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CURRENT TOPICS AND CASES.

The swift recurrence of changes on the English bench is suggested by a review of those which have occurred during the chancellorship of Lord Halsbury. Three out of the four Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, Lords Macnaghten, Morris and Hannen, owe their places to him, as well as two members of the Court of Appeal. Justices Kekewich and Romer in the Chancery Division, and Justices Charles, Williams, Lawrance, Wright and Collins in the Queen's Bench Division, have been appointed in the same period. The President of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, Mr. Justice Jeune, as well as his present colleague Mr. Justice Barnes, have also been elevated to the bench during the present administration. The last change to note is the resignation of Lord Justice Fry of the Court of Appeal, and the appointment of Mr. Justice A. L. Smith to the vacancy occasioned thereby. It is possible that Lord Justice Fry, like Lord Hannen, may hereafter assist in the work of the Privy Council.

In Canada, where all the members of legislative bodies are paid, we have a check upon members running away from their duties before the end of the session by the deduction prescribed by law for each day's absence. In the