

state of the roof in some places, considerable damage has from time to time been done to the interior of the building; and though we believe that defect has now been repaired, yet the tessellated pavement in the central part of the building is still suffered to remain out of repair in many places, and the loose tiles not only are in danger of being lost, but their loss will in time endanger the whole pavement. The work of repairing the pavement has usually been taken in hand during the vacation, but this year it seems to have been neglected, or at all events very inadequately performed.

We think we shall express the sentiments of the public, and certainly of the profession, if we protest against the criminal parsimony which affects to save money by withholding the necessary expenditure for protecting this beautiful building from deterioration, and we trust the Minister of Public Works will see to it that the repairs which from time to time are needed are more carefully attended to in the future.

Within the last few months we are glad to notice that alterations, and, we trust, improvements, have been made in the ventilation of the building and the various court rooms. This was a matter which ought long since to have been attended to, and we are glad to see that steps have at last been taken to remedy this very patent defect. We only hope the effort at improvement in this respect may be crowned with success.

While speaking of the building, we think a word on behalf of the fence which now surrounds it is also needed. This fence was erected at the cost of thousands of dollars, and yet it is being permitted absolutely to rot away for the want of the most ordinary attention.

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#### *LAW REFORM—A CONTRAST.*

At the congress lately held at Chicago on Jurisprudence and Law Reform, a paper by the Hon. Dudley Field was read which treated in a graphic and entertaining way of the triumphs of the Great Republic in the realm of law reform.

The learned writer of the paper evinced considerable admiration of the strides which had been made in this respect; and, we are inclined to think, took rather more credit for American