

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

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The (English) Law Society's new President, Mr. William John Humfrys, is a Hereford solicitor, who has been mayor more than once of his city, and is well known as an able and well-read lawyer, who has led a strenuous life at home and yet has found time to travel much abroad. Mr. Humfrys is a veteran, for he was admitted in 1863, sixteen years before his predecessor, and yet he ranks almost as a junior among his learned friends at Hereford, which has long been famous not only for the high professional standing and character of its solicitors, but also for their longevity. Thus, Mr. J. F. Symonds, Mr. Humfrys's father-in-law, died a few months ago at the age of ninety, having been called in 1841; Mr. H. C. Beddoe, the Bishop of Hereford's legal secretary, was admitted in 1847; Mr. John Lambe, the city coroner, a relative of Lord Llandaff, another veteran, who also comes from Hereford, was admitted in 1855; Lord James of Hereford, whose death last month the profession deeply regrets, was well over eighty, while his elder brother, who died a few years ago, Mr. Gwynne James, was called in 1845, and practised his profession down to the last, being held in not less esteem in Hereford than Lord James himself.—*Law Notes.*

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We read in the papers recently that the Latin quarter students created a riot at the Sorbonne because the Latin paper in the Bachelorship examination was too difficult. The dissatisfied students, it seems, set up a deafening din in one of the halls of the school, the windows fairly rattling to their cries of "A bas Uri," the examiner who set the papers. The malcontents, after being expelled, formed a procession and paraded through the Latin quarter, shouting in a dismal monotone the passage from Cicero's "De Gloria ac Morte," which brought about their downfall in the examination. Two hundred students returned to the Sorbonne, and after being charged by the police in the courtyard made a bonfire of the examination papers. What a dull lot we are in this old country? Articled clerks here often consider the examination questions too hard, but all they do is to "cus and swear" privately. How much more exciting life would be if they would only copy the example of their French *confrères*! Chancery Lane would be quite lively.—*Law Notes.*