

DIARY FOR MAY.

- 2. Wed .. English slave trade abolished, 1807.
- 5. Sat. Queen Victoria declared Empress of India, '76.
- 6. SUN. *Rogation Sunday.*
- 8. Tues. . General Sessions and County Court sittings in York. Law Society Primary Examination.
- 11. Fri. Ascension day.
- 13. SUN. *1st Sunday after Ascension.* Hon. J. Crawford, Lieut.-Governor died, 1875.
- 14. Mon. . Law School Examination.
- 15. Tues. . Law Society—1st intermediate examination.
- 16. Wed. . Law Society—2nd intermediate examination.
- 17. Thur. . Law Society—Attorneys examination.
- 18. Fri. . . Hon. D. A. Macdonald, Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, 1875. Examination Call with honours examination for call to the Bar.
- 20. SUN. *Whit Sunday.*
- 21. Mon. . Easter term begins. Law Society Convocation meets.
- 22. Tues. . Earl Dufferin, Gov.-General, 1872. Convocation meets.
- 24. Thur. . Queen Victoria born, 1819.
- 26. Sat. . . Law Society Convocation meets. Annual election of Treasurer takes place.
- 27. SUN. *Trinity Sunday.*
- 30. Wed. . Abdul Aziz, Sultan of Turkey, dethroned, '76.

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We are told by the English *Law Journal* that the list of causes for the Easter Sittings in the Chancery Division is "one of the most appalling documents ever witnessed." It contains the names of 602 suits waiting to be heard. Of these the Master of the Rolls has 122, Vice-Chancellor Malins 189, Vice-Chancellor Bacon 90, and Vice-Chancellor Hall 201. We have complained occasionally of the "block" of business in our Courts, but there has never been anything to compare with this. The same journal implores that a new Judge may be appointed to the Chancery Division.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACT.

The Court of Chancery has gone a very long way in giving such a strict and inflexible construction to some clauses of the Administration of Justice Act of 1873, as goes far to neutralize the value what we conceive to be of those clauses, and to countervail, as it seems to us, the intention of the Legislature. The main purpose of the first and eighth and kindred sections of the Act, was to enable each Court to work out full relief in respect of every matter properly presented for adjudication in the one suit. But it is nowhere apparent in the Act itself that this was intended to be extended to cases not falling within well-understood principles, and it is foreign to the spirit of the statute to hold that its permissive provisions should be petrified into a compulsory practice. It is a matter of consideration whether the Act was ever intended to accomplish such a result as is declared to be the law in *Demorest v. Helms*, 22