

OSGOODE HALL, EASTER TERM, 1867.

DIARY FOR MAY.

- 1. Wed.. *St. Philip of St. James.* Grammar and Common School Funds apportioned. Co. Treasurer to make up books and enter arrears.
- 4. Sat... Articles, &c., to be left with Secretary of L. S.
- 5. SUN... *2nd Sunday after Easter.*
- 12. SUN... *3rd Sunday after Easter.*
- 15. Wed... Last day for service for County Court.
- 19. SUN... *4th Sunday after Easter.*
- 23. Mon... Easter Term commences.
- 24. Friday Queen's Birth-day.
- 25. Sat... Declare for County Court.
- 26. SUN... *Requiem.*
- 29. Wed... Appeals from Chancery Chambers. Notices for Chancery re-hearing Term to be served.
- 29. Thurs. *Ascension.*
- 31. Friday Last day for Court of Revision finally to revise Assessment Roll.

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CALLS TO THE BAR.

Students to the number of twenty went up for examination this Term, but fourteen only were considered competent. The names of the successful candidates are:—

Messrs. James Fisher, B.A., Stratford (without an oral examination); S. C. B. Dean, Millbrook; C. Givins, M.A., Toronto; P. McCarthy, Toronto; T. W. Thompson, Ottawa; G. W. Ostrum, Belleville; D. H. Preston, L.L.B., Toronto; Thomas Dixon, Toronto; W. R. Bain, M.A., Goderich; H. Thorne, Toronto; F. E. Kilvert, Hamilton; F. Holmsted, Toronto; J. N. Blake, Toronto; R. H. R. Munro, Hamilton.

ATTORNEYS ADMITTED.

Out of twenty-five who presented themselves only one gentleman, Mr. J. Magee, of London, was at once declared entitled to be admitted, he not being required to undergo the oral test. Of the others, R. S. Kinnings, Goderich; John McLean, Toronto; Thomas Dixon, Toronto; C. Givins, M.A., Toronto; John Matheson, Woodstock; A. P. Devlin, St. Catharines; N. G. Bigelow, B.A., Toronto; W. Bell, Hamilton; James Gowans, Sarnia, passed the necessary written examination, but not being so successful in the oral, were required to present themselves again during this Term, when they will doubtless receive certificates.

It is a highly honorable position to be a member of the legal profession, but the advantages in a material point of view are not, if we are to believe the complaints we hear on every side, so great as the fond anticipations of those choosing the law as a profession would lead them to suppose.

When we remember that, if any thing, there is less for lawyers to do now than there was some years ago, and that this business is divided between nearly twice as many practitioners, and that fees have in some cases been reduced, whilst the expenses of living have increased in a very marked and appreciable manner, the prospects are anything but encouraging. And in speaking of this, the propriety of making any reduction in fees at the present time, such as has lately been done in the certain cases in the Court of Chancery, has been questioned.

The first of the three-weeks Terms commenced on Monday, the 20th of this month. The new arrangement is likely to be an improvement upon the old, unless indeed, practitioners and counsel allow the business to lie over till the last week or so, and then vainly try to crowd into one week what could easily and comfortably have been done in two.

We notice that the beginning of the end, with regard to the much talked of fence in front of Osgoode Hall, has been reached by the commencement of the iron railing which is to surmount the stonework. It is almost too soon to express an opinion as to the effect of the design—but as there are always those that are never happy unless they are grumbling, and as "tastes differ" even amongst those willing to be pleased, an endless variety of opinions will be entertained; so far however there is the promise of a massive and handsome structure. But whether handsome or otherwise, we are glad to see the fence approaching completion.

The first number of the fourth volume of the Practice Court and Chambers Reports, commencing with cases decided in Michaelmas Term last, has been issued by Mr. O'Brien under the new arrangement. The third volume will be completed by Mr. Robinson, we are informed, without delay.

The judgment in *Hammond v. McLay*, given on the first day of this Term in the