

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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*To the Editor of the Manitoba Law Journal.*

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DEAR SIR:—I am sure every member of the bar must appreciate your article on "Arguing v. Wrangling," in the last number of the LAW JOURNAL, though all respectable members must and do regret that there is any need for such words to be spoken or written.

One's regret at the present state of things here, is only exceeded by one's surprise, that even *one* member of the bar can be found who has so little regard for the dignity of the profession, that he can bemean himself and it, by such conduct as has recently been displayed in the assizes just closed.

At the same time one could wish that the bench would hold a somewhat firmer hand, and even enforce by a deserved commitment for contempt of court, the transgression of rules of courtesy which are hardly to be borne when transgressed by one barrister to another, but become, when transgressed towards the court, little short of gross insolence of the most unbearable character.

One is almost at a total loss to conceive the reason for the present state of things, when one considers that the large majority of the bar have received their training in Ontario, and have had before them there for years, the ensamples of how things should be done, both decently and in order.

In the time of the late Chief Justice Wood an order was promulgated, that on Tuesday trials no fees should be allowed to counsel unless they appeared in proper court costume; that unless they did so, only attorney's fees should be taxed.