

Criticism of judicial opinions is carried much further at the present day than in the olden time. Communities are larger now, and the wider the community the freer the comment. The *National Corporation Reporter* has been soliciting communications from the judges themselves on this subject, the questions put to them being, "Are the members of the American judiciary averse to a fair and just criticism of their judicial labors?" "When, where or how is this criticism to be conveyed to the court?" Ex-Chief Justice Bleckley, of Georgia, answers:—"I do not think any judge, anywhere, would object to being criticised fairly and temperately by any competent body, or even by any competent individual. But it is easy to understand that almost any judge, anywhere, would resent angry or ill-natured criticism, and would be more or less irritated by the feeble or foolish strictures of a critical quack. Your question, by its terms, relates only to fair and just criticism, and, so understanding it, I answer that in my opinion the American judiciary are not averse to it. They should court it, and not only accept it gracefully, but gratefully." And ex-Chief Justice Campbell, of Mississippi, speaks even more strongly:—"I have ceased to be a judge, but after nearly twenty-five years of judicial life, my opinion is that a judge who would object to fair criticism of his judicial acts is a fool, and unfit to be judge. Abuse is not criticism, and while the one is not justifiable, the other is, and I think I may say advisedly is so regarded by the sensible judges." Mr. Justice Pryor, of the Supreme Court of Kentucky, says:—"I can see no objection to a candid criticism of any judicial opinion, whether in the argument by counsel upon a like case, or when presented as an authority, establishing the proposition contended for, or in some of our leading law journals a fair criticism would be read with eagerness by the judge delivering the opinion." And Mr. Justice Head, of the Supreme Court of Texas, writes:—"I do not think the members of the American judiciary are at all