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A VALUED correspondent kindly sent us a copy of the judgment of the learned Junior Judge of the County of Elgin in the case of *Franklin v. Owen*. We regret that want of space prevents our giving it in full, for, although Mr. Justice Street took a different view of the law from that expressed by Judge Ermatinger, the judgment of the latter is a learned and valuable disquisition on the subject.

MR. JUSTICE STREET, in refusing the request to allow Mr. Wellman, of the New York Bar, to take part as counsel for the defence in the Hyams murder case, was not exercising a discretion or refusing an indulgence, but rather carrying out the law. So far as Ontario is concerned, the Law Society alone has the right to admit persons to practise at the Bar. This, as we understand it, is a matter of law, and not of custom, as the learned judge is reported to have called it. In the De Sousa case it was decided that an applicant for the privilege of appearing in our courts must go to the Law Society, inasmuch as the power to admit persons to practise at our Bar is taken away from the courts and given to the society, and it was, therefore, held that a person not admitted to practise by that body cannot be heard as counsel. (See 9 O.R. 39.) In the United States the judges seem to have the right to permit counsel from other countries to appear in the courts. The fact that this right has been most courteously granted to some members of our Bar naturally gives rise to some feelings of regret that our law precludes a distinguished member of the American Bar from fully participating in the defence of the prisoners in the *cause celebre* which is now occupying so much attention at the Toronto Assizes, but there was no other course to be taken.