

under £100,000, we find: John Clayton (town clerk of Newcastle-upon-Tyne), £728,746. Joseph Maynard, £436,383; Chas. Kaye Freshfield, £256,089; Sir William Richard Drake, £237,080; Bernard Wake (Sheffield), £100,614; John Giles Mounsey (Carlisle), £128,038; Alfred Grundy (Manchester), £121,962; Robert Edmund Mellersh (Godalming), £193,607; George Woodcock (Birmingham), £113,324; George Burrow Gregory, £186,307; Charles Bull (Bedford Row), £133,358; Preston Karlake (Regent Street), £180,288; Frederick Willmott (Hawks, Willmott & Stokes), £117,766; Bartle John Laurie Frere (Frere, Foster & Co.), £114,392; Edward Walmisley (Abingdon Street), £133,240; Frederick Itid Nicholl (Howard Street), £106,057; William Smith (Stockport), £115,057; John Hope (Edinburgh), £145,223; Henry Ray Freshfield, £338,630. Total, £5,160,995. An average of forty-four estates (over and under £100,000 included) gives a fortune of £117,000 to each solicitor. Judging by these results, it pays better to be a solicitor than a barrister. The *Law Journal*, commenting on the above, says: "Of all the fallacious methods of ascertaining the prosperity of a profession, probably the most unreliable is counting the fortunes left by its old members. A contemporary has devoted a lengthy article to 'Lawyers' Fortunes,' in which the wealth that was bequeathed is treated as the accumulated results of professional labors. Little value, as a matter of fact, can be attached to the figures, because it is impossible to tell to what extent inherited wealth is responsible for them. During the past six years the three judges who left the largest fortunes were Sir Montague Edward Smith (£238,615), Sir James Bacon (£135,647), and Sir Henry Manisty (£122,815). The three wealthiest members of the Bar were Mr. Frederick Calvert, Q.C. (£255,043), Mr. Edward Kent Karlake, Q.C. (£207,960), and Mr. G. S. Fereday Smith (£172,920); while the three solicitors who possessed the largest estates were Mr. John Clayton, town clerk of Newcastle-on-Tyne (£728,746), Mr. Joseph Maynard, of Crowder & Maynard (£436,383), and Mr. Henry R. Freshfield, formerly solicitor to the Bank of England (£338,630). With the exception of Sir Henry Manisty and Sir James Bacon, both of whom had exceptionally long careers on the Bench, all these rich lawyers derived the larger part of their wealth from sources other than their professional labors."