

and mental health of a certain proportion of the prisoners. Separation from evil companionship is most valuable and indeed essential for short terms, both as a reformatory and deterrent influence; but for long periods constant cellular confinement is mischievous. In Belgium, however, the authorities have lately arrived at the conclusion that some further precautions are necessary, and they have therefore appointed three medical specialists (including Dr. Jules Morel, an eminent physician of Ghent) with adequate powers to order any requisite change of treatment in the case of prisoners whose health may appear to be giving way under the discipline."

QUEEN'S COUNSEL AND SERJEANTS AT-LAW.—When the first 'Law List' was published, nearly a century and a quarter ago, there were fourteen King's Counsel and fourteen serjeants in the land. Now the country enjoys the services of over two hundred Q. C.'s, while the number of serjeants-at-law has been reduced to eight. Before many years are over, the old order, perhaps the most ancient in the country, will have become a thing of the past. Every few months an arrest is made among the survivors of the ancient race by the 'great fell Serjeant,' whose latest victim was Sir William Grove. Of the eight survivors, four are acting judges, two are retired judges, and the remaining two are advocates who have long ceased to practise. The four occupants of the Bench who wear the coif are Lord Penzance, Lord Esher, Lord Justice Lindley, and Baron Pollock; the two retired judges are Lord Field and the Right Hon. George Denman;¹ and the two members of the Bar are Sir John Simon and Mr. Spinks. The eldest of these veterans is the judge of the Court of Arches, who was created a serjeant thirty-six years ago; while the youngest is Lord Justice Lindley, who assumed the coif in 1875, and to whom belongs the distinction of being the last appointed of the race.—*Law Journal (London)*.

A BAD RECORD.—The opinion of the court in 34 Ind. 423 opens as follows: "This record is another blundering and worthless one from Wayne county, in comparison with which the darkness of Erebus and Egypt were brilliant lights, and the chaos that existed before the creation was perfect order."

¹ The death of Mr. Denman has recently been recorded.