

are to be honored this year by the presence of Lord Russell of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice of England, who will deliver the annual address. He will probably bring with him several prominent members of his Bar. The occasion will consequently be one of especial interest. We bespeak the presence of as many of our English and Canadian brethren as can attend, and we assure them that they will receive a hearty welcome.—American Law Review.

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Limiting Fees in Damage Actions.

A bill has been introduced in the New York Legislature to limit the fees of lawyers in damage cases to one-tenth of the amount recovered, instead of the one-third to one-half of the judgment which now usually goes to the lawyers. It is said that this bill was inspired by the Brooklyn trolley car companies and other corporations who suffer from damage suits, and is intended to discourage the lawyers who are continually on the lookout for opportunities to stir up damage suits. A contingent fee of ten per cent., in view of the expenses often necessary in preparing for trial and in obtaining expert testimony, would be too little inducement for the majority of the present damage case lawyers.—Law Student's Helper.

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Instructions to Land Buyers.

(Lines over 300 years old, copied from the rolls in the Manor Court Office, Wakefield, England.)

First see the land which thou intend'st to buy

Within the sellers' title clearly
lye,
And that no woman to it doth
lay claime
By dowry, joynture, or some
other name
That may incumber. Know if
bond or fee
The tenure stand, and that from
each feoffee
It be released, that th' seller be
soe old
That he may lawfull sell, thou
lawfull hold.
Have speciall care that it not
mortgag'd lye,
Nor be intailed upon posterity.
Then if it stand in statute bound
or noe,
Be well advised what quitt rent
out must goe,
What custome service hath been
done of old
By those who formerly the same
did hold.
And if a wedded woman put to
sale
Deal not with her unless she
bring her male,
For she doth under covert barron
goe,
Although sometimes some traf-
fique soe (we know).
Thy bargain made and all this
done,
Have speciall care to make thy
charter run
To thee, thy heirs, executors, as-
signs,
For that beyond thy life securely
binds.
These things foreknown and done,
you may prevent
Those things rash buyers many
times repent;
And yett when as you have done
all you can,
If youle be sure, deal with an
honest man.