

to my clerk." Another, equally eminent in his profession said: "I got on in spite of my clerk." At times the relationship is of a most cordial description. When an eminent Chancery Judge, who has recently retired, was a junior in flourishing practice he lived, to all outward appearances, in a state of constant embroilment with his clerk. The latter said to the writer upon one occasion: "The governor dismisses me nearly every week, but I turns up, reg'lar, on Monday mornings." Man and boy, he was clerk for 40 years, following his master on to the Bench. When this faithful servant died, a few years ago, the learned judge was heartbroken.

HOW A BARRISTER'S CLERK WAS OUTWITTED.

A story used to be told about the clerk to an eminent common law judge now, alas, no more. In the midst of an enormous practice, his master was raised to the Bench. A fat brief had just been delivered, which the clerk was told to return to the solicitor. He was to point out, however, that it would be contrary to etiquette to return the fee. The solicitor came round to congratulate the eminent King's Counsel upon the honour which the Lord Chancellor had conferred upon him. To the clerk he said: "I am greatly obliged to you for returning the papers; and as I knew it might be a violation of professional usage for you to return the cheque, I took the precaution of stopping it at the bank."

RE NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

Of the members of the legal profession honoured by the King on New Year's Day one of the most conspicuous is Lord Mersey, who has received a step in the peerage. He will in future be known as Viscount Mersey. A man of charming personality and high legal attainments, his promotion is well deserved. One is reminded of a famous motto attributed to this distinguished judge, when he first became a member of the Upper House. An old member of the Northern Circuit, to which the present Attorney-General (Sir F. E. Smith) also belonged,