

GENERAL NOTES.

WILLS.—The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in a recent case, "Scott's Estate," held that a letter addressed to an attorney, directing him to draw a will in accordance with the terms of the letter—stating them—the paper being in the handwriting of the testator, signed by him and witnessed, contained every requisite of a valid will, and letters testamentary were ordered to be issued thereon.

EXERCISE OF THE FRANCHISE.—In the twenty-seven villages where women voted for school directors last Saturday, they were defeated in all excepting three. What is even more remarkable is the fact that in almost every case the women's defeat was due to the votes of women. Every woman who failed to get her name on the woman's ticket seems to have voted against it.—*Chicago Legal Adviser.*

TRADE-MARK.—It is well settled that no one can acquire by adoption such an interest in the name of another person as to prevent the latter from using his own name in a fair and honest manner in the ordinary course of business, and that to justify the use by a person of any man's name as against the man who bears the name, some contract relation or estoppel must be found to exist, operating to deprive the latter of what would otherwise be his right. (*Rogers v. Rogers*, Am. trade-mark cases, 999; *Skinner v. Oaks*, id., 459; *Richmond v. Richmond Nervine Co.*, 52 O. G. 307; 2 G. W. D. 45).

NEGRO COLONIAL JUDGES.—Two negroes have attained to judge-ships in British colonies. One, Joseph Renner Maxwell, is chief judicial officer at the Gambia, in Africa. Oddly enough he has written a work upon the negro question in which he speaks with apparent horror of the most striking outward peculiarities of his race, and urges as the only method of elevating the negro, future miscegenation with other races. The other negro judge is Sir W. C. Reeves, Chief Justice of Barbadoes, in the British West Indies. He presides over the Supreme Court, and there are on the island seven police magistrates of subordinate jurisdiction.—*Mail (Toronto).*

EFFECT OF A 'NOLLE PROSEQUI.'—It has been stated by the Attorney-General for Ireland in the House of Commons that it is at least possible that the convict Montagu may be again indicted for cruelty to her children, notwithstanding that in the recent trial a *nolle prosequi* was entered in respect of that part of