

II. into the middle of next week, Hades, or—to provide against the possibility of a second encounter—into some less committal place, say Valhalla, the resting place of the Scandinavian warriors. [It will be noticed that the words used above are “perhaps the earnest law student is the last *man*,” and it may be as well to say that the italicized word has been used advisedly, for has it not been decided that an attorney’s clerk should not be described as a “gentleman?” *Tuton v. Sanover*, 3 H. & N. 280; *Beales v. Tennant*, L. J. 29, Q. B. 188; *Brodrick v. Scale*, L. R. 6 Q. B. 98.]

One of his first difficulties will be to obtain a clear idea of the succession of the various terms and vacations; this is sure to seem awkward at first, but before long the beginning of a vacation will loom up like a workman’s dinner hour, and he will predict the very moment when it is bound to arrive. Not only will he know that Christmas vacation comes between Christmas and Hilary terms, Easter between Hilary and Easter, etc., but he will be able to tell glibly when every one of the terms begins and the exact day of its ending. Having accomplished this, one is sure to feel considerably relieved, but not wholly satisfied. There is a churchy sound about the names of the terms, that seems unaccountable. The first impulse is to exclaim what “in the name of the evil spirits of the Hartz Mountains” had St. Michael, St. Hilary and the boiled-egg-season to do with motion papers and rules nisi? How came we by term and vacation, and what led to the present arrangement by which Christmas vacation is sandwiched in between St. Michael and St. Hilary, etc.?

In 1873 a good deal was said about a proposed shortening of the long vacation in England, and soon after the adoption of the Judicature Act in Ontario the judges of that Province recommended that the midsummer vacation be extended to the first of September. One would be inclined to think that having ascertained the reasons given now-a-days for varying the vacations some clue would have been obtained to their origin and first arrangement, but