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THE fact that the Lord Chancellor has recently appointed two members of local Bars to County Court judgeships in their own counties is commented on in English legal journals as a noteworthy exception to the general rule. The practice in this country is, of course, quite the reverse. We have already expressed a doubt as to the wisdom of our practice, and would prefer that that which is with us the exception should become the rule.

WE are glad to observe that steps are at last being taken to preserve the iron fence at Osgoode Hall from utter destruction. We have on two or three former occasions drawn attention to the state of ruin into which it was falling from want of paint. It is safe to say that the expense of the repairs will prove a good deal more costly than the timely expenditure of the necessary paint would have been. It is only another instance, however, of the truth of the old saying, "Penny wise and pound fool'sh."

THE Recorder of London, at the opening of the Criminal Court in the Old Bailey, remarked in his charge to the grand jury that the administration of flogging in addition to imprisonment had materially diminished the crime of highway robbery with violence. There are those who apparently cannot understand that some men are so constituted that they can *only* take an idea in through their hides. The mere imprisonment for a few days would be to some persons a terrible punishment; to