

people were with you for two or three generations. You have always been friendly with me, man and boy, and I don't think I have ever had an angry word with one of you. A change has now come over my life. Her Majesty has sent for me to make me one of her own counsel.' The jury sat with open mouths, evidently under the impression that their favourite was about to be summoned to Buckingham Palace, Windsor Castle, or some other royal residence to have a *tête-à-tête* with the Queen. Continuing, C. said: 'I shall never address you again. This is the last time my voice will be heard in your ancient hall.' From the display of pocket handkerchiefs at this point, I am under the impression that one or two of the jurymen were in tears. 'Let us part,' said the learned counsel, 'as we have always been—the best of friends'; and, without saying one single word as to the merits of the case before the jury, he sat down. The chairman of the Quarter Sessions, in due discharge of his duty, addressed himself to the evidence, ignoring entirely the observations that had fallen from the learned counsel for the defence. The jury put their heads together, and, after barely a moment's deliberation, turned round again. The foreman, with a peculiar shake of his head, said: 'We finds for Muster C.' The chairman informed the jury that their verdict must be either one of 'guilty' or 'not guilty' as against the prisoner; thereupon, without waiting for their foreman, they all shouted out with one accord: 'Not guilty, sir.' The prisoner was accordingly released."—*American Law Review*.

---

READ. JUDGMENTS AT LENGTH.—The following is from the *Albany Law Journal*: "We believe that the *New York Law Journal* is in error in stating that the practice of reading opinions from the bench 'still survives in the Supreme Court of the United States.' Unless we have been misinformed, it was discontinued several years ago, except in very rare instances in cases of exceptional importance. At any rate it ought to be, and in New Jersey too, for it cannot answer a single useful purpose, and it wastes time that might be employed to good ends. The *New Jersey Law Journal* seems to regard the practice as a good medium for informing the lawyers of the decisions. We do that in this State by the newspapers. Are there no newspapers in New Jersey? But the decisions may be announced silently by filing. There is no virtue