

wit or sarcasm, but are content that justice shall be so administered by them, not in a flashy, but in an entirely modest and impartial way, and so far as it is humanly possible, so as to bring conviction of its intrinsic merits home even to the unsuccessful litigant, and after all it is really one of the most important duties of a judge not only to do right, but to convince, if it may be, even the litigant who fails, that right has been done.

Judging as far as we can from external appearances, we should say that Mr. Justice Osler must have set some such ideal of duty before him in the discharge of his judicial functions. No judge on the Bench was less conspicuous than he. He has never sought to attract attention to himself. His manner has been always modest and rather retiring and yet no judicial deliverance has commanded more attention or respect than his.

On the Bench he has been ever courteous and attentive, and whatever he may have felt, he has managed by an imperturbable manner to conceal his feelings from any offensive display, even in cases where some other judges would perhaps have been less reticent.

Fifty years have passed since the learned judge was called to the Bar and first began the practice of the law in partnership with the Hon. Jas. Patton, the firm being known as Patton & Osler; later he was joined by the late Hon. Thomas Moss, when the firm became Patton, Osler & Moss, a firm which through various fluctuations of membership may be said to have continued to this day. On Mr. Patton's withdrawal the firm continued as Osler & Moss, and afterwards on the accession to its ranks of the late Hon. R. A. Harrison it became known as Harrison, Osler & Moss, all three of its members being ultimately promoted to the Bench. In those days when Mr. Osler was in practice law and equity were distinct branches, and Mr. Osler confined his attention, we believe, exclusively to the common law side of the business—the equity branch being taken by Mr. Moss, the future Chief Justice of Ontario, and one of the most brilliant of Canadian lawyers, whose early death in the zenith of his powers was a national calamity. Mr. Osler was not often seen in the Assize Courts, his reputation as a profound and skilful lawyer was won