

the lines laid down are closely adhered to by trial judges, the number of instances in which any harm would ensue would be very small. One judge dissented, and his reasoning is, to our mind, quite unanswerable. His opinion is too long to quote, but any of our readers who take an interest in the eccentricities of jurisprudence will find it set out at length in the *Albany Law Journal* of Feb. 26, 1898 (p. 139). Can it possibly be that the learned judges who constituted the majority of the court had been reading that sensational, and, it is to be feared, somewhat imaginary account of the tracking of the hero of Mr. Hall Caine's "Christian?" Even so, it seems as though they had "bettered the instruction."

ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF NEW YORK.

It is interesting to note the provision made in English speaking countries, other than our own, for the use, convenience and comfort of the legal profession. We had the pleasure recently of learning something of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, on which occasion its privileges were most courteously extended to the writer.

This association is in fact a club. It is not open to the profession at large, but is only for those who are elected as members, and whose character and reputation are fully vouched for, after the personal scrutiny of the committee. Although only organized in 1870, it has a membership of over 1,500, composed of the most desirable professional men in the city, and up to this date it has a library consisting of some 54,000 volumes. Our library at Osgoode Hall gives us the use of about 35,000 volumes. It contains complete sets of English, American and Canadian Reports, and an almost perfect set of the statutes of these countries. It was interesting to be told that of this large library some 16,000 volumes have from time to time been presented by various members of the association; a brilliant testimony to their munificence and liberality. These gifts include many rare books and interesting pamphlets, many of them being nowhere else obtainable.