

partnership of Beard & Nelles lasted until his death. Mr. Beard was appointed Master in Chancery thirty-three years ago, and was one of the ablest of that class of officials. He was universally respected, and was held in the highest esteem both by the profession and the public at large. Mr. Beard was unmarried, and was but little over sixty years at the time of his death.

Flotsam and Jetsam.

BARON DOWSE was on circuit when an accused man could understand only Irish, and so an interpreter was sworn. The prisoner said something to the interpreter, and the interpreter replied to him. "What does he say?" demanded the judge. "Nothing, my lord." "How dare you say that when we all heard it? Come, sir, what was it?" "My lord, it had nothing to do with the case." "If you don't answer, I shall commit you, sir. Now, what did he say?" "Well, my lord, you'll excuse me, but he said, 'Who is that old woman, with the red bed-curtain round her, sitting up there?'" "And what did you say?" asked Baron Dowse. "I said to him, 'Whist! That is the old boy that is going to hang yez!'"

IN the November number of *Night and Day*, which extends to twenty pages, Dr. Barnardo supplies a more than usually striking series of details concerning that great work of child-rescue with which his homes have been for twenty-eight years past associated.

The number opens with an interesting account of the editor's recent experiences in Canada. He reiterates emphatically that, out of the 6,571 boys and girls who have been, after training in the homes, sent out to the Dominion, less than two per cent. have failed, while it is added, on the official authority of Sir John Carling, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, that *only a fraction of one per cent.* have gone to form additions to the criminal or vicious population of Canada.

It appears that the recently issued Report for 1892-93, on Convict Prisons, shows that the number of *young* convicts in this country is considerably less than formerly, and that "younger persons are not coming forward to keep up the number of the convict population." Dr. Barnardo appears to have good grounds for his strenuous claim that to this result the preventive work of his own institutions has very largely contributed. Twenty-four thousand children have been, through their agency, lifted "right out of Slumdom" into conditions which, to the vast majority of them, render crime almost impossible.

It is regrettable to add that the funds of the homes are stated to be in an unprecedentedly low condition, and that a most urgent appeal is made for immediate and liberal assistance to "keep the doors open." As nearly five thousand children are in residence, requiring £150 per day to defray their food bill alone, it is easily understandable how severely a winter marked, like the present one, with such prevalent distress will tax the resources of a home which gives admission to every destitute applicant.