

which he enlarges upon the advisability of retaining the right of appeal.

In the same journal appears a paper by Arthur Robinson, C.M.G., Attorney-General of Victoria, and President of the Law Institute there, discussing appeals in constitutional cases. At the conclusion of an exhaustive paper he refers to the eloquent remarks of Lord Shaw of Dunfermline when extolling the beneficial influence of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, who spoke as follows:—

“The other afternoon, with a sigh of relief, for it has been a laborious term, the sittings for the year of the Judicial Committee came to an end. The two last decisions just before we rose awoke curious reflections. Not unseasonable thoughts they were, even for Christmastide. One of these cases was a conflict between a native prince and a municipality in Oudh as to the right of the latter to drive a street through a *Gunj*, or market-square, on the ground of which, beneath the fierce rays of the Indian sun, you might see the natives exposing their grain in piled-up heaps. The other was a contest between a wealthy railway and a great corporation, and it was, if you please, about the clearing away of snow from the tracks of a street railway in the City of Toronto! At one bound, so to speak, from the sweltering heat of India, away to another continent, to the chill and rigour of Canadian winter! And all these contentions to be laid to rest in that little room in Whitehall which you know.

“Suddenly, as I felt that ‘the time draws near the birth of Christ,’ I realised that the quiet, far-reaching task in which the Privy Council is engaged may be—must be—a part of that process, in which, through instruments ever so imperfect, the perfect scheme of peace on earth may be lifted forward in the practice and affairs of men. Quiet, did I say? Yes: its business is the search for truth; and the stuff which it works in is justice. A grave task and austere, according so much with simplicity and quiet that there is no place there for even the paraphernalia of a Court. Far-reaching, did I say? Yes. From that little room in Whitehall is wielded a jurisdiction over one-quarter of the population of the globe. To that little