

Lord Roehampton (p. 394):—"To a minister responsible for the interests of a great country they (remonstrances against night-work) are vain, futile, impossible. One might as well remonstrate with an officer on the field of battle on the danger he was incurring."

STEPS TO THE WOOLSACK.

The publication of the late Lord Campbell's journal, in the biography prepared by his daughter, discloses one remarkable instance of the Chancellor's intense anxiety to get on in the world. At the age of 33, and when making more than a thousand a year, he conceived it to be necessary to learn dancing: "I was at last driven to the resolution of applying to one of the dancing masters who teach grown gentlemen. Accordingly on my return from the circuit I waited upon a celebrated artist from the Opera House. Chassé! Coupé! Brisé! One! Two! Three! I may say I devoted the long vacation to this pursuit. I did not engage in special pleading with more eagerness. I went to my instructor regularly every morning at ten, and two or three times a week. I returned in the evening. You may be sure I was frightened out of my wits lest I should be seen by any one I knew. I might have met an attorney's clerk accustomed to bring me papers, or possibly my own clerk. It required some courage to face this danger, and I give myself infinite credit for the effort I have made. I have been highly lucky; not recognized a single face I had seen before! My morning lessons were private, but to learn figures it was of course indispensably necessary to mix with others. I met several dancing masters from the country, dashing young shop-keepers, ladies qualifying themselves for governesses, &c., &c. I have attended so diligently and made such progress, that I verily believe that I pass for a person intending to teach the art myself in the provinces. I entered by the name of Smith; but my usual appellation is 'the gentleman.'"

THE VALUE OF FRAGMENTS.

The *American Law Review*, for March, has a valuable article, suggesting the desirability of lawyers putting into permanent and accessible

form the results of such original investigations as they may have occasion to make in the course of their professional work. The remarks of our contemporary are probably even more applicable in Canada, than in the United States where the law publishers' monthly lists of publications, and the tables of contents of numerous and carefully written Reviews and Journals, indicate that the intellectual activity of the profession is not confined to the exigencies of pending cases. "What we propose by these general remarks," says the *Law Review*, "is to urge upon members of the profession of the law who have much or little learning, but who have enough to know whether or not what they have is sound or useful, not to file it away, or to wait until they are either great or famous; for the probability is that—begging their pardon—the most of us will become neither; but to put it into a useful shape, and find somebody to publish it. Usefulness to the profession is the safe *via media* to begin upon. Whenever any successful attempt is made to put matters which are at stake in law or its practice into an interesting or simply useful form, the response is immediate all over the profession. Probably many a lawyer who does not keep the run of the legal periodical literature, but who has written or said something worth saying about his work in a clear, forcible, and happy way, would be surprised to find how apt it is to be repeated in all parts of this country and in Canada, England, Scotland and Ireland." This, though not in the spirit of Juvenal's exhortation, "*frange, miser, calamos, vigilataque proelia dele,*" is sound advice, if discreetly followed.

NOTES OF CASES.

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH.

MONTREAL, Feb. 15, 1881.

DORION, C. J., MONK, RAMSAY, CROSS, BABY, J. J. DALY (def. below), Appellant, & CHEVRIER (plff. below), Respondent.

Serment supplétoire improperly deferred—Costs.

The action was brought by the respondent to recover the amount of an account, \$243.32, for goods sold and delivered.

The appellant, by her plea, confessed judgment for \$225.