

was far behind some of the Continental nations and the United States in affording facilities for a comprehensive study of the philosophy of the law. In his opinion (which coincides with that of the Lord Chief Justice), the desideratum is to be found in a Central School of Law open to all, and with a curriculum so ordered as to impart to its students, first, an adequate knowledge of the liberal arts and sciences as a preparation for entry upon the course of instruction of the second or higher branch of the institution—a College of Jurisprudence, which would constitute, of course, the *raison d'être* of the whole academic establishment. Lord Davey further thinks that the school or university should be empowered to grant degrees in law, in the same way as the regular universities, and that such degrees should be accepted by the proper authorities as evidence of fitness in every branch of the profession. Now, there are some features of the proposed institution which would seem to us to be open to objection—such, for instance, as the preliminary course of training as embodied in the scheme. While we agree that such knowledge should be exacted as a *sine qua non* in the qualifications of candidates for admission to the Bar, yet we think it might very well be left to be communicated through its present channels. But in all reforms many experiments must be made before a satisfactory level of adequateness is reached; and by what means soever the profession in England is helped to lift itself out of the Serbonian bog of philistinism and empiricism in which it has, as a whole, immemorably floundered, let them, we say, be welcomed with acclaim, and exploited to the uttermost element of good that is in them.

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Lord Russell, of Killowen, is shortly coming to America as the guest of several Bar Associations in the United States. It behooves the profession in Canada to immediately invite him to visit this country, so that we may not be outdone by our cousins across the border in expressing esteem for the great man whom England has delighted to honour. The late Lord Chief Justice was prevented from visiting Canada, while