

"When England can look out on the future with numbless eyes and a prayer on her lips, then we can begin to count the days towards the end."—Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, K.C.B.

Bench and Bar

HIS HONOUR JUDGE WILLS.

Judge Wills presided for the first time at the Belleville Division Court to-day and dispensed of a substantial docket of cases. At the opening of the Court, Colonel W. N. Ponton, K.C., offered, on behalf of the Bar, hearty congratulations to his Honour, and expressed the belief that with mutual confidence and co-operation, and an understanding born of old friendship and association, the relationship between the Judiciary and the Bar would be most pleasant, and the dignified and prompt administration of justice would be assured. He suggested that, as the soldier was the "man behind the gun," so the Judge was the "man behind the flag" and that the flag should fly on the Court-house during all sittings of Division Courts, as during the sessions of the High Court. Mr. F. E. O'Flynn and Mr. E. J. Butler also spoke along similar lines, expressing their anticipation of a continuation of the pleasant conditions that prevailed while his Honour was practising with his brethren of the Bar. Judge Wills made a most felicitous reply, thanking the Bar for their good wishes and confidence expressed and assuring them that he would administer justice with the same integrity which he hoped had characterized the practice of his profession in the past. He would leave nothing undone which a Judge should do, and would bring his best efforts to bear, with the members of the Bar, to carry out the principles of justice and equity in the Courts. He quite approved of the suggestion of Col. Ponton as to the flag, and would direct that in future it should fly on the Court-house as the symbol of the law as well as the power of the Empire.—*Belleville Intelligencer.*