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EDITORIAL.

The Salisbury Administration is likely to have some good judicial berths to give away; five occupants of the Bench during the course of the present year will be entitled to retire on pensions. The first is Mr. Justice Mathew, who was raised to the Bench in 1881. Next to him Mr. Justice Cave and Mr. Justice Kay, whose appointments date a few weeks later. Mr. Justice Chitty will be entitled to retire in September and Mr. Justice North in November.

Senior to these five are the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lindley, Lord Justice Lopes, Baron Pollock and Mr. Justice Hawkins, to all of whom it has been long optional to retire. Lord Esher, who is 83 years of age, has sat on the bench for 28 years, having been appointed a Judge of the Common Pleas in 1868.

A Study of Cases.

The appreciation of the study of cases as a part of a young lawyer's preparation for practice has grown greatly during

the last few years, and legal educators are now agreed that if the cases are well selected no part of a law school course is more beneficial.

Some legal educators of the greatest prominence believe that a student should study law by means of cases, almost to the entire exclusion of text books. We have not been able to bring ourselves to agree with this idea. We believe that the best idea is to pursue a happy medium and study properly selected cases, not in the place of text books, but as illustrating text books. Studied in this way, cases cannot fail to be of the highest benefit to a law student. For he thereby, not only learns the law, but he also learns how to examine and study cases, to extract their important points, and to see just how a Court deals with states of facts, and applies the law thereto in preparing a judgment or opinion. This will prove of great value to him, both during his preliminary study and when he is admitted to the Bar and undertakes to prepare his own cases for argument.