

delivered to him." The Secretary is to send to each member of the Bar a blank form of voting paper. Another section provides that the Secretary shall send with the voting paper a list of the persons then Benchers, ex officio and otherwise.

It may be a convenience to some to have the above list before them, but there are objections to the provision which are worthy of note, and many members of the profession have expressed their opinion that it ought to be repealed. We know of no reason why the names of present benchers should in effect be suggested for re-election, which is what the list amounts to. If it is desirable to give suggestions as to who would be proper men to appoint, it would be much better to do it by having nominations made previous to the time of election and a list of such nominations sent voters for consideration.

The trust reposed in the profession at large is a responsible one, and their choice should be exercised free from anything which might hamper a free expression of opinion. Many of the present benchers deserve the votes of their brethren. There are, however, some whom it would be just as well to leave off, and especially any who were placed there five years ago, not so much because they possessed the confidence of their brethren, but as the result of a persistent canvass. Naturally names which are placed before the voters have a better chance of election than others to whom attention is not called, and who, perhaps, may be much better qualified and much more desirable for the position. The above list is, in fact, though not in intention, a canvassing agent for the re-election of the present Benchers. It would be much better if the members of the Society should in selecting their list of names think the matter out and exercise their unbiased judgment, rather than to a large extent follow, as is practically the case, the lead that is thus given to them. In making these observations we do not desire to cast the slightest reflection upon the present list as a whole; but, with many others, we think that some other system should be adopted which would better express the mind of the profession as to who should represent them in Convocation.

There are again those who think that it is not desirable that the Bench should remain with so little new blood from time to time, also that if there is any honour in the position the honour should go round. There will always be a sufficient number of