

We understand it is expected that the necessary number of members of the League will ratify the bill before next September, so that the election of the Judges may take place at the next meeting of the Assembly at Geneva, which has been called for the 5th of September next.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

This country when parental care was withdrawn was given Representative Government, which was, and is, fundamental. Then followed, naturally, Responsible Government. The latter was a subject of much discussion and conflict in the early days of Canada, but it came in due course, and it was hoped it came to stay. Some people, however, are now beginning to ask how long can it continue (except in name) if governmental responsibility continues to be more or less ignored? A disintegrating process has come in of late years. In former days, strong men who realized the burden laid upon them accepted it and acted accordingly, and strong governments made a strong and robust country.

In these days when difficult questions arise, and have to be tackled, there is a tendency on the part of those who have to solve them to get rid of them by popular vote, by means of a referendum, or else by a Commission, appointed to advise the government what to do or not to do. The duly elected representatives of the people are passed by and the government, if a storm arises, seeks to shelter itself behind a so-called vote of the people (which after all is commonly a vote of the minority of the people) or behind the report of a Commission. It is usual to appoint a Judge as one of the commissioners in the hope that his judicial robes will form an additional shelter. These however have begun to look the worse for wear, and now their tatters fail to cover the nakedness of the false position of their owners and cease to be any protection to those who sought their shelter.

The divine injunction, so far as human affairs are concerned, is to bear one another's burdens, and this we ought to do; but, most certainly, we are expected to bear our own; and, in regard to their burden and responsibility, those who have voluntarily