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chapter on 'The Animal Kingdom in Court,' he quotes at length a most interesting and humorous judgment in an action brought for injuries done to the plaintiff's dog by the defendant's dog in a fight. The learned Judge concludes by saying, that the owner of the dead dog was clearly entitled to the skin, (although some, less liberal, would be disposed to award it as a trophy to the victor), and that with that he must be content (*Wiley v. Slater*, 22 Barb, 506.) Judge Nelson has decided that one may lawfully kill a dog that habitually haunts the neighbourhood, barking by day and howling by night (*Brill v. Hayter*, 23 Wend., 354). Would not this decision authorize the slaughter of those caterwauling animals who make night hideous with their feline loves and squabbles.

In the chapter on 'Negligence' we find the case of a man being sued for suffering his cow to drink his (the defendant's) maple syrup (*Bush v. Brainard*, 1 Cowen 78.) Under 'Nuisance' we learn that the North Carolinian courts have no music in their souls (this in Shakespeare's opinion will doubtless account for their following Jeff. Davis in the late unpleasantness); and they held it no nuisance for evil men and boys to curse and swear so loudly in a tavern as to break up a singing school hard by (*State v. Baldwin*, 1 Dev. & Bat. 195.) *State v. Linkham*, 69 N. C. 214 was an amusing case in the same State. A strict member of the Methodist Church, and a man of the most exemplary deportment, was indicted as a nuisance for singing the hymns of Wesley in such a way as to disturb the equanimity of the whole congregation, making the irreligious laugh and the pious fume. The Court set aside the jury's verdict of guilty; although one of the witnesses gave a specimen of the style of singing.

Space will not permit us to refer to the

other chapters of this spicy—but somewhat irreverent—volume, which are entitled, Pleading before the Code; Pleading under the Code; A Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Lawyers; The Idiocy of Married Women and Trade Marks.

## LAW SOCIETY.

EASTER TERM, 39 VICTORIA.

The following is the *resumé* of the proceedings of the Benchers during this Term, published by authority:—

Monday, 15th May, 1876.

The Report of the Scrutineers appointed last Term was read by the Secretary, as follows:

"OSGOODE HALL, April 10th, 1876.

We, the scrutineers appointed by the Law Society last Term, to act at the election of Benchers of the Law Society, under the Act in that behalf, for the next term of five years, find and report that the following thirty persons, having the highest number of votes, are entitled to be declared the Benchers of the Law Society from and after the first day of Easter Term now next, that is to say:

J. D. Armour, Q.C.; H. C. R. Becher, Q.C.; John Bell, Q.C.; T. M. Benson; James Bethune, Q.C.; B. M. Britton, Q.C.; M. C. Cameron, Q.C. (Toronto); Hector Cameron, Q.C.; John Crickmore; A. S. Hardy, Q.C.; J. A. Henderson, Q.C.; Thos. Hodgins, Q.C.; John Hoskin, Q.C.; Robert Lees, Q.C.; A. Lemon; Dalton McCarthy, Q.C.; F. McKelcan, Q.C.; Kenneth McKenzie, Q.C.; D. McMichael, Q.C.; John MacLennan, Q.C.; E. Martin, Q.C.; W. R. Meredith, Q.C.; J. A. Miller, Q.C.; F. Osler; T. B. Pardee, Q.C.; D. B. Read, Q.C.; S. Rich-