

Obituary.

ROBERT VASHON ROGERS, K.C. —WALTER READ, K.C.

The profession has recently lost from its ranks two men, whose loss will be widely regretted, Mr. Robert Vashon Rogers, K.C., and Mr. Walter Read, K.C. Mr. Rogers in his earlier years distinguished himself by giving to the study of law a humorous turn, and his books "The Law of the Road, or the Wrongs and Rights of a Traveller by Boat, by Stage, by Rail" (1875), "The Law of Medical Men" (1884) will be remembered, not only as being sound expositions of the law, but also for the jocularity with which they abound. Like many humorous men, Mr. Rogers had a somewhat melancholy cast of countenance. His life-work was done in his native city of Kingston, where he enjoyed the general respect of all classes. He was at one time a frequent contributor to this journal.

Mr. Read, son of D. B. Read, K.C., well known to the Bar of Upper Canada, will also be remembered as a cheerful soul, who, in spite of physical infirmities, fought a brave and honest fight and was generally beloved and respected by his brethren. Latterly he had been engaged in the work of revision of the statutes and his loss from the statute revision committee will be seriously felt. His illness was brief, and he passed to his rest as the result of an attack of congestion of the lungs, from which it was hoped that he was recovering. Many members of the Bench and Bar attended his funeral on Monday, the 8th May.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

Mr. Asquith's reference to the decay of duelling in his recent speech at the Mansion House in support of the peace proposals of the American Government recalls an amusing incident which took place some time ago in an Irish court. An eminent leader of the Irish Bar, who happens also to be a wit, had subjected one of the witnesses for the other side to an exceedingly severe cross-examination. When the cross-examination had concluded and the witness had resumed his seat, he immediately wrote out a challenge to counsel and threw it across the table to him. Counsel replied that this was a matter that came within the province of junior counsel, and he handed the challenge to the latter with a request that he should deal with it in the proper way. It is believed that this method of dealing with the question did not satisfy the challenger, but the duel did not take place on that occasion.—*Ex.*