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DIARY FOR APRIL.

- 16. Sun... *1st Sunday after Easter.*
- 22. Sat... Beaconsfield Ministry resigned.
- 23. Sun... *2nd Sunday after Easter.*
- 24. Mon... Earl Cuthbert, Gov-General, 1846.
- 25. Tue... Second Intermediate Examination. Spragge, C., appointed C. Ont., 1881.
- 26. Wed... Second Intermediate Examination.
- 27. Thurs. First Intermediate Examination.
- 28. Fri... First Intermediate Examination.
- 30. Sun... *3rd Sunday after Easter.*

TORONTO, APRIL 15, 1882.

MR. GIROUARD'S bill to legalize marriage between a man and the sister of his deceased wife, both as to past and future marriages, has at length passed through the House of Commons. No one will be much surprised at seeing it become the law of the land.

WE see from the English papers, that a bill has been introduced into the Imperial House of Commons, to establish a Court of Criminal Appeal. The idea is said to be to allow a prisoner an appeal in all cases when within five days of his sentence he sends a petition to the Home Secretary, accompanied by a certificate from a Queen's Counsel that there are reasonable grounds for appeal. The Court is to be composed of five judges at least, and is to have the power, not only to reserve the sentence, but also to commute the punishment in any way. It is further proposed to give the Court of Appeal power to award compensation in cases of wrongful conviction. We are not advised as to whether the Crown is to be divested to any extent of the prerogative of pardon, but, at any rate, there can be little doubt that the Home Secretary in England, and the Minister of Justice out here,

would be among the advocates of a bill intended to relieve them of what must be a most onerous responsibility

THE presence among the principal performers of the sons of two of the Judges, Mr. J. D. Armour and Mr. W. H. Gwynne, as well as that of Mr. C. McCaul, all three of whom are law students, may be claimed as a sufficient excuse for a reference by us to the recent admirable rendering of Sophocles' "Antigone" at the University of Toronto. Mr. Armour's *Creon* will not soon be forgotten by those who had the pleasure of seeing it, and who were sufficiently familiar with the play to appreciate the merit of his performance and the accuracy with which he had mastered his difficult part. Indeed, though the music and the spectacle may have appealed more forcibly to the greater portion of the audience, not the least remarkable feature of the evening was the correctness with which the Greek text was rendered by the actors, thus showing that the play had been taken up as a matter for serious study, and not as a mere pastime. It may not be too much to say that the whole performance was calculated to give a stimulus of permanent value to scholarly pursuits, and to intellectual cultivation in this country.

WE read in the Revised Statutes of Manitoba cap. 8, sect. 97, the following interesting enactment:—

"Any person using *obscure* language, or being disorderly, or being drunk while on any of the public ferries, shall incur a penalty for each offence not exceeding five dollars, on the com-