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The paucity of the cases taken before the House of Lords in England bears testimony to the general excellence of the decisions rendered by the Court of Appeal, and also to the care and moderation which counsel use in recommending an appeal. In 1894 no more than fifty-eight appeals were entered. The small number of the appeals has led to a suggestion for the abolition of the appellate jurisdiction of the House. It has to be remembered, however, that each one of these cases involves careful consideration, and usually an important principle has to be defined or elucidated. It is doubtful whether the cases are not numerous enough to occupy fully the attention of the law lords. The *Law Journal* points out that the House is "essentially a judicial assembly, in which questions of law can be considered deliberately in the light of principle. The Court of Appeal, which consists of two sections, is bound by its own very numerous decisions, and cases are viewed primarily from the standpoint of authority. It may be said that the work which the House of Lords does in settling points of principle might be better done by the Legislature itself; but we all know how difficult it is to get the House of Commons