

lish bench. Mr. Justice Denman, the senior puisne judge of England, has retired after twenty years' service, and Mr. William Rann Kennedy has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Justice Denman was a fine scholar, having been senior classic of his year at Cambridge. Not long ago he published a translation of Milton's *Comus* into Greek and Arabic. He has been very popular as a judge. In another issue we shall give a short account of the proceedings at his retirement. His successor was also senior classic at Cambridge, in 1868. He is still comparatively a young man, having been born in 1846.

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A year ago, the fear was expressed that the inadequacy of the remuneration allotted to our judges, would deprive the Province of the services of the person universally admitted to be best qualified for the important position then vacant. In England the remuneration of the superior judges is very much higher, yet, as shown by the extract appended, from a London letter, the salaries are far from being attractive to the foremost men:—

“There remains something further to be said. It is that our judges nowadays are no longer selected from the acknowledged leaders of the bar: they come from the second and not from the front rank. Our greatest advocates could not be prevailed upon to accept ordinary judgeships, for much of the old time dignity of the judicial office has disappeared in like manner as that of the bishops. There is therefore nothing to compensate the brilliant advocate with a fee book of twice, or it may be three times, the value of the £5,000 salary of the judge, with the popularity which advocacy brings, and with a seat in Parliament, for the pecuniary and personal advantages he relinquishes in accepting a seat upon the bench. Hence it comes that there is a most brilliant circle of eminent advocates whose names are household words with the public, but who, to the perplexity of the laity, as we know from comments in the newspapers, are apparently passed over and left to end their days at the bar instead of on the bench, which outsiders in their simplicity suppose to be the object of every barrister's ambition. In the profession it is well known that the very opposite of this is the case. There could not be a more