

Reference was made recently to eccentricities of legislators. One of the strangest of these proposals was made by a member of the Kansas legislature, who incorporated the ten commandments in a draft bill, and sought to have it made part of the criminal law of the State. The preamble reads as follows :—

AN ACT TO GIVE STATUTORY FORCE TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Whereas, The men of the present generation have become doubters and scoffers ; and

Whereas, They have strayed from the religion of the fathers ; and

Whereas, They no longer live in the fear of God ; and

Whereas, Having no fear of punishment beyond the grave, they wantonly violate the law given to the world from Mount Sinai.

Ten sections follow, each of the commandments constituting a section. The eleventh section provides penalties for offences under the Act.

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The May list of the Court of Appeal at Montreal showed a sudden increase from 29 cases, at which figure the list had remained for three terms, to 42, an increase of ten over the list for May, 1896. The bar will not regret to see some evidence of a return to the active business which formerly existed in this court. The increase in itself is not surprising when it is remembered that the Court of Review and the Superior Court during the last eight months have poured forth an unusual number of judgments, as the result of the effort to clear the rolls. The May term lasted somewhat longer than those of the last year or two, but nevertheless it was brought to a close on the eighth day of the sittings.

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The death of Mr. S. B. Bristowe, Q. C., recently judge of the Southwark County Court, recalls the fact that he was the victim, some years ago, of a form of revenge which is now happily rare. In 1889 he was county judge of Nottinghamshire, and one day while he was standing on the railway platform at Nottingham, a disappointed