

REVIEWS—APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

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The last number of this, the great English Quarterly Journal of Jurisprudence, commences, as does its *confrere* in America, with a paper on the life of Lord Brougham. The "Prospects of a Digest" are then discussed. We copy the next short article on "The Lord Chief Justice of England and Mr. Justice Blackburn," rather a memorable incident of the English Bench—also when we have space, the paper on the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, interesting as a matter with which we have occasionally something to do and know little of, and as likely to shew some of the difficulties to be surmounted in the construction of our Court of Appeal for the Dominion.

The other articles are—The Union of Church and State—The Law of Merchant Shipping—Can a person holding a judicial office sit in the House of Commons? &c., and the usual notices of new Books.

In the Events of the Quarter we notice, amongst other "varieties," the following remarks on a subject trivial enough in itself, *Judges' Dinner*, which speaks for itself:—

"We are delighted to see this good old rule, we cannot, indeed, say kept up, (for it is not!) but reviving. We rejoice to note a remarkable instance of it; because there are few things in the legal profession better calculated to maintain a friendly feeling between the Bench and the Bar (a matter of more importance in the administration of justice than at first meets the eye,) than a convivial meeting now and then. It has many advantages of a social kind; above all, it reduces the distance between the judges and the barristers, which, in the nature of things, exists; and which, in the nature of things, will widen unless it be restrained by the constant renewal of some such reunions as this. It was, probably, to enable the judges to keep up (amongst other things) such laudable customs with a view to an harmonious intercourse, that the legislature granted such liberal salaries to the judges. There are some who seem, from their talk, to look upon their salaries in a very different light. Be that as it may, in many instances, we say it without offence, it would be difficult to find any other reason for so liberal an allowance."

The concluding remarks are, *we must admit*, singularly *mal-apropos* in this country, but it is not necessary to entertain with "a banquet of surpassing elegance," as did the "ever kind and ever generous Chief Baron Kelly," on the occasion spoken of. What we were thinking of was a much more simple matter—an inexpensive, but not therefore any the less pleasant occasional meeting in Assize Towns, where the benefits and advantages above alluded to could sometimes be participated in by the country bar as well as those going "on circuit."

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The October number commences with an interesting sketch of the life and times of Lord Brougham, which may be usefully read in connection with the notices of that eminent man, to be found in the English periodicals.

A large space is devoted to the discussion of the "Erie Railroad Row;" certainly a curious name for a legal article, but probably a correct one, if the reviewer is to be credited; of this we may hereafter speak more at length.

This number contains, in addition, the Digest of English Law Reports for May, June, and July, which we continue to extract for the benefit of our readers—A Selected Digest of State reports, which must be invaluable to Americans, and, considering our near proximity, often useful to us—Book Notices—A list of new law books published in England and America since July, 1868, excellent as an easy and reliable reference; and, lastly, a summary of events of professional and legal interest.

We most heartily commend these two magazines, the one English and the other American, to our brethren in Canada. The price is merely nominal, and the contents of both always excellent.

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