

from your Lordship's remarks in the argument of such and such a case." He asked, "Did I say that?" I answered, "I have the shorthand notes before me, and your Lordship is made to say that." He said, "If I said that, with very great respect for myself, I think I was wrong."

The present constitution of the Privy Council as a whole is not of much importance. It is never called together except in case of the demise of the Crown. Parliament has, however, taken into its own hands the constitution of the Judicial Committee. The Committee was formerly constituted by the Privy Council itself but that practice no longer obtains.

At the present time the Judicial Committee consists of the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, an *ex-Lords* President, six Lords of Appeal in Ordinary, those members of the Privy Council who have held high judicial office (Lord Chancellor, member of the Judicial Committee, Lord of Appeal in Ordinary or Judge of a Superior Court in England, Ireland or Scotland) and seven from the Dominions overseas.

The present Chancellor is Lord Buckmaster (at least he was yesterday; I do not know whether he is to-day), long an active and successful practitioner at the English Bar. He was Solicitor General on the resignation of Lord Haldane in 1915, and on Sir John Simon the Attorney General declining to accept the Woolsack (as he preferred to remain in the House of Commons and active politics) Buckmaster received the prize of the profession.

Former Lords Chancellors are the Earl of Halsbury, over ninety-one years of age, but still vigorous physi-