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THE dinner of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society on the 22nd ult., of which we publish a notice in another place, was a great success and reflected much credit upon the committee who had the matter in hand. The dinner itself, considering the difficulties to be contended with, was good, the speeches better, those of the juniors being comparatively the best of all. This Society is evidently doing a good work, and we commend to our readers the remarks of the chairman in reference thereto. To those who are "given to change," and especially to those radix-ical reformers in the conservative ranks of Her Majesty's loyal opposition in the Local Legislature, we would commend his very sensible observations (those of a prominent and rising member of that party) on the subject of decentralization.

The entertainment was really more a Bar dinner than anything else. We trust it may be continued as such, but with this change, the price of the tickets, at least for students, to be placed at a much lower figure, so that they may be able to attend without going beyond their means. Various ways of effecting this end present

themselves, some of which will, we trust, ere next year be thought out and arranged.

WE had a feeling of respect for Mr. De Souza, who pluckily went to work to fight the Bench, Bar and Law Society single handed. But "there is a limit to everything," and "enough is as good as a He has now become an "irrepressible," and must, of course, be sup-This time he hurled himself against the Court of Appeal, and again found the Bench an immovable body; probably by this time he has come to the conclusion that he is not an irresistible force. His courage failed him at the crucial point, and, instead of being taken in charge by the sheriff, as appeared to have been his aim, he simply "wilted." If he had further persisted, the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal would either have had to adjourn the Court, or maintain its order by ordering his removal as an obstruction to business, in which latter case this much ill-used person would doubtless have found some newspaper prepared to laud his heroism, lament his woes, and abuse the judges for a tyrannous abuse of their powers, whilst a rather disgusted Bar and an amused populace would have concurred in the verdict of " served him right."

Some of our most respected judges have recently been subjected to most objectionable criticism imputing improper motives and political bias. The subject of commitment by judges for contempt of Court has also been discussed, or rather this power has been reviled, as a relic of bar-