

opinion upon it. His knowledge of the law was vast; his power of expressing what the law was you all have experienced often and often. I cannot fail to say that the workings of his mind were so beautifully fine that sometimes what he said escaped me. My mind is not so finely edged. I am more inclined to consider cases and to form my opinions on them in a rougher business manner, and to use rougher business language when dealing with matters of law relating to business. His mind was so beautifully fine and subtle that he delivered perfectly expressed essays upon the law which will be handed down for use by future generations of lawyers. His manner never swerved from a gentle kindness to every one. In private life I did not have the same advantage of knowing him so intimately as did others, some of whom are present here. Still I knew him well. That charming mind and perfection of diction were as great in private life as in Court, and gained for him the admiration and affection of all who knew him. I cannot fail to express my own deep sorrow and regret at the loss which we have sustained, and how that loss can be made up for us I myself cannot see. In uttering these few remarks I speak on behalf of all his late colleagues in this Court, and I think I may add on behalf of all the other judges with whom he was associated in his judicial career.

The Attorney-General said: My Lord,—I feel certain that your lordship has only been fulfilling the expectation of the Bar in uttering the words which you have just spoken. The Bar would have been disappointed if so great a judge as the late Lord Bowen, who had been so long engaged in the administration of justice, had passed away without some reference being made to so sad an event. My lord, the Bar thank you for your kind and sympathetic words. Having myself known him for quite forty years, and having known him intimately for a great part of that time, I would not wish to use language of exaggeration in speaking of the great loss that we have all sustained; but I do not think it any exaggeration to say that the world is poorer by the loss of a great man, the country is poorer by the loss of a great judge—a judge of rare and unique power, and we of the Bar mourn the loss of as genial, kindly, and trusted a friend as ever lived.