

BREAD ACTS.—The provisions of the London Bread Act (3 Geo. IV. c. cvi.), which forbid Sunday baking, work somewhat hardly as to Jewish bakers, who in obedience to their own faith may not bake on their own Sabbath, and by the law of a Christian land must not bake on Sunday. A good many prosecutions have been successfully instituted during this month.

MANSLAUGHTER BY NEGLIGENCE.—A coroner's jury at Menheniot, after inquiry into the fatal accident on the Cornwall Railway, caused by the fall of a staging erected at Menheniot Bridge on February 10, returned a verdict of manslaughter against a foreman and ganger intrusted with the erection and supervision of the staging. This verdict rests on a different basis from that recently quoted by the High Court, inasmuch as there was evidence before the jury to indicate the existence of personal and individual duty on the foreman and ganger, and not the mere constructive corporate liability suggested in the Gloucestershire quarry case.

SINGULAR DISPOSITION OF JUDICIAL ROBES.—The death of Lady Bowen, widow of Lord Justice Bowen, occurred recently. Her shroud was made of Lord Bowen's judicial robes.

THE BASTARDY LAWS.—On December 31 a curious point was raised before Mr. Rose at the West London Police Court. A bastardy order had been made and considerable arrears had accrued when the man, who was married, died, leaving his wife in possession of the estate. The mother of the child applied for an order for recovery of the arrears, but the magistrate held that the order could not be enforced against the estate, and that the arrears could not be recovered. This is in accordance with the statement in "Martin on Maintenance and Bastardy" (2nd edit.), p. 100, and with the rule that where a new statutory right is given, the statutory remedy given for its violation is the only remedy. These orders are in a curious position as civil debts enforceable by special summary remedies. The acceptance of a composition, or scheme of arrangement, or discharge under a bankruptcy does not release the putative father from liability under such an order unless a special order of the Bankruptcy Court is made (Bankruptcy Act, 1890, ss. 3, 12, 10); nor can, it would seem, any receiving order be made on the debt created by a bastardy order, so that the civil remedy is peculiar and personal.—*Law Journal*.