

OARSMEN IN THE COURT OF APPEAL.—At the suggestion of a number of prominent university oarsmen, an invitation, says the *Times*, has been given to Lord Esher (Master of the Rolls), Lord Macnaghten, Lord Justice Smith, and Lord Justice Chitty, to a dinner in celebration of the remarkable fact that at the present time no fewer than four appellate judges, including one-half of the Court of Appeal, are old rowing Blues. The invitation has been cordially accepted by the four distinguished guests, and the dinner will take place at the Trocadero Restaurant on Monday, May 31.

A FAIR DIVISION.—An amusing story as to the way in which Acts of Parliament are drafted and amended was told by the Lord Chancellor in speaking in the City on the codification of the statutes. An Act was once passed which imposed a pecuniary penalty for the falsification of parish registers, half of which was to go to the informer, and the other half to the Crown. In a subsequent and amending Act this was changed to transportation for seven years, but the remaining words were not altered, so that half the transportation was to go to the informer, and the other half to the Crown.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS TO JURIES.—The *London Law Magazine and Review*, in referring to legal matters in the United States, says: "At the last meeting of the Bar Association of the United States, many distinguished speakers advocated the abolition of written instructions to juries, a practice which very seldom obtains in England, although it would appear to be common in the United States."

MISDIRECTED ENERGY.—For eavesdropping in the court consultation room of the court house at Frankfort, Ky., Frank M. Robbins, a reporter of the Cincinnati (O.) *Times Star*, was arraigned for contempt of court, and was fined and sentenced to thirty days in jail. It was shown that Robbins in this manner heard the decision of the court in a murder case, and by means of flag signals to his associate, succeeded in conveying the decision to his paper an hour in advance of its announcement by the court.