

the older hands on deck to see that the ship does not suffer until the new men learn the ropes. There are many, therefore, who, with the above thoughts in mind, will decline to accept any suggestion which might be given by the printed names sent to them by the Secretary of the Society as required by statute as of any more value or interest than the suggestion of any other name in any other way. It does not follow that because a man has been a Benchers for five, ten or fifteen years he ought to be one for five years more.

As to the responsibility we have spoken of, voters doubtless will appreciate the thought that every member of the Bench should, as far as possible, come up to the true ideal of a representative of our honourable profession—whose word can be relied upon under all circumstances, and not given to sharp practice or “tricks that are vain” in the conduct of business, either in the office or in Court—who has himself, and desires to see in others, that *esprit de corps*, without which the high character of the Bar cannot well be maintained, and without which it cannot have the influence it ought to command for the proper protection of our rights—and, to conclude, who are in sympathy with the needs of their brethren, and especially of practitioners outside the large cities, for these are they who specially need all the protection and support that the Society can give them.

Many of the present Benchers possess these desirable qualifications, but there are many not now on the Bench who do so also, and some of whom we shall expect to see elected next month. Such for example as Mr. Nicol Kingsmill, K.C., Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K.C., and others whose names will occur to our readers as men who ought to be, but who are not on the present list. The various County Law Associations will suggest men in their own localities for whom it would be well to vote. The more one thinks of it the clearer it becomes that some system of nomination should be adopted. Good names which ought to be before the profession for consideration will, as a result, be overlooked.

Many complaints are being made by those who find themselves disfranchised as voters by reason of their barrister's fees not having been paid at the date when the lists of voters for Benchers was made up. Doubtless these person were negligent in not thinking of this at the right time; but surely it would have been a simple matter for the