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The opening of the next Michaelmas Sittings of the Law Courts in England is to be preceded by a public religious service in Westminster Abbey, to be attended by the judges, the officers of the Courts and the Bar. Such a function conducted and attended in a religious spirit and not as a mere matter of form or as a spectacular exhibition, is eminently proper and cannot but be impressive and edifying. The English have been often described as a religious people, and they certainly have a way of bringing their religion into their daily affairs not common in other countries; for instance they have never discarded the ancient custom of preceding the opening of the Assizes by a public religious service, moreover all the Inns of Court are provided with beautiful chapels for the use of their members. How far the purity of the English Bench may be due to this consistent public recognition by the judges and lawyers of their duty to the Supreme Judge of all, we do not pretend to say. At least it appears to be a commendable proceeding and one deserving of being followed.

The effect of the Statute of Limitations on the rights of mortgagees has received considerable attention lately. We have received (amongst others) a well-considered communication on the subject from Mr. A. M. Lewis, barrister, Hamilton, in which he discusses the subject at considerable length. His article was written before the recent case of *Thornton v. France* (referred to on pp. 593-677) was published. We notice that he arrived at the same conclusion as was reached by the English Court of Appeal in that case. As the point discussed has already received even more than its share of space, it is impossible, in view of the crowded state of our columns to do more than refer to Mr. Lewis' communication. We shall hope, however, to hear from him again at an early date.