

It may suffice for our purpose to quote here a portion of his remarks on the death of the Duke of Clarence :

"It is our bounden duty, to-day, to express the profound sorrow with which we have heard of the death of Prince Albert Victor, heir presumptive to the Crown of England.

"We join with all our hearts in the deep mourning in which our gracious Sovereign, the Prince and Princess of Wales, all the members of the royal family, and the betrothed of the illustrious deceased, are plunged, and we desire to convey to them most respectfully our sympathy and condolence.

"Placed by his birth in a wholly exceptional position, after having undergone such trials and labors as were inseparable from a preparation for a life such as that which opened before him, the Prince, arrived at the age of manhood, and just at the commencement of his career, and on the eve of his approaching marriage which promised so much happiness, found himself called upon to resign the glory of reigning over one of the most powerful nations on earth, and to endure the anguish of parting from her whom he had chosen to be the companion of his life.

"But Death, indifferent to human happiness or misery, choosing its victims on the steps of the throne or in the cottage of the lowly, leaves everywhere the same painful void.

"The pangs of bereavement are ever the same : the diadem may not hinder the eyes from weeping, nor the robe of royalty the heart from bleeding.

"We trust that Providence may not refuse to these illustrious personages, in their affliction, the balm of consolation poured into the wounds of the least of His servants."

It now only remains for us to speak of Mr. Lacoste in the intimacy of private life. This learned magistrate, who has spent his lifetime in the stern study of the law, is, in his own home, the kindest, gentlest and most accessible of men. There he throws off the legal luminary. In our Chief Justice at home, there is nothing that savors of posing for effect, much less of haughtiness of manner ; he has a horror of over-strained conventionality. As is not uncommon with cultured minds held mostly at high tension, he enjoys "the little warfare" of badinage, in which he sometimes allows the arrows of his wit to play mercilessly around his friends ; but these light