

ALIMONY—CRUELTY.

In *Russell v. Russell* (1897) A. C. 395, the House of Lords have by a majority of one decided that a false charge of having committed an unnatural criminal offence brought by a wife against her husband, although published to the world, and persisted in after she did not believe in its truth, is not sufficient evidence of legal cruelty to entitle the husband to a judicial separation. The Lords in favour of this opinion being Lords Herschell, Watson, Macnaghten, Shand, and Davey, and those of the contrary opinion, Lord Halsbury, L.C., and Lords Hobhouse, Ashbourne, and Morris.

RAILWAY—RIGHT OF RAILWAY TO EXCLUDE PERSONS FROM STATION.

The Perth General Station Committee v. Ross (1897) A. C. 479, was an action in a Scotch Court to determine the question how far a railway company has a right to exclude persons not being travellers from admission to their station, or to impose on such persons conditions of admittance. The controversy arose from the fact that the railway company had a hotel in connection with their station, and they refused to admit other hotel proprietors or their servants, except upon the terms that no such persons should wear any distinctive badge or livery. The House of Lords (Lords Halsbury, L.C., Watson, Davey and Macnaghten) reversing the decision of the Scotch Court held that the railway company had the right to do as they had done. Lord Morris, however, dissented from this judgment.

LIFE INSURANCE—PROVIDING FOR CASH PAYMENT OF PREMIUM—ONUS PROBANDI—INSURER'S AGENT—PAYMENT OF PREMIUM BY NOTES

London & Lancashire Life Assurance Co. v. Fleming, (1897) A.C. 499, determines a very important point on the law relating to insurance. The action was brought to recover on a policy of life insurance, which contained a provision to the effect that it was not to be in force until the first premium was paid, and that if a note be taken for the first or renewal premium, and not paid, the policy should be void at and from default. The defence was that the premium had not been