

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

Certain observations that have been made recently by some members of the Bench, anent a series of reports published by one of our contemporaries, draws attention to the fact that in this country there are no "authorised" or "regular" reports of cases that have any monopoly or privilege for citation. As Lord Fisher pointed out in 1889, the courts will accept "reports by barristers who put their names to their reports." The matter is thus tersely and accurately put in Lord Halsbury's *Laws of England*: "A barrister has the right of authenticating by his name the report of a case decided in any of the superior courts. As soon as a report is published of any case with the name of a barrister annexed to it, the report is accredited, and may be cited as an authority before any tribunal."

WOMEN AND THE LAW.—Last week a deputation was received by the Lord Chancellor in support of the admission of women as solicitors, legislation being clearly necessary for this purpose, having regard to the decision of the Court of Appeal in *Bebb v. The Law Society*. According to Lord Haldane's observations, both he and the Prime Minister and the law officers are in favour of such admission, but, according to the reports published in the Press, Mr. Hills was the sole member of the deputation who belonged to the branch immediately concerned. The Bar has already expressed its views as to the opening of the Inns of Court to women, and we shall feel greatly surprised if, when the Law Society is given an opportunity of considering the matter, there is not a very large majority against any change being introduced by statute. As we have already stated, although the present generation may see lady barristers and lady solicitors, we do not believe any benefit will accrue to the ladies themselves, the Profession, or the public.—*Law Times*.

By the death of Mr. Danckwerts, K.C., the Bar has lost a great personality. As a lawyer he had hardly an equal, while his memory for statutes and decided cases was extraordinary. Although perhaps often somewhat brusque in manner, he was popular with the Profession, and he will be generally missed.

### ERRATUM.

By an error of proofreader the following words were omitted at the end of the second paragraph on p. 295: "is based on it being negligence per se."