

sides his duties as Clerk of the Court of Appeal Mr. Marchand was also entrusted with the important task of preparing the judgments of distribution in Superior Court cases.

Mr. Marchand was a man of unusual ability, and always extremely devoted to duty. He would have filled with credit and distinction a position on the bench, as was shown by the general soundness of his decisions on difficult points arising in the drafting of reports of distribution. He was more than the faithful and trusted official: he was held in affectionate regard by all who came into contact with him in the daily round of business. Of a gentle and lovable disposition, neither obtrusive nor self-seeking, his chief pleasure was in the conscientious performance of duty, and his great regret, during an illness of several months, was that he was debarred from attendance at his office. The last term of the Court which he attended was in January last.

GENERAL NOTES.

THE LATE LORD BLACKBURN.—The *London Law Times* has the following sonnet on the late Judge:—

“ A name to hold in honor! England owes
 A debt to thee which she can never pay.
 As to the sturdy oak the sapling grows,
 As glimmering morn becomes the perfect day,
 So you, in strenuous labor of your youth,
 Upon the stony sub-soil of the law
 Mortared great knowledge with a love of truth,
 And built a fame which all who knew you saw
 Project itself upon your growing life,
 Great Prince of Interrupters—(how long now
 Your train of imitators in the strife!)—
 Your hasty speech was but the upward flow
 From wells of learning. Ne'er was yours the *role*
 Of empty vapping in the public eye
 On themes not legal. Your high-soaring soul
 Sought duty's path, wherever it might lie.
 Neither the platform's nor the Senate's heat
 Distracted you, or warped your equal view
 Of all mankind. Thus, on the printed sheet,
 Colleagu'd by Cockburn, Bramwell, Brett, are you
 Enshrined in judgments of both grit and core,
 Which must survive till law shall be no more.”