

EDITORIAL ITEMS—LAW STUDENTS AND ARTICLED CLERKS.

Canadian Bank v. Kelly, was prepared by the late learned Chief Justice of that Court, and delivered by him in 1870 (see 22 C. P. 283). This judgment was unfortunately lost shortly afterwards, and much inconvenience has been the result. Mr. Leith has, however, added another to the many obligations the profession are under to him in that important branch of the law on which he is such a high authority, by supplying the loss as far as possible, and by adding some useful observations and suggestions of his own.

In *Sweeny v. Sweeny*, I. R. 10 C. L. 375 is decided a point in the law of landlord and tenant which has been long *in dubio*. A tenant from year to year of a farm died intestate. For some time no letters of administration were obtained, and the widow meanwhile remained in possession. The majority of the Court held that a notice to quit could be validly served on the widow, on the ground of the inconvenience which would result if such a notice under the circumstances could not be effectively served on the person in actual possession.

We have before now alluded to a mania which is prevalent in this country, of passing over men of age and experience, and giving legal appointments (we are not now alluding to judicial appointments), to young men with the avowed object of giving them a helping hand in their profession. We are glad to say that we are not singular in our views. The *Law Times*, we notice, falls foul of something similar in England. It appears that Lord Justice Thesiger, when at the bar, was the Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales. His successor is a junior barrister, called in November, 1866. The writer having evidently in

his memory Mr. Thesiger's appointment to the Bench, thus comments:—"Youth seems at present to be no disqualification, but rather a recommendation for legal appointments. . . . The Heir Apparent ought to be careful not to make ridiculous appointments, but rather to surround himself with officers who will give dignity and importance to the offices which they hold." The Calcutta correspondent of the *Times* states that the appointment of a very young barrister to the position of Legal Secretary to the Government of India was received with great indignation, and has been cancelled. It would appear, therefore, that the malady is not local—neither, however, is public opinion on such matters local.

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We propose hereafter to devote a portion of our space, and if necessary from time to time to "enlarge our borders," to make space for the discussion of matters of interest to students-at-law and articled clerks. Our columns have, of course, always been open to them, and have been freely used, but possibly they will feel more comfortable if, so to speak, they have a room to themselves. The bashfulness of youth is proverbial, and, speaking from experience, this is a marked feature of those who are to be our future Chief Justices and Chancellors.

It has been for some time a rule strictly enforced, that the examination questions are not to be made public. We have brought before the proper authorities the propriety of changing this rule, and are glad to announce that the Legal Education Committee of the Law Society, with a praiseworthy desire to give all possible facilities to students and articled