

Counsel engaged in cases before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, and the judges constituting that Committee, as well as counsel who have to consult the reports of its decisions, would often obtain from the materials collected by the society valuable assistance in their labors.

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One of the first committees to be appointed by the society above referred to, will be a statute law committee, which will seek to obtain from governors of colonies and dependencies information as to the existing condition of statute law, and in particular as to the following points: (1) The form of statute and written law. (2) Modes of preparing and passing bills. (3) Revision and amendment of statutes. (4) Form and manner of publication and numbering statutes. (5) Measures taken to secure uniformity of language. (6) Consolidation and codification. (7) Indexing of statute law. An announcement in the *Law Journal* states that efforts will be made to procure the preparation, on some uniform plan, of a satisfactory index of the statutes of each legislature, and adds, "perhaps it is not too much to hope that we may one day have a general index of the legislation of the British Empire."

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The *Law Journal*, referring to a rumor that Mr. Asquith would return to the bar, remarks "there is, we believe, no precedent for an ex-Cabinet Minister resuming an active connection with the profession." In England, however, provision is made for ex-ministers who are not sufficiently rich to be independent of such assistance. In Canada it is rather the rule for lawyers who have been in the cabinet to return to practice when out of office, and in the United States even presidents have often to resume some occupation which will eke out an insufficient income.