

There have naturally been far-reaching changes in the court and its work in the sixty years since the last constitution was adopted. A decided material change was in the abandonment in 1903 of the room used by the court in the State House for the preceding hundred and twenty-two years, and the taking up of its present quarters in the building nearby. It was on November 10, 1903, that the removal was made, and a brief ceremony was held in the new court room, Mr. Bernard Carter, Mr. Arthur W. Machen and Mr. Arthur George Brown, all leading attorneys of Baltimore City, addressing the court on the change, and Chief Judge McSherry replying to them.<sup>6</sup> A note of regret was touched; treasured associations were being left behind with the old room. It was a bright, cheerful room. Even with the two windows behind the judges covered as they were, there were two other large windows opening to the southeast and three to the southwest, and the sun streamed in all day. The easterly windows afforded a broad view out over the mouth of the Severn River and across the Bay to Kent Island, and lawyers who practiced in the court before 1903 recall more or less furtive glances out over the distant prospect by the judge sitting on the extreme right of the bench. The court room in use now, in comparison, suffers from lack of light; it is lined and furnished in dark mahogany, with red carpet and hangings; beautiful, but dark. Little light is admitted from the outside, and the artificial light which must be relied upon dur-

6. See 97 Md., XXVIII.