

speaking about myself—I am averse to egotism or ostentation, and if anyone thinks I have ever shown a tendency to anything of the kind he has misinterpreted me, and misunderstood something I may have perhaps clumsily said. All I wish now to do is to assure you that I shall ever entertain the most cordial sense of the kindness which every member of the profession with whom I have ever been brought in contact has shown to me. I shall always love it. I shall always take an interest in its proceedings, and in all that affects its welfare. Mr. Attorney-General, I thank you for the kind words you have uttered. I have known you long; I have watched your career with the greatest interest, and I believe the profession will never be able to point to a man who could represent it more worthily, nor more ably uphold its honor. And now it only remains for me to say to my brethren, to all the members of the bar, and to all other members of the profession, most earnestly and gratefully, "Farewell."

THE PARK AND LITERARY FRAUD CASES.

At the Old Bailey the week before last the two *causes célèbres* of the September criminal sessions—the prosecution of Miss Smith and her accomplices, Micklethwaite, Paul, Ingram and Alliston, for conspiracy to defraud the estate of a certain Mr. Park of 20,000*l.* by the forgery of a deed, and the literary frauds case—were at length brought to a close, and ended, as everyone who studied the evidence had expected, in the conviction of the accused.

The forgeries that are exposed and punished in Courts of justice are usually characterised by cleverness as well as daring. Fauntleroy, Roupell, Provis, and Else were persons of genius in their own worthless way, and executed their criminal designs with consummate adroitness. In point of audacity, Miss Smith showed herself to be no mean rival to these illustrious scoundrels, but in cunning and ingenuity she lagged far behind them. A clumsier crime was never perpetrated than that for which she has now to undergo the well-merited punishment of ten years' penal servitude. The material facts in the case were few and simple. On January 4, 1887, there died, in his eighty-second year, at Auckland House, Teddington, a gentleman named John Cornelius Park, who was worth over 100,000*l.* Miss Smith was