

EDITORIAL NOTES.

advantages or disadvantages of it. Stern moralists may no doubt find something in it not quite in accordance with the eternal fitness of things. But *palmas qui meruit, ferat*, is a sentiment which combines justice with generosity, and the grand old Homeric maxim, "Strive always to be first in excellence and to surpass all others," is not a bad one for the young men of this, or any other country, to adopt.

THE employees of the post office who lately objected to having a colored man as one of their fellow servants, may find some gratification, perhaps, in the thought that our enlightened brethren to the south of us are apparently of very much the same way of thinking. One of the circuit courts of Ohio, at all events, had recently occasion to decide, in the case of *Gray v. Cincinnati Southern Ry. Co.*, 11 Fed. Rep. 683, in the words of the head-note, that "A colored lady who had purchased and held a first-class ticket, was entitled to admission into the ladies' car, if there was room for her therein; and, if she was refused admission and the railroad company declined to carry her except in the smoking car, containing only men, some of whom were smoking, she had a right to decline such accommodation, and it is liable to her in damages." What makes the matter worse is that the poor woman in this case had a sick child in her arms at the time she was refused admittance into the ladies' carriage, but it is only just to the fair members of the gentler sex to add that they apparently had nothing to do with her exclusion. At all events, it was to the credit of the jury that they brought in a verdict of \$1000 damages against the Company.

WE have received the first four numbers of a new legal contemporary, the *American Law Magazine*, published at Chicago. It professes to report, in monthly issues, all recent deci-

sions of any importance in all the State, Supreme and Federal, Courts, either in full or in carefully prepared abstracts. It certainly gives its readers a great number of decisions of a great number of Courts. Everything, however, depends on the care with which the cases are collected, and the competency of the editors to select from the great mass of material before them those decisions which are of permanent value. How far these requisites exist in the present case time alone can show. If, however, the scheme is carried out with ability, the *Magazine* ought to have many subscribers, as it embraces within its scope the combined objects of the *Federal Reporter* and *American Reports*, while the subscription price is very moderate. We notice, moreover, that the editors, in their advertisement, offer to supply subscribers with the full decision in any case where they only publish abstracts, for the mere cost of copying. We confess, however, to having been slightly prejudiced against the publication by the space given to what is called "Non-Essentials." This department appears to be a tribute to that curious side of American genius, which appears to find a strange delight in the wholesale consumption of anecdotes, neither very brilliant nor very refined.

A CORRESPONDENT, a law student, does us the honour to ask our opinion of the conduct of a certain County Court Judge, who presides over a Court held not a hundred miles from London, Ont. It appears, according to our correspondent, that upon a petition presented by a gentlemen, who has some office in connection with the Court, but is not himself a member of the bar, and without consulting the convenience of the bar, jury, suitors or witnesses, His Honour saw fit to adjourn his Court over a day fixed for the "Queen's Plate" at some local races. No doubt, if our correspondent's letter is an exact account of what actually occurred, there