

justice into trade." Now that it has become a "trade," why should *we* not combine it with others, and issue marriage licenses, etc., that we may not be forced to remain single on that account at any rate. In your 1st of November issue you say: "We should be glad if some beneficent fairy would restore the business of the country so as to give the half-starving solicitors throughout the cities and country some work to do." Apparently everyone recognizes that something should be done, and I am sure if conveyancing were limited to solicitors no other fairy would be necessary, at least as regards country practitioners. The cancellation of the commissioners' and notary public certificates, except to lawyers, would to a great extent effect the desired object. The County Law Associations should take the matter up, and propose some feasible plan, and have it adopted.

F. E.

[Our correspondent puts the case strongly; but, look at it as we may, "there is more truth than poetry" in what he says.—ED. C.L.J.]

TO

HON. JOHN HAWKINS HAGARTY,

CHIEF JUSTICE OF ONTARIO,

On the completion of his fortieth year on the Bench.

Hail to the Chief! whose venerable form
 Erect is found still steadfast at the helm,
 His eye still keen to guide the ship of Law,
 And steer its course with wisdom and with skill,
 Unto that harbour where alone is found
 Truth! the prime source of justice and of right.
 May he at length, when storms of life are past,
 And all its raging billows sunk to rest,
 Find calm and peace as shades of night draw on,
 Rich in the wealth of honor and respect,
 The worthy mead of honest work well done,
 And meet reward of life so nobly spent.
 And may he, when life's sun shall sink
 With radiant glory in the west,
 Behold at last THE OBJECT of his quest.