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There is, we understand, in England a Barristers' Benevolent Association. An English contemporary mentions, however, some pathetic cases where its usefulness did not come into operation. One as to an aged member of the bar who died in a workhouse, and the other as to a younger man who never made his wants known, and who died in a hospital from disease attributed to privation. Circumstances like these draw attention to the fact that there is no such association, so far as we know, in the provinces of this Dominion. Would it not be proper that there should be? It may not be so often required in this country as in England, but even here we often hear of cases which should come within the attention and care of some such organization. Has any one a suggestion to make in this connection?

It is said that the oldest K.C. in Great Britain, in point of years, is Mr. Joseph Brown, who recently celebrated his 92nd birthday. Some twenty years ago, when a juvenile of seventy-two, he read a paper before the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science in reference to the jury laws, which was as remarkable for its research as for its vigorous language. He strongly urged a change in the law which required verdicts of juries to be unanimous, and cited Colonial precedents for the acceptance of a majority verdict, using these words:—"Oh benighted and sacrilegious colonies! What will become of you after abandoning the custom of your forefathers, the sacred number of twelve, and the starving of juries?" This is refreshing from a conservative Britisher. We think Mr. Brown must have been transplanted from one of these colonies. We quote some further observations of his in support of the change which he advocated. "Under the present system a single interested, stupid, or ignorant and perverse juryman has in many cases subdued the others to his will by the mere force of obstinacy and strength of stomach; and has thus entirely frustrated the whole object of the law, and set loose upon society the very worst of criminals. Why are we, in the end of