

*NOTES FROM THE ENGLISH INNS OF COURT.*

The commencement of the English legal year has been heralded by certain important judicial changes. Sir Walter Phillimore has resigned his high office of Lord Justice of Appeal. One of the most courteous and conscientious of our judges, he carries with him the good wishes of the entire profession, and the hope is expressed that he will become an active member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. A man of great learning he did not confine his activities to the law, finding time, in the midst of his judicial work to be twice mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington. His place in the Court of Appeal has been taken by Mr. Justice Scrutton, one of our leading commercial lawyers who, when at the bar, made charter parties and bills of lading subjects of special study.

*FROM OUTER BAR TO BENCH.*

To him as Judge of the High Court there succeeds Henry M'Cardie, Esq., barrister-at-law. Than this there has been no more popular appointment for a long time. Called to the Bar in 1894, Mr. M'Cardie rapidly acquired a large junior practice. He never "took silk" but he took a lion's share of the practice of the Courts. No *cause célèbre* within recent years was complete without him; and although he was probably opposed in the course of his career to nearly every member of the bar, he made no enemies amongst them. To have M'Cardie against you was to be up against a man who not only knew the game but who played it according to the rules. Nay more, he would go out of his way to help an opponent. On one occasion he was for the defendant in a complicated libel case. Counsel for the plaintiff had made a slip in his pleading, a slip which, if taken advantage of, might have imperilled the plaintiff's case. Instead of taking the advantage thus presented to him, our latest Judge sent a private note to his learned friend to point out the mistake. This is but a single instance from amongst many chivalrous actions. Small wonder then, that the profession rejoice at the preferment of this member of the Junior Bar. Junior Counsel to the Treasury