

the rooms at Osgoode Hall should be set apart as a reading room for current periodical literature, in which should be found some of the leading dailies, weeklies, and monthlies. These periodicals need not be preserved, but tenders for their purchase when done with might be obtained, and, if this plan were adopted, it would probably be found that this addition we propose to the conveniences of Osgoode Hall would not entail any very serious expense; and we have no doubt it would be very generally welcomed by all members of the profession.

APART from the question of the convenience of those who frequent Osgoode Hall, there is another feature of the matter which is of perhaps more importance. The legal profession, for its protection in all the Provinces of the Dominion, needs cohesion and the fostering of a strong *esprit de corps*. The above suggestion tends in that direction, and is therefore helpful so far as it goes. *Apropos* of this subject, we would call attention to some remarks of the Lord Chief Justice of England in the address recently delivered by him at the commencement of the course of lectures under the auspices of the Council of Legal Education. In the course of his remarks upon the present state of legal education in England, Lord Russell said: "It was the taunt levelled at the Bar that, while in other professions and in handicrafts long service and special preparation were considered necessary as a guarantee of fitness, there was no such safeguard in the case of the Bar. The taunt was the harder to bear because it was based on truth. It was said that a man had only to 'eat his way' to the Bar, which was a contemptuous mode of condemning the requirement of keeping term by dining in hall. I do not join in that condemnation. I maintain that the requirement is wise and useful, but it must not stand alone. Just as much of the advantage of university life springs from the association of students in their studies and sports, so the meeting in hall, for even the commonplace purpose of dining, has its direct advantages. Friendships are formed, schemes of mutual encouragement in study are set on foot, a spirit of emulation is cultivated, a feeling of good fellowship springs up, the rough edges are smoothed off, and a standard of manners and of conduct attained, which, fashioned by the students in the aggregate, will generally