

We are glad to see that the House of Lords reversed the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Neale v. Gordon-Lennex*, referred to ante pp. 355, 394, because, we think, the result of that decision was to give an undue power to counsel. The law of England may therefore now be considered to be settled, that a counsel consenting to a judgment or order contrary to the express instructions of his client, cannot bind his client thereby—even though the limitation of his client's authority was not communicated to the other side, but we assume as a matter of course that the client must promptly repudiate the action of his counsel, otherwise he may be bound on the ground of laches and acquiescence.

We fear the falling off in litigation, to which we referred recently, may to some extent account for the fact that the first Court day at Osgoode Hall after vacation was signalized by no less than nine applications to suspend solicitors from practising; most of the applications being made on the ground that the offenders had been practicing without paying their annual fees to the Law Society. It is regrettable that solicitors should commit such breach of the law, even though it may be a more pardonable offence than a breach of duty to clients.

It must of course be the wish of all in authority from Kings down to Justices of the Peace to know what is thought of them by those who come before them, so that they may "See themselves as others see them" and, if necessary, mend their ways accordingly. With this in view, repudiating, however, the uncharitable sentiment contained in the following lines, we feel constrained to publish them. If the cap does not fit so much the better. This jeu d'esprit was recently found in one of the Courts of superior jurisdiction in the capital of one of the Provinces, written in pencil, on a piece of blotting paper. The document is now on file (though not on exhibit) in this office:

"How pleasant to know the C.J.
Hear him talk in his amiable way;
'Tis his innocent joy
To tease and annoy,
And make you pay costs of the day."