

clerk. They were followed by the Land Officers of the Crown and a large number of His Majesty's Counsel learned in the law. This is the only occasion in the year when the Great Hall serves any purpose connected with the law, although indeed since war began it has been put to strange uses—either as a drill ground for volunteers or as a place of safety during air raids. It only contains one ornament of note—the marble statute. Lord Russell of Killowen, seated in his judicial chair, occupies the north-eastern corner of the hall.

JUDICIAL CHANGES.

Notwithstanding the protests of the lay press, the Lord Chancellor had filled two judicial vacancies. Mr. Clavell Salter, K.C., M.P., has been appointed a judge in the room of Mr. Justice Low who died during the Long Vacation, while Mr. Alexander Adair Roche, K.C., takes the place of Mr. Justice Ridley who has resigned. Both appointments are heartily approved by the legal profession. Mr. Clavell Salter was a lawyer first and a politician afterwards. He was an able advocate both at nisi prius and in banc. His deliberate yet forceful eloquence had a wonderful influence with a jury. In the Court of Appeal it was a pleasure to listen to him. He always chose language in which there was no flaw, and he marshalled his facts and arguments in a perfect sequence. I recall an occasion when he was addressing a court in which the late Sir Richard Henn Collins, M.R., was presiding. Mr. Salter was apparently citing some authority, when the Master of the Rolls intervened:

"What part of the judgment are you reading from now, Mr. Salter?"

"Oh! my lord," said the advocate, "I was not reading anything, I was making my own observations."

"I beg your pardon" said the Master of the Rolls, "but your manner was so very judicial that I thought"—the rest of of the sentence was lost in the laughter which filled the Court.

ANOTHER COMMERCIAL JUDGE.

In Mr. Justice Adair Roche we shall welcome to judicial office a lawyer who has made his name in the Commercial Court.