

true, as has been said, that "in the administration of justice and in the existence of a great but scantily recognized central tribunal, we have one of the most real bonds that can hold together the distant parts of the king's dominions in those relations which only a common heritage can give," and that the appeal to the King in Council is "one of the most important ties connecting the different parts of the empire in common obedience to the courts of law," it is surely worth while to do whatever may add to the dignity and efficiency of that tribunal. It is certain that a stately home for it, and a dignified ceremonial in connection with its sessions will greatly conduce to this result.

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It is not often that law as to clubs is discussed in the Courts nor could the case we refer to take place if their by-laws were carefully prepared. In a county court case in England a west end club decided to raise the subscription originally mentioned in the rules. One of the members declined to pay and was sued. It was held that as there was nothing in the by-laws contemplating a change of rates the subscription could not be increased without the consent of all the members.

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A rebuke recently administered to two professional men as counsel in a criminal prosecution in the State of New York may be referred to for the benefit of those whom it may concern. We are told in the *Albany Law Journal* that these lawyers repeatedly stated to the jury their individual and personal opinions as to the prisoner's guilt. The learned judge in his charge commented upon this, saying "it is a grossly unprofessional thing for a lawyer to state to the jury what his belief is. Counsel of experience, reputable counsel, never indulge in it. These gentlemen when they get older and have more experience, and have paid more attention to the ethics of the profession, will not, I think, indulge in that sort of thing. The jury have no right to consider it for a moment, except as an indication that the counsel have not risen to the best standing of their profession." We do not think remarks of this sort are as necessary here as they seem to be to the south of us, but it is well for beginners to be familiar with the rule in such matters.