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WE are told by the *Central Law Journal* that it is estimated that the number of known murders committed in the United States during the last two years was 10,196, and that only 552 murderers suffered death for their crimes. These are startling figures; but following are some even more so, for of those 552 only 230 were executed in pursuance of the law, Judge Lynch being responsible for the others.

WE cannot pass over with merely an idle note the example set by the late Mr. T. B. P. Stewart, who was but a few months ago called to the Bar, and who by his will desired to leave no less a sum than twenty-one thousand dollars to aid students in the pursuit of a knowledge of that profession which he so much loved. The writer, who had the privilege of being with him throughout nearly all his university course, can speak of the true generosity of his nature. A poet of great promise and of no mean ability, Phillips Stewart was already looked upon as one who would soon have shone out as one of the brightest of Canada's sons.

WE have recently met with, in England, the painful sight of a judge who was hopelessly incapable of fulfilling his duties, but nevertheless determined to retain his seat on the bench. Such a scandal as a maladministration of justice—if the paradox be permitted—should not be tolerated any longer than is actually necessary to make a change, and if, at any time, it is found that the profession avoid, if possible, bringing a case of a somewhat complex nature before any particular judge for the reason that it is not believed that he will be able, either from mental decay, old age, or other infirmity, to fully grasp all the points in the case, it is surely time that all personal regard for an old friend should be merged in the feeling that it would be well for such an one, who has had many years of usefulness and has given many good decisions in his day, to retire to that rest which he has so well earned.

A DEPUTATION organized by Mr. W. Burton, one of the trustees of the Hamilton Law Association, and representing the various law associations throughout the Province, recently interviewed the Minister of Justice. The audience was very satisfactory in its results. Sir John Thompson, who manifested marked interest in the good work of the law associations and recognized their importance, graciously informed the deputation that in future the associations would be supplied free with the Supreme and Exchequer Court Reports, pamphlets on