

then be summoned to attend, and if he does not plead exemption he will be placed in the box to try cases with eleven other good and true men. When entering the Lord Chief Justice's Court last term the writer was surprised to see one of his learned friends duly installed as foreman of the jury. True, he was only a member of the Chancery Bar—a man who had probably never addressed a jury in his life; but if he had been recognised by counsel on either side it is most probable that exception would have been taken to his acting as a juror.

A BARRISTER AS A JUROR.

After verdict found, this lawyer-juror was asked to describe his experiences. "The action," he said, "was brought to recover damages for the negligent driving of a motor lorry. We found a verdict for the plaintiff; but (and this is the part of his recital which should interest the advocate) if counsel for the defendant had called no witnesses we should most certainly have found for the defendant, as we were all agreed, at the close of the plaintiff's evidence, that he had no case. As it was, however, a witness called on the part of the defendant caused us to alter our view."

THE FEES OF JURIES.

Those who serve as special juries receive the sum of 1 guinea apiece for each cause submitted to them. A mere common jury, however, is paid the miserable sum of 1 guinea *pour tout potage*. This sum they divide amongst them. Probably the usher, who acts as paymaster, gets such a large "rake-off" that there is little left to divide.

THE OFFICE OF JUROR AS AN OFFICE OF PROFIT.

Time was when to be a special juror was to hold an office of profit and emolument! Before the days of continuous sittings in London, the Court of King's Bench might be closed for a considerable time—all the Judges being away on circuit. If a London case were to be tried expeditiously, it became necessary to secure a local venue, and the parties, for the sake of convenience, would agree upon an assize town close to the metropolis. Croydon was