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DIARY FOR JANUARY.

15. Sat.....Last day for filing papers with Sec. L. S. before call or admission.
16. Sun.....*and Sunday after Epiphany.*
18. Tues...University graduate and matriculant seeking admission to L. S. to present papers; primary examination of students and articled clerks.
19. Wed...Lord Langdale appointed M. R. 1836.
22. Sat.....Lord Bacon born 1561. Last day for filing papers for call or admission.
23. Sun...*3rd Sunday after Epiphany.*
25. Tues...First intermediate examination.
26. Wed...Barristers' examination. Gen. Gordon killed, '85.
27. Thur...Second intermediate examination.
30. Sun.....*4th Sunday after Epiphany.*

TORONTO. JANUARY 15, 1887.

WE have been asked to call attention to the following petition, which has been for some time in circulation among members of the Bar in Toronto, and in various cities and towns throughout the country, and has, we are informed, already received a large number of signatures, and which it is proposed to present to the Benchers at one of their meetings in the beginning of February.

To the honourable the Benchers of the Law Society of Upper Canada.

The petition of the undersigned members of the Bar of Ontario, humbly sheweth:

1. That the present is the fiftieth year of the reign of her Majesty the Queen.
2. That your petitioners respectfully submit that it is right and proper that a public body, such as the Law Society of Upper Canada, should take some steps to commemorate the occasion.
3. That your petitioners would suggest that a suitable way of doing so would be the erection of a statue or bust of her Majesty to be placed in the Central Hall at Osgoode Hall or other suitable place within its precincts.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honourable body will vote a sufficient sum out of the funds of the Law Society of Upper Canada for the erection of such a statue or bust, or will vote a liberal contribution towards such object, the balance to be collected by voluntary subscriptions amongst members of the legal profession in Ontario.

We have also been asked to state that it is, of course, impossible to submit the petition to every member of the Bar throughout the Province, and therefore, any who would wish their names to appear to it, are invited at once to enclose their signatures on a slip of paper with a letter under cover to the Editor of the CANADA LAW JOURNAL, authorizing the affixture of the signature to the petition.

We are very glad to do what we can to aid in promoting what we regard as a very excellent idea. In the first place, the erection of a statue or bust, as suggested in the petition, would be an outward and visible sign of the inward and spiritual loyalty to the British Crown, which we know to be a living feeling—and we hope an immortal feeling—in the breasts of Canadians. Take loyalty to the Crown away, and would not the Empire collapse and fall to pieces like a house of cards? Loyalty to the Crown is the very life of the Empire, and such a manifestation of it amongst us as is asked for by the above petitioners would be well timed in this the Jubilee Year of all true-hearted British subjects.

Apart from this, however, there could not be a more fitting depository for historical monuments of any kind than Osgoode Hall, and nothing more interesting as a historical monument could be suggested than a statue or bust of Queen Victoria.

The reign of Victoria may be said to be coincident with the growth of the British Empire, as we now understand it; and whatever may be the ultimate destiny of this country the statue or bust suggested would never lose its interest from the historical point of view.