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In connection with the subject of legal education, which is coming into greater prominence everywhere at the present time, the *London Law Journal* expresses regret that some actual practice in pleading and speaking is not included in the programme issued by the Council of Legal Education. "In old days," it observes, "the Moot, with its pleading of a mock cause, furnished a forum for the legal novice. The Moot still lingers at Gray's Inn, and when Sir Frederick Pollock was professor of common law to the council, he tried to revive it in connection with his lectures. There is also the Hardwicke and other arenas of debate; but these isolated and unofficial opportunities are not enough. Practice in public speaking, the conduct of a cause in Court, ought to be recognized as an indispensable part of the curriculum for the Bar. Quintilian would have had children begin rhetoric at six or seven years of age. That may be a counsel of perfection, but even the theological student practises sermon preaching and the cottage lecture before he is launched on the work of a parish." There is no doubt that students, otherwise well equipped for the battle of life, have often been unsuccessful, or have been greatly retarded, in their career, owing to the absence of training in public speaking.