

## Flotsam and Jetsam.

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Recently the deaths have occurred of three notable lawyers. Last week we had to announce the decease of Sir Samuel Walker, the Lord Chancellor of Ireland, on the 13th inst., and this was followed on Friday last week by the death of Lord James of Hereford, and of His Honour Judge Willis on Tuesday last. For some time past Lord James had practically retired from all political and judicial duties, and at the time of his death was in his eighty-third year. Judge Willis was but seventy-six years of age, and, until the beginning of the illness which has resulted in his death, shewed much of the vigour that has characterized his life. In him the profession will lose a member "of the highest and most attractive character"—to quote the *Times*—and one of undoubted popularity.—*Law Times*.

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WOULDN'T TAKE ANY:—The late Lord Young, of the Scottish Bench, was responsible for enlivening many a dull case. One of the best remarks that ever fell from his lips was the reply to a counsel, who urged on behalf of a plaintiff of somewhat bibulous appearance: "My client, my lord, is a most remarkable man, and holds a very responsible position; he is manager of some water-works."

After a long pause, the judge answered: "Yes, he looks like a man who could be trusted with any amount of water."—*Law Notes*.

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In the *Daily Mail* last month we read a report of a murder trial. The *Mail* quoted from the *Sun* as follows:—"Counsel closed a powerful argument by singing to the jury in a tear-choked voice, 'Home, Sweet Home.' The song trembled on his lips and brought tears to the eyes of all the jurors, the defendant, and the crowd which was packed in the room. It was a dramatic finish to the most dramatic murder trial in Texas history." We venture in all humility to suggest that our leading counsel should take a hint. We should like to hear, say, Sir Edward Carson (or in this country say, Æ. Irving, K.C., A. B. Aylesworth, K.C., or E. F. B. Johnston, K.C.) concluding an impassioned defence with a pathetic rendering of some appropriate song.—*Law Notes*.