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A writer in the August number of the *Law Magazine and Review* takes the English Incorporated Law Society to task for various faults and failures, suggesting, however, that when the members at large are fairly represented on the Council, and the present system, which practically amounts to the election of the nominees of a clique, is done away with, certain reforms will be easy and possible. He then proceeds with his list of grievances. One of these is akin to a matter which affects ourselves:—"The ridiculous incompetence of the Council of the Incorporated Law Society allows the profession to be tied up to a scheme of charges in conveyancing matters which amounts to only a fraction of the charges which house agents are able to recover as customary in the courts of law." Our difficulty is not quite the same as that of our brethren in England, but it is equally irritating and unfair to solicitors, and especially so in country places. The profession in Ontario are still looking to the Benchers to do something for their protection against unlicensed conveyancers. The writer concludes his article by saying "we ought to make a clean sweep of the present Council, and then reforms would be speedily put forward and duly carried."

"You shall refuse no man's cause." The *English Law Times* very properly denounces a resolution passed recently at a meeting in Carnarvon, calling on temperance men not to support "any candidate who acts professionally as counsel for the liquor trade at licensing sessions." Our contemporary justly characterises this as an attempt to identify the advocate with his client, and an assault on the true interests of society at large. Even in this country it may perhaps be necessary to call to mind that in the oath which every barrister is required to take, is included a promise "to refuse no man's cause," so that a barrister who conscientiously regards his oath, is not at liberty to pick and choose his clients, and even a man with an unpopular, or a bad case, is entitled to the benefit of the services of any advocate he may choose to employ and pay,