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The Right Hon. James Patrick Bannerman Robertson, Lord Justice General and President of the Court of Session in Scotland, has been appointed a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in the room of the late Lord Watson. He was called to the Scottish Bar in 1867, About twenty years afterwards he became Solicitor General for Scotland, and in 1888 became Lord Advocate and was appointed to the Privy Council. In 1891, he became Lord Justice General in succession to Lord Inglis. He is said to possess natural abilities of a high order, and when at the bar had a large practice.

We notice English legal journals complain of the suggestion of the President of the Incorporated Law Society to reduce the hours of sittings of the Courts from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on every week day, with an interval for lunch, with no sittings on Saturday, and say that if the Judges did a fair day's work, causes of complaint as to the accumulation of cases would be largely removed.

We refer elsewhere to the proceedings of the American Bar Association at their recent meeting in Buffalo. This meeting was followed by the eighteenth conference of the International Law Association held at the same place, by invitation of the first named Association. Hon. Sir William R. Kennedy, Judge of the High Court of Justice, England, presided, and many excellent papers were read.

The Canadian Bar Association has made no move this year. The difficulties which surround such undertakings are great and obvious. Perhaps the time for it has not yet arrived. A suggestion has been made that it might be more successful if the body were formed of delegates selected from existing law societies in the various provinces. Others again think it would be well in these days of rapprochement between the Anglo-Saxon countries to unite with our professional brethren to the south of us in forming an association which might be mutually advantageous. This