

temptuous mirth of those not as yet to a proper sense of decency. But there are safe matters at home that we might attend to before criticising outsiders.

We impute no wrong motive whatever to the lavish bestowal in this Dominion of the title of K.C.: but it has so cheapened what ought to be an honourable professional distinction that it is not now coveted for that reason; the lists are too often criticised with a smile by those who would, in these days, rather refuse than accept the intended compliment. We do not in these remarks criticize the names but object to the number of them.

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Whilst the matters above referred to are comparatively of minor importance, we cannot refrain from again, and for the last time, referring to something else of a cognate nature, i. e., the selection of suitable men for the Bench. This is of vital importance to the country, and of continuous interest to the profession.

We have now a Bar Association which has attained a position entitling and enabling it to exert a powerful influence for good in relation to judicial appointments. It has, moreover, a duty in that respect which we trust it will perform. We are aware of the difficulty every government has in inducing the best men to go on the Bench. An effort should be made however, to overcome this difficulty; but certainly this is no excuse for the appointment, as has too often been the case, of political friends no longer useful to the Party; or whose seat in the Cabinet is wanted for some one else. How refreshing it has been to see, though most infrequently, the appointment of some eminent lawyer hailing from the opposition side of the house! Why not? Party politics, never too savoury, are odious when they invade the sacred precincts of the Bench.

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