

daughter, Lady Musgrave, and a sojourn in Italy, and was apparently full of vigor and his usual high spirits. But a serious attack of the grip two years ago had insidiously sapped his strength, and he fell a victim to pneumonia in a few hours. Except for a slight stoop and a little deafness, and the failing of sight ordinary in persons of his years, Mr. Field seemed in perfect health and strength, and not unlikely to achieve his often declared purpose of living to the age of a hundred years.

In Mr. Field has passed away the most conspicuous legal figure of the world for the last half century. Undoubtedly he was the best known and most widely celebrated lawyer of that period, at home and abroad. His labors in domestic law reform had made his name the most familiar and his reputation the most commanding in this country, and his achievements in international law and law reform had given him an extensive influence in England, on the continent of Europe, and indeed in almost every part of the world where law is prevalent and respected and where there is any desire to make laws better.

Mr. Field was in a great legal practice and had a commanding influence in our courts until he retired, less than ten years ago. In his later years he took only such cases as he desired, and was in constant request as a counsellor where vast financial interests were involved, either of an individual or a corporate character. It is understood that he had accumulated a large fortune in the active practice of his profession and by judicious ventures and investments. He had an extremely practical mind, and was a very sagacious man of business, not only as an adviser but in his own affairs—a combination not very often occurring, for lawyers are quite generally, we believe, rather inferior in judgment in their own business matters. Mr. Field, by habit, induced by the necessities of his early years, practised the New England thrift in small things, while in larger affairs he did not scruple to spend money liberally. He was aware that he had the reputation of being parsimonious and grasping, and several years ago he confided to us a fact which he would not have allowed to be heralded in his life, but which his death allows us to divulge: when Chief-Justice Taney died in penury, and leaving a daughter without means of support, there was a proposal among the national bar to make some provision for her, but it moved so sluggishly and seemed so likely to fail, that Mr. Field voluntarily came forward and gave his personal bond to the