

shock, and the paralysed arm of Justice released its prey. Miss Smith escaped with the dubious Scotch verdict of 'Not proven,' and her name is never mentioned without a complimentary reference to 'the old man eloquent' who defended her. The mellowing influence of time has not greatly dimmed the lustre of Mr. Inglis's wonderful speech. It is by far the most brilliant forensic effort that has ever been made in the Parliament House, and will bear a not unfavourable comparison with Sergeant Shee's defence of Macnaghten and Cockburn's defence of Palmer. The peroration is good; but the exordium, beginning with 'The charge against the prisoner is murder and the punishment of murder is death,' is, in our opinion, better still, and could hardly be surpassed.

During his tenure of the office of Lord Justice Clerk, Inglis was called upon to preside at the trial of Dr. Pritchard, who was eventually condemned and executed for the murder of his mother-in-law and his wife by antimonial poisoning. His lordship's charge to the jury was a model of elegance and clearness. He disposed very neatly of two ingenious points which had been raised for the defence. The Solicitor-General had dwelt upon 'the opportunities' for committing the alleged crimes which Pritchard had enjoyed. The prisoner's counsel (Mr. Rutherford Clark) pointed out that the so called opportunities arose from the prisoner's position as son-in-law and husband, and were not in any sense of the term his fault. 'A very proper observation,' said the Lord Justice Clerk; 'but then, gentlemen, you must remember that the learned counsel is not entitled to argue the case as if these opportunities did not exist.' Mr. Clark's next contention was that the Crown had merely traced the alleged murders to the door either of the prisoner or of a young servant-girl whom he had seduced under promise of marriage, and had called upon the jury to decide between the two upon a balance of probabilities. The Lord Justice Clerk observed that the learned counsel did not seem to have sufficiently adverted to the fact that both parties might, perhaps, have been implicated in the crimes, and that in such a case a jury would have

little difficulty in deciding as to which was principal and which agent.

The Lord President is reputed to be, and is, the greatest lawyer and the ablest judge on the Scottish bench. His mind is pre-eminently judicial. He possesses, besides a profound knowledge of Scots law, educated common sense, and the capacity of listening to an argument without interrupting it. A debate in the First Division never descends to the level of a wordy wrangle between the bench and the bar. The Lord President is also the most cultured of his countrymen. His knowledge of ancient and modern classics is both wide and exact. He has sensitive literary perception and writes a charming style.—*Law Journal (London).*

INSOLVENT NOTICES, ETC.

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Judicial Abandonments.

- Eug. Arcan I, trader, St. Césaire, Oct. 23.
 James Dawson & Co., dry goods, Montreal, Oct. 22.
 Médéric Barbeau, trader and farmer, parish of St. Constant, Oct. 20.
 Bruno Duperré, saddler Quebec, Oct. 27.
 F. X. Gagnon, grocer, Quebec, Oct. 24.
 Landry & Frères, butchers, Ste. Scholastique, Oct. 22.
 Placide Laroche, trader, St. Cajetan d'Armagh, Oct. 25.
 Alexandre Millette, grocer, Longueuil, Oct. 22.
 Adjudor Moissette, grocer, Quebec, Oct. 25.
 Damase Pageot, trader, St. Sylvestre, Oct. 30.

Curators appointed.

- Re Médéric Barbeau, trader and farmer, parish of St. Constant.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Oct. 28.
 Re Bénéon Beaudin.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Oct. 16.
 Re Adjudor Bernier, stationer, Lévis.—Arvin Beaupré, Quebec, curator Oct. 28.
 Re James Dawson, et al., dry goods, Montreal.—A. F. Kiddlel Montreal, curator, Oct. 29.
 Re Dme. Vve. Jos. Côté, shoemaker.—H. A. Bedard, Quebec, curator, Oct. 28.
 Re E. Donahue & Co., Farnham.—A. W. Stevenson, Montreal, curator Oct. 30.
 Re E. T. Favreau.—Bilodeau & Renaud, Montreal, joint curator, Oct. 29.
 Re Albert Marquette.—N. Matte, Quebec, curator, Oct. 27.
 Re Alex. Millette.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator, Oct. 29.
 Re Frank Ouellette.—C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator Oct. 10.
 Re Alfred Tetrault.—Millier & Griffith, Sherbrooke, joint curator Oct. 24.
 Re Alexis Terriault, trader, Fraserville.—N. Matte, Quebec, curator, Oct. 27.

Dividends.

- Re Magloire Bonhomme, St. Etienne.—First and final dividend, payable Nov. 19, Kent & Turcotte, Montreal, joint curator.
 Re James Roberts.—First and final dividend, payable Nov. 18, C. Desmarteau, Montreal, curator.

Separation as to Property.

- Flmire Lacouture vs. Jean Baptiste Ulric *adversus* Rodrigue Chapdelaine, trader, St. Ours, Oct. 27.
 Adeline Paré vs. Augustin Perron, contractor and mason, Quebec, Oct. 29.