

Flotsam and Jetsam.

We are glad to see that Lord Halsbury has entered on his ninety-second year with apparently undiminished vigour. "Quite recently," says a contributor to the *Westminster Gazette*, "I met him, a sturdy, unbent figure, walking in London streets." "It might be argued," he continues, "that the arduous pursuit of the law tends to longevity, were not the other explanation possible that only men of uncommon physique attain to the first eminence in the law. Lord Halsbury impresses one with the idea that were there a vacancy in the Lord Chancellorship tomorrow he would feel himself physically capable of returning to that not too arduous post." We are doubtful about the "not too arduous." We have the impression that the occupant of the Woolsack has plenty to occupy his time, and in these days of special responsibility the Lord Chancellor's burden is not likely to be light. But out of office, and apart from political activities, Lord Halsbury has found a highly useful field for his energies, as anyone will realise who takes down Vol. 1. of the *Laws of England* and looks at the portrait which forms the frontispiece. And it is understood that an equally important and onerous task is at the present time in his hands.—*Solicitors' Journal*.

We are told by an official French communique that a letter was found on a German captured in the fighting south of Ypres which contains the following suggestive remarks, the advice being evidently given to some friend who might come in contact with our men from Canada:—"You should take care about the Canadians whom the English have brought here. They jump suddenly into a trench and bayonet five or six or cut their heads off. God keep you safe under the shadow of His wings."

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