

and vicious; it always has been, and always will be so. It is described by the One who knows it better than anyone else, as "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" We all realize that this statement is absolutely true, and the history of the world proves it. It is insane folly to hope that human nature will ever change. The only hope is in a supernatural power to police the world. That will come, but only when the One appears who can and will "rule the nations with a rod of iron."

NOTES FROM THE ENGLISH INNS OF COURT.

RECONSTRUCTION IN THE TEMPLE.

Members of the Bar who have been on active service are beginning to return to their former haunts. When the first scheme of demobilization was framed, the authorities were minded to release men from the army "by trades"—that is to say, the members of the most important trade were to be the first set free. A priority list was prepared. "Ratecatchers" stood at the head, and, strange as it may appear, "attorneys and barristers-at-law" were relegated to the bottom of the list! But that scheme has now been "scrapped," and members of the Bar are being rapidly released from military service.

But to what do these men return? Are clients waiting, with open arms, to receive them and give them lucrative employment? In this connection it is to be remembered that we, in England, are not like you in Canada. Here there is a great gulf fixed between the two branches of the profession. The solicitor who went on active service may have had a partner to keep his connection together; but the barrister had and could have none. He went forth leaving his name on a door in the Temple, and (in some cases) a clerk, who might tell would-be clients that Mr. — "is at present out of town, and the date of his return is uncertain." Yes, the date of his return was uncertain; and as many of these gallant men may find, there is an uncertainty as to whether they