

made themselves as civil as they knew how, and entertained the party at luncheon in the new wing of the library at Osgoode Hall. Yet with all this the profession of this great province of Ontario will not have satisfactory feelings over the affair. Even in Toronto the Bar took no interest in the visit, and we think very few saw Lord Russell, or even knew what he did or where he went, except from the daily papers. The truth is, the Bar felt quite out of the whole affair.

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Give the Devil His Due.

We beg to present our compliments to *The American Lawyer*; and to this we add our regrets that credit was not given it when some months ago we reproduced from its columns an ingenious use of part of Shakespeare's King John as an authority on legitimacy. The omission to give credit was purely accidental, and, in fact, we had

not noticed it till seeing a complaint in the August number of our contemporary couched in general terms, we turned up our file, and to our surprise perceived that we had offended in the case referred to. *The Barrister* is a stickler for fairness and hastens to make the *amende honorable*.

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We have pleasure in directing attention to the article of Mr. J. E. R. Stephens, of The Temple, London, England, appearing in another column of this issue of *The Barrister*. Mr. Stephens is a contributor to many leading publications on both sides of the Atlantic, and his article will be read with interest.

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In our August number a typographical error crept into the title to the first of our series of papers entitled "Glimpses into early Upper Canada Litigation." The printer in mistake used the word "Legislation," instead of "Litigation."

THE ORDER OF THE COIF.

(Written for *The Barrister*.)

By J. E. R. Stephens.

The annals of the coif form an important part of the history of the law of England. It dates from about the middle of the 13th century. Until 1875 the Judges of England were invariably selected from the Order of the Coif, and so strictly was this

rule adhered to that even a Queen's counsel, who had spent perhaps half his life under that title was compelled, on his being appointed a Judge, to become a serjeant-at-law, perhaps the day before he was sworn in as a member of the Bench. The small black patch on the top of the wig