

client. Mr. Justice Stephen, his sense of fairness aroused, was sobered in a moment, and summed up in favour of the plaintiff. After the jury had returned their verdict the learned Judge sent this note to the plaintiff's counsel: "Dear Dickens,—I am very grateful to you for preventing me from doing a great act of injustice." Perhaps some Judges would display a better regard not only for their reputation as wits but also for the dignity of the Bench if their attempts at jocularities were rather less frequent. For laughter, though it certainly need not be banished from the Courts, may sometimes create an atmosphere in which the serious character of the work is prejudiced. A "little honest hilarity" in a Court of justice is one thing; an habitual striving after the mirth-provoking is quite another.—*Law Journal*.

We regret to record, though it occurred at the ripe age of 83, the death of the late Judge Dillon, so well known in his own country, the United States, and to the profession here. He passed away on the 5th ultimo. He was best known to us as the author of the most important contribution to the law affecting Municipal Corporations. Mr. Dillon served on the Bench of the Iowa Supreme Court and the United States Circuit Court, and was at one time President of the American Bar Association. He also occupied the position of Professor of Real Estate and Equity Jurisprudence at Columbia University, and was subsequently Storrs Professor at Yale. Mr. Dillon was not only one of the ablest lawyers of his day, but a man of the highest character, both in public and private life.

We learn from our English exchanges that a movement is on foot to form in England a Bar Association, based on the lines that obtain in Canada and the United States. In a country so small and compact as Great Britain and Ireland, the principal difficulties which confront us here are eliminated. We are glad to see our brethren across the water waking up in this matter, and have no doubt that the result will be the birth of a strong and useful Association.