We regret to learn that Mr. Justice Ferguson has been incapacitated for work owing to illness, and has applied for six months' leave of absence. On dit that another learned judge, Mr. Justice Robertson, has also applied for leave of absence, it is said, as a preliminary to his retirement from the Bench.

It is interesting to note the establishment of the High Court of Justice for the Transvaal, which it is said will be opened on July 8th. It is to consist of four judges—Sir J. Rose Innes, and Mr Justice Solomon. of Cape Colony ; Sir William Smith, lately judge in Natal : and Mr. J. W. Wessels. A single judge court will be established at Johannesburg, with High Court jurisdiction over the Witwatersrand. As to qualifications for admission to the Bar, English and Scottish barristers and advocates of the High Court of the late Republic are entitled to admission ; also advocates from any British Colony after passing an examination, which we presume will be in charge of the Law Society, which has also been established. Offices will be organized for registration of deeds and of patents and trade-marks, and other machinery provided for the due administration of justice.

The *South African Law Journal* gives a portrait and sketch of the life of Sir James Rose Innes, K.C., K.C.M.G., who has recently been appointed Chief Justice of the Transvaal Colony. He is by birth and education a South African, born at Grahamstown Jan. 8, 1855. Both his father and grandfather held important public positions in Cape Colony. His career at the bar has been one of continued success, whilst he is also well and favourably known in politics. In 1890 he joined the first Rhodes Ministry as Attorney-General retiring three years later ; and whilst occupying that position was instrumental in framing and passing several important public measures. He more recently became Attorney-General in the fourth Sprigg administration, which position he held until his appointment as Chief Justice. In 1901 he was selected as delegate