

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

1. Wed. . . . . Open Day, Q.B. New Trial Day, C.P.
2. Thu. . . . . Re-hearing Term in Chancery commences.  
Open Day, Q.B. and C.P. Louis Napoleon  
proclaimed Emperor Napoleon III, 1852.
3. Fri. . . . . N. T. Day, Q.B. Open Day, C.P. Last Day  
but one for Certificates
4. Sat. . . . . Michaelmas Term ends. Last Day to give  
Notice for Call.
5. SUN. . . . . 2nd Sunday in Advent.
7. Tues. . . . . Last Day for Notice of Trial in County Court.
12. SUN. . . . . 3rd Sunday in Advent.
14. Tues. . . . . County Court Sittings.
17. Fri. . . . . First Book printed in England, 1468.
18. Sat. . . . . Last Day for Notice of Primary Examinations.
19. SUN. . . . . 4th Sunday in Advent.
21. Tues. . . . . Shortest Day in the Year.
24. Fri. . . . . Christmas Vacation in Chancery begins.
25. Sat. . . . . Christmas Day.
26. SUN. . . . . Sunday after Christmas Day. Upper Canada  
erected into a Province, 1791.
27. Mon. . . . . Nomination of Mayors, Aldermen, Reeves,  
Deputy-Reeves and Councillors.

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AT the time we write there are more than one hundred cases on the new trial paper in the Queen's Bench, of which some seventy have been standing since last term. About fifteen of these have been argued. There are some sixty cases still to be argued on the Common Pleas list.

IN the libel suit of *Johnston v. The Atheneum*, upon the application for a new trial, the judges all thought that it should be granted, on the ground that the damages were excessive. Lord Neave characterised the amount of the verdict as "outrageous." The Court, however, suggested that the parties should settle the amount without re-trying the case; whereupon it was mutually agreed that the verdict should be reduced from £1,275 to £100. And so ends the case.

*Apropos* of the heavy fee paid by the Guicowar of Baroda to Mr. Serjeant Ballantine, referred to in page 62 of this journal, it is recorded by M. Berryer that in the latter part of the last century a French colonial governor, accused of malversation and prosecuted criminally, handed to M. Gerbier, the brilliant leader of the Paris bar, a fee of 300,000 francs (£12,000 stg.) On the other hand, M. Dupin, in all those political trials during the reigns of Louis XVIII. and Charles X., in which he was engaged, and in which he did such good service to the cause of public liberty by defending the press and protecting authors, and reflected such lustre on his name and profession, invariably refused a fee. The picture, the book, the song, and the journal, defended by his wit, his learning and his eloquence, was his *honorarium*.