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MR. JUSTICE OSLER'S JUDICIAL FAREWELL.

Those who were present in the Court of Appeal on the morning of the 18th April, when Mr. Justice Osler made his final appearance as a member of the court in which he had been a familiar figure for so many years, must have felt that the occasion was a very memorable one. It has been already referred to in the *LAW JOURNAL*, but we feel sure that our readers will agree with us in thinking that further reference may well be made to an event so interesting to the profession and the public.

Unusual indeed was the scene which the court room presented to those whose duties call them from time to time to form part of that audience. Every seat was occupied and every corner of the room crowded with those who had not been able to secure those positions of advantage, to which the holders clung with even more than the proverbial lawyer's tenacity! Within the Bar, and outside of it, was an imposing array of King's counsel, for once assembled not that they might rise to the height of some "great argument" but for the purpose of shewing their esteem and affection for one who more than thirty years ago doffed his stuff gown for the judge's robes, which during all those years he has worn with honour to himself and to the great advantage of his profession and the country. It may be noted in passing that the strange omission of Mr. Osler's name from the list of those who have been chosen to "take silk," to which attention was called in our columns more than thirty years ago, has only been rectified within the last few weeks, since his retirement from the Bench.

Returning, however, to the matter in hand, with which the difference between stuff and silk, however important it may be in some respects, has but little to do, it may be said that the address of Sir Æmilius Irving from which an extract has already been given in our columns, was felt by all who were present