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## EDITORIAL.

### A Free Forum.

We invite every lawyer in the Province, who desires to discuss any topic of interest to the profession, to use *The Barrister* freely. We do not ask that he should agree with us or any body else. If he has a sincere opinion upon any topic, or grievance, or a simple suggestion to present, *The Barrister* is open to him. We desire to make *The Barrister* a free forum for the use and benefit of the profession.

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We desire that the Bar should be a power in politics, in legislation, and in every public movement. Under such circumstances the profession would be able to move together against every evil and abuse, and in favor of every reform demanded by the exigencies of the times.

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Regarding the subject of University education, we judge that public opinion has rightfully come to the conclusion that for the highest success at the Bar a

University education is not essential. A University education is certainly one of the means—to an end. If for success at the Bar a University education is necessary, what then about the Lord Chief Justice of England and Sir Edward Clark, Q.C.? “The Brief,” London, Eng., says: “A University education affords advantages to members of both branches of the profession (Barrister and Solicitor), but to talk about its being essential either for one or the other is simply silly.”

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The final year at Osgoode Hall this year possesses one woman. She will be called to the Bar in June. This will be the first occurrence of its kind in Canada.

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We purpose publishing the most salient features of 58 Vic. (Ont.) in our next issue.

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### Bencher's Election.

Before our next issue appears, another Bencher's election will be