

it is only one of many similar atrocious acts of lawlessness. It is becoming quite common to note the fact of "another nigger burned at the stake." There was, a short time before, the murder of another negro in Tennessee; after the unfortunate creature was horribly mutilated, and then endured half-an-hour's torture, death by hanging put an end to his agonies. There are many who think that these horrible exhibitions, which are a thousand times worse than those which disgraced the later years of the Roman republic, are an evidence that this great modern republic must soon also fall under the weight of its corruptions. It looks like it. The press of the country panders to the lowest and most vicious tastes; the judiciary, in some places, is under suspicion, and, being elective, is subject to terrible temptations, and is necessarily taken more or less from the ward politician class; their police administration has been said by one well qualified to judge to be "rotten to the core"; the business community make money their god; while, nationally, it cannot be said that their government is any more reliable, or less unscrupulous, than that of countries which have less enlightenment. Whatever may be truth as to these points, we believe that the salvation of the United States in many ways, and to a greater extent than many understand, has been, and will be, its Supreme Court. In other words, that which is the best and most conservative constituent of the legal profession is the great redeeming feature in much that is past praying for in the democratic institutions of the great republic. What the Supreme Court is, the whole profession, in a measure, ought to be, and if the best men at the Bar were, by concerted action, to become—as that most excellent tribunal has proved itself to be—one of the bulwarks of the constitution, much might be done to put an end to acts which are a festering sore in their body politic.

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We copy from our namesake in England a summary of the proceedings of the Incorporated Law Society of England at its recent annual meeting in Liverpool. It will be read with interest, as indicating the position of legal matters in the mother country.

It will show also how far in advance of her we are in many things which make for the administration of justice and the convenient