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We have read Mr. Augustin Birrell's address on "Legal Education," which was recently delivered before the Liverpool Incorporated Law Society, with much interest, but we are constrained to ask our best judgment, as it is our misfortune ever to be obliged to do in dealing with any production of this versatile lawyer, Is there anything in it? Although the address does not strike one as being very lengthy, yet within its compass Mr. Birrell succeeds in "surveying mankind from China to Peru"—from Anglican bishops to the "subtle Hindoo"—and wandering from the busy present into the prehistoric leisure of the Iron Age. As is to be expected, where he has spent so much on garnishments, he has a spare and indifferent dish of solid meat. Now all this divagation, of course, may not indicate a mind anxious to seize any peg, however incongruous, to hang a bravery of learning upon; moreover, we would be inclined to deprecate investing Mr. Birrell with the insignia of a pedant. Sometimes, however, we feel that if anybody else did as he does we would be justified in grumbling.

A jury in Hudson County, N.J., recently awarded a man \$5,000 damages for the accidental killing of a five-year-old son. In Indiana not long ago, in a similar case, the jury gave the bereaved parent \$599 for the abrupt taking off of his eight-year-old boy. In the Exchequer Court, the other day, the widow and infant children of a man who was killed on the Intercolonial Railway in the province of Quebec got only \$3,250. But a Toronto jury, with a great largeness of heart, gave a farmer's wife \$3,500 for a broken thigh bone and \$500 to soothe the lacerations of her husband's feelings. The defendants, however, were a street railway company, and needed a caution to be careful with old ladies. All of which goes to show that life is still worth living—especially in the case of adults.

The elective system so prevalent in the United States, especially with reference to the judiciary, has recently come prominently into view owing to the revelations before a committee