

Secretary to have sent post cards to those in arrears reminding them of that fact. Busy men often do forget little personal matters of this kind, but they have a right to complain that such a severe penalty should be inflicted. It is usual in other business institutions for some official to keep track of such matters. Last year notices were given as to when fees were due. This year, when an election takes place, no such notice was given; and this failure was doubtless largely the cause of the disfranchisement complained of.

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We publish elsewhere (post p. 190) a letter which deals at considerable length with this subject. We are glad to have the information therein contained. It shews at least that the chairman of, and the Committee of Benchers who had the matter in charge have devoted to the subject much time and careful thought.

We are not unaware of the difficulties of the position, which are emphasized in Mr. Strathy's communication. They are not to be denied or minimized, but are they insurmountable? Is it not possible that in some way justice may be done in the premises? We do not think we ought to abandon the attempt to obtain it. We owe it to ourselves and we owe it to the public not to do so. It is true that we have to fight against a silly popular prejudice as well as against the political influence of a class of many of whom it may truly be said that their self-sufficiency is only equalled by their ignorance of the subjects they assume to deal with. It is true that this ignorance often brings grist to the legal mill. This, however, is one of the reasons why they should not be permitted by the Government to thus injuriously affect the public. For every reason the Government should throw reasonable protection around those who, at great expenditure of time and money, seek to qualify themselves to properly serve the public in all matters affecting the dealing with property and civil rights.

The difficulty, it is said, is to get the Government to take the action which, from our point of view at least, justice demands. In these days of keen political competition, votes being what each political party seeks for, it is necessary to refer to that phase of the case. But surely if the legal profession were to pull together they could exercise a much more powerful political influence than those