

CHIEF JUSTICE COCKBURN—LAW SOCIETY.

such a "facer;" if Sir Alexander Cockburn had had his way it would not have been necessary to squabble over money, to which they have since been compelled to admit they were never entitled.

Sir Alexander was a man of versatile talent, of great mental force, and of personal qualities that gave him great influence with men. He had, moreover, a voice of remarkable flexibility and power, a gift of language seldom excelled; and is said to have been the best speaker of his day, or perhaps of the century.

One striking feature in his character was his reverence for the position he held, and a high sense of the responsibilities thereby devolving upon him. This, though unfortunately not exhibited in private to the same extent as in public life, is well put by the same paper from which we have already culled.—"To feel the greatness of a great position, to appreciate the dignity and the responsibility involved in being a successor to men whose names will live as long as English history endures, to delight in the forms and names and ceremonies which recalled the traditional importance of his office, was in Sir Alexander Cockburn's case no mere joy in childish pomp, nor any mere gratification of personal vanity, but the expression of the sentiment which has again and again elevated smaller men than he was into great characters—the feeling that great place demands the display of public virtues. He belonged in truth by character to the eighteenth rather than to the nineteenth century."

We regret that a record of Sir Alexander Cockburn's life compels the faithful journalist to notice the great blot in his character, viz: the irregularity of his domestic relations. Offences of this nature are bad enough in any man, but however society may excuse them when committed by private citizens, they cannot be passed over without severe censure when charged against one occupying the position which the Chief Justice did.

He died suddenly on the 20th November

last at the age of seventy-eight. A few hours previously he was presiding over the Court for the consideration of Crown Cases Reserved. He was buried, at his own request, in Kensal Green cemetery, and not in Westminster Abbey.

LAW SOCIETY.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1880.

The following is the *Resume* of the proceedings of the Benchers during the last Term, published by authority:—

MONDAY, 15th November.

Present,—Messrs. Irving, Kerr, Crickmore, MacKelcan, MacLennan, McMichael, Bethune, Benson, Smith, Hoskin.

Mr. MacLennan was appointed chairman in the absence of the Treasurer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Examiners on the examination for call to the bar, and the Secretary's Report, were received, read, and adopted.

Ordered, that Messrs. P. C. MacNee, R. H. Myers, and A. D. Perry, be called to the bar, and that Messrs. Ponton, Ede, Brown, Moffat, and Irving be called on completing their papers.

The Report of the Examiners on the examination of candidates for certificates of fitness, and the Secretary's Report, were received, read, and adopted.

Ordered, that the following gentlemen do receive their certificates of fitness, namely:—

Messrs. A. D. Perry, J. Harley, W. A. Wilkes, D. H. Cooper, F. C. Moffatt, J. R. Lavell, W. N. Ponton, P. A. Irving and W. D. Swayze; and that the cases of Messrs. R. Harcourt, C. H. Allen, E. B. Brown, J. L. Dowlin, R. H. Myers, and W. B. McAlise, be referred to the Committee on Legal Education for report.

The Report of the Examiners on the first intermediate examination, and the Secretary's Report thereon, were received and read.

Ordered, that the following gentlemen be allowed their first intermediate examination as students and articulated clerks, namely:—

J. A. C. Reynolds, J. A. Walker, G. B. Douglas, E. J. Hearn, D. H. Tennent, H. I. Eberts, C. R. Irvine, C. H. Cline, Jas. Campbell, J. E. Bullen, I. Stewart, F. E.