

DIARY—CONTENTS—EDITORIAL ITEMS.

DIARY FOR DECEMBER.

1. Mon.. Cks. (ex. Co. Cks.) ret. res. Ratep. P. T. P. D. Q. B. N. T. D. C. P.
2. Tues.. Last day for not. of trial Co. Ct. N. T. D., Q. B. P. D., C. P.
3. Wed.. Con. Stats. came into force, 1850. Op. D., Q. B. N. N. D., C. P.
4. Thurs. Re-hear. Term in Chy. begins. Op. D., Q. B. Op. D., C. P.
5. Fri. ... Last day but one take out Cer. N. T. D., Q. B. Op. D., C. P.
6. Sat. ... Mich. Term ends. Last day for Art. Cks. and Students to give notice. Open Day, Q. B. Open Day, C. P.
7. SUN.. 2nd Sunday in Advent.
9. Tues.. Gen. Sessions and Co. Court Sittings in each Co. begin.
14. SUN.. 3rd Sunday in Advent. Prince Albert died, 1861.
15. Mon.. Collectors to return Rolls to Treasurers, and pay over money unless time extended.
21. SUN.. 4th Sunday in Advent. Shortest day.
22. Mon.. Nomination of Mayors, Aldermen, Reeves, Councillors, and Police Trustees.
25. Thurs. Christmas. Christmas Vacation in Chancery begins.
26. Fri. ... St. Stephen. Upper Canada erected into a Province, 1791.
27. Sat. ... St. John.
28. SUN.. 1st Sunday after Christmas.

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Two vacancies have recently occurred in the English Bench by the death of Vice-Chancellor Wickens on the 23d October, and since then by the death of Chief Justice Bovill. The Attorney General, Sir John Duke Coleridge, is to take the place of the latter; and it is said that Mr. Charles Hall, a stuff gownsman, will be elevated to the Bench as a successor to the V. C.

By a recent decision of the St. Louis Court of Criminal Correction, it has been held that the ordinance of that city regulating what is commonly called "the social evil" (which is based upon an act of the legislature giving special extraordinary municipal powers), is illegal and void, on the ground of its being an infringement of the Constitution, and contrary to the spirit of the Bill of Rights, in operating, as it does, against one sex.

A very fair example of that motley patch-work of figures which the wits of Queen Elizabeth's day used to call *Soraismus*: Anglice, "mingle-mangle," is to be met with in the opinion of Judge Brockenbrough, presiding at a moot court in Washington and Lee University, and published in the *Southern Law Review*. He very ably discusses an intricate question in the law of dower, but having occasion to refer to the "Fine and Recovery Act" of Virginia, passed in 1776, he cannot resist the temptation to use fine language and so eulogizes the Act thus: "The whole pestilent brood of estates tail fell, as by the touch of Ithuriel's spear, and at one fell swoop, perished in an instant, by the mere operation of law!"