

chair handy, and, in fact, had been talking over one. The book, open as it was, he allows to slip from his hand and fall on the chair. Then he utters the exclamation: "Well, if my learned friend is afraid to hear the law," etc., etc. Every law student on the side benches knew at the time, as the great Q.C. knew twenty years before, that he could not read the book, and the convenient chair showed that he knew the part in advance he was to play. We would like to see less of such humbug.

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Until recently there has been a great diversity of practice in England with regard to allowing interviews between counsel and prisoners on remand. The Home Secretary has lately recommended a practice that in all cases where prisoners are remanded to gaol or to the prison cells, they should be allowed to have interviews with Barristers or Solicitors on bona fide legal business in the presence, but not in the hearing, of a police officer. This is just and reasonable, and should be uniformly adopted in this country.

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#### Editorial Notes.

There are set down for hearing at the present sittings of the Court of Appeal 110 cases. And of these 73 are appeals under the Law Courts Act direct from trial Courts, and the rest are from Divisional Courts. Why are these

73 appeals not taken to the Divisional Court? A pronounced feeling appears to exist in favor of the Court of Appeal as against the Divisional Courts. One reason is that the former Court is able to give greater time and attention to what comes before it, on account of the Judges thereof being free from Assize Court work, and not having to sit in Chambers and Single Court. There is a very generally prevailing doubt about the soundness of some of the Divisional Courts judgments, but how can the Judges of a Divisional Court, who are overworked and rushed from one Assize Court to another, give that attention to the consideration of a legal point which the Judges of the Court of Appeal can give? We wait with interest to see what the outcome will be of the present congestion of business in the Court of Appeal.

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The new Benchers met in Convocation last week. There was a very large attendance. Mr. Æmilius Irving, Q.C., was re-elected treasurer. Committees were struck, the estimates for the year passed and routine business transacted.

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Referring to the sale or other disposition of the good-will in a business, Law Notes, our ever-welcome English contemporary, refers approvingly to the decision in the English case of Trego