

professional point of view, we would suggest that the best way to help the class alluded to would be to take such a real live interest in them as would gain their confidence and respect.

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IN many things our neighbours across the border are ahead of us, but very largely England and Canada have taken the lead in practical and beneficial reforms in legal procedure. It may surprise some of our readers to know that in many States of the Union, where an execution has been returned *nulla bona*, the plaintiff has to file a creditor's bill before he can reach the hidden away property of the defendant. The *Chicago Legal News* suggests that the law should be changed, by giving the plaintiff a right to examine the defendant as to his property. This practice, of course, is ancient history with us. It has been introduced into a few of the States, and, doubtless, will shortly become law in all of them.

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THE following is the text of a printed dunning-letter used by a Division Court bailiff in the eastern part of this Province as a means to collect debts due to a company which gave him their small debts for that purpose :

“ Bailiff's Office, ———, Ont.

The ——— Co., of this place, has placed in my hands for collection your account. Now, if you do not wish me to make any costs on this, you will remit the small amount you owe the company at once to me. If not, I will enter into your house and seize your goods and chattels and put you to a lot of costs, which you can avoid. Send amount at once to ———, Bailiff, ———th Division Court, ———, Ont.”

We have sent this precious document to the judge of the county where this bailiff abuses his official position, so that the judge may report the matter to the proper department of the Ontario Government. The latter has taken to itself the patronage accruing to the appointment of these officers, and must assume the responsibilities of the position as well. There is just one way of dealing with the offender, and we shall watch for the appointment of his successor in a forthcoming number of the *Gazette*. If the judge does not feel that it is his duty to take the matter up, we shall be glad to do so.