

Circuit." "Lancaster, Spring Assizes, 1783. Mr. S. Heywood was congratulated on coming in his new carriage, and Mr. J. Scott congratulated for the like." On the other hand, there have been instances, in very recent times, of appropriate action being taken in the case of graver offences, in which the offenders have, with all due formality, been either admonished or expelled from the body altogether, though happily such instances are rare.

The palmy days of Circuit life, however—when the Grand Court flourished and revelry ran high—were in the times when locomotion was difficult, when Turnpike Trusts were not, and roads were bad, and people and their business could afford, or were obliged, to wait. Then the advent of the legal army was an event in the dreamy life of an Assize town; Assize balls and other festivities abounded, and a Circuit "Bespeak" was an honor sought after by the lessee of the local theatre at every Assize town. We can still remember threading our way with a late Baron of the Exchequer (then a gay circuiter), to the Theatre Royal, Durham, and listening to a noble army of two announcing to the villain of the play that resistance was useless, as they had surrounded the house. The glories of the festivities on an Assize Sunday at the residence of John Jones, of Ystrad, in his time a leader of the old Carmarthen Circuit, and the dinners of "Lawyer Fawcett" to the members of the Northern Bar, in Lord Eldon's time, when there were such struggles between the claims of "consultation" and the host's old port, are enshrined in history: while the hospitality extended to the Northern Circuit by the Lord of Lowther Castle, was continued down to a very recent period (curiously enough, this having originated at a time when there was only one Assize in the year in those parts, it was given only during the summer Assizes).

But times have changed since then. As the Arab Sheik said to the author of "Eothen," "Puff! puff! there is nothing like steam," it has displaced the stage-coach, the chaise, and even the roadster. The baggage wagon lingered longest, but even it had to succumb a quarter of a century ago on most Circuits, though it still exists on the Western, and might, until recently, have been seen at the accustomed times in the Temple ready for the reception of the baggage

of the Circuit; but so little were its uses dreamed of, that it has, ere now, been mistaken for a prison-van. Now the leader or the junior, who, by the aid of the midnight mail and the Pullman car, can be in London to day and the remotest part of the country to-morrow, is no longer placed under circumstances favourable to the cultivation of the old Circuit life and its attendant associations. The clanish or tribal spirit has vanished, and that cosmopolitan idea—the outcome of the steam-engine and other facilities for intercommunication—which would obliterate nationalities, has left its impress indelibly marked on this as on other institutions.—*Mr. Kinghorn in Law Magazine and Review.*

RECENT CRIMINAL DECISIONS.

Sentence.—1. Where a defendant is convicted of separate misdemeanors charged in separate counts in the same indictment, the court has power to pass separate sentences exceeding in the aggregate the maximum punishment for one offence.—*Castro v. Regina*, English Court of Appeal.

2. C. was charged in the first count of the indictment with perjury in a trial at Westminster, and in the second count with perjury before a commissioner in London, the same false statement being charged in both counts. He was tried in the Court of Queen's Bench at bar, convicted on both counts, and sentenced on the first count to seven years' penal servitude, and on the second count to a further term of seven years' penal servitude, to commence immediately on the expiration of the first term. A writ of error having been brought—Held, that the sentences were warranted by law.—*Id.*

At Derby, England, Judge Maule was in the act of passing sentence upon a man, when the governor of the county jail came to the table to deliver some calendars to members of the bar, and, in so doing, passed between the prisoner and the judge. Maule thereupon intimated to the governor that, in so doing, he had outraged one of the best known conventional rules of society. "Don't you know," said the judge, "you ought never to pass between two gentlemen, when one gentleman is addressing another?" The offender against this rule apologized and retired, whereupon the judge sentenced the other gentleman to seven years' transportation.