

years longer to reach the age attained by Mr. Isaac Sheffield, of London, England, whose death occurred recently. Mr. Sheffield was admitted as a solicitor in 1824, ten years earlier than the date of Mr. Day's entrance into the profession, and had reached the venerable age of 96 before he died. He was not the oldest member of the profession in London, that honour belonging to Mr. Charles Bischoff, who was admitted prior to 1824. Mr. Sheffield's active connection with the business of his firm had ceased, but his mental faculties were vigorous almost to the last.

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The whole country has had a laugh over the "business is business" episode. The subject of secret commissions, however, whether in politics or out of them, is a very serious one, and we would direct the attention of our readers to the remarkable letter written to the *London Times* by Sir Edward Fry, a retired Lord Justice of Appeal, pointing out the various modes in which dishonest profits are made in mercantile transactions. This letter is penned by one who knows whereof he speaks. The evil is palpable and enormous, but it is extremely difficult to devise a remedy that will not prove illusory.

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Reference was made in a recent issue to the Right Hon. George Denman, son of Lord Denman (at one time Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench), as one of the three surviving retired judges of the superior courts in England. His death is now announced, and the sole survivors are Lord Field and Sir Edward Fry. The *London Law Journal*, referring to Mr. Denman's decease, says it "would be untrue to say that he was either a great lawyer or a great judge. But his innate refinement, his high culture, and his manliness and strength of character, in conjunction with a real, if not profound, grasp of legal principles, enabled him to reach and maintain both at the Bar and on the Bench, an even level of excellence