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A VALUED contributor discusses on a subsequent page the question of a substitute for Grand Juries, in view of the article which will be found *ante* p. 4. The appointment of Crown Counsel seems to meet the need, but it may be a question whether the right of appointment should rest with the Province or the Dominion. The functions of the suggested officers are of a semi-judicial character. There should, however, be no difficulty on this score, once it is recognized that the suggested change should be carried into effect.

IN a letter which recently appeared in these columns, a correspondent, referring to the then approaching election of Benchers, took exception to the candidature of a barrister (personally unknown to us), as being unfit for that position. It has been stated to us that the person intended to be referred to in the letter is an esteemed member of the profession in Western Ontario. There must, we think, be some misunderstanding. Coming from the source it did, we did not feel justified in withholding the letter, inasmuch as it would be most undesirable for any one liable to such imputations to hold the honorable position of Bencher. Knowing nothing personally ourselves of this gentleman, we have made enquiry, and the information we have received does not warrant the remarks made in the letter, which certainly would not have appeared in our columns if such information had then been obtainable. We need scarcely say that, if the publication has caused him or his many friends any annoyance, we much regret it.

THE recent election of the thirty benchers of the Law Society has not very materially altered the *personnel* of that body. A strong effort was made to elect members of the Bar who were pledged to assist their brethren in endeavoring to protect the profession against unlicensed conveyancers. The result of this was something, but not very marked. In reference to this subject it is well to understand the difficulty which lies in the way of our obtaining justice from the Legislature, the danger being that the Government might be induced by the pressure of unlicensed conveyancers, who were also members of the House, to deprive the profession of what little advantage they may now possess.

Mr. Meredith has the honour of heading the list, Mr. Moss being next. Mr. Christie, of Ottawa, is the first of those outside of Toronto, closely followed by the popular leader of the Bar at St. Thomas. The new benchers are Messrs. Magee, Strathy, Teetzel, Aylesworth, Watson, Barwick, Douglas, Riddell, and Idington. Those on the previous list and not re-elected are Messrs. McMichael, L. W. Smith, James Beatty, Hector Cameron, Huson W. Murray, J. J. Foy, J. H. Ferguson, T. H. Purdom, and N. Kingsmill. We doubt not that when vacancies