799.
19. Tues. ...1st Intermediate examination.
20. Wed. ...2nd Intermediate examination.
21. Thur. ...Long Vacation, Q.B., C.P., and Co. Courts ends. Attorney's examination.
22. Fri. ...Examination for call.
24. Sun. ...11th Sunday after Trinity.
25. Mon. ...Trinity Term begins. Convocation meets.
26. Tues. ...Convocation meets.
28. Thur. ...Rehearing term in Chancery begins.
30. Sat. ...Long Vacation in Supreme Court, Court of Appeal and Chancery ends. Convocation meets.
31. Sun. ...12th Sunday after Trinity.

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The Lord Chief Justice of England, Sir Alexander Cockburn, has recently expressed the following opinion on the codification of the law. It is contained in a letter written by him to the Attorney-General, under date June 11th, on the subject of the proposed criminal code. The opinion of that great lawyer and accomplished scholar cannot fail to carry much weight. He writes as follows:—"I have long been, for reasons on which it is unnecessary here to dwell, a firm believer in not only the expediency and possibility, but also in the coming necessity of codification, and I have rejoiced, therefore, at the favourable reception which the proposal to codify our criminal law has received from the press as of good omen. But it would, I think, be much to be deplored if the eager desire to see the law codified, entertained by the public, of whom few have perhaps taken the trouble to study the details of the measure, and still fewer are in a position to appreciate the legal difficulties which present themselves, should lead to the adoption of a statement of the law still imperfect and incomplete. For not only would this be a misfortune as regards the work itself and administration of justice under it, but any failure in this, our first attempt at what can properly be termed a code would engender a distrust of this method of dealing with the law which would retard all further attempts at codification for an indefinite period." The letter from which the above passage is taken is to be found in the LAW JOURNAL for June 28th, ult.

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