

*REFRESHMENTS ON THE BENCH.*

In the late Lord Cockburn's "Circuit Journeys" it is recorded that "at Edinburgh the old judges had a practice, at which even their barbaric age used to shake its head. They had always wine and biscuits on the bench when the business was to be plainly protracted beyond the usual dinner hour. The modern judges—those, I mean, who were made after 1800—never gave in to this: but with those of the preceding generation, some of whom lasted several years after 1800, it was quite familiar. Black bottles of strong port were set down beside them on the bench, with glasses, carafes of water, tumblers, and biscuits; and this without the slightest shame or attempt at concealment. The refreshment was generally allowed to stand untouched and as if despised, for a short while, during which their lordships seemed to be intent only on their notes. But in a little while some water was poured into the tumbler and sipped quietly, as if merely to sustain nature. Then a few drops of wine were ventured on, but only with the water. Till at last patience could refrain no longer, and a full bumper of the pure black element was tossed over, after which the thing went on regularly, and there was a comfortable munching and quaffing, to the great envy of the parched throats in the gallery. The strong headed ones stood it tolerably well. Bacchus had never an easy victory over Braxfield. But it told plainly enough upon the feeble or the twaddling, such as Eskgrove and Craig. Not that the ermine was absolutely intoxicated. But it was certainly muzzy. This, however, was so ordinary with these sages that it really made little apparent odds upon them. Their noses got a little redder and their speech somewhat thicker, and they became drowsier. But these changes were not perceptible at a distance; and they all acquired the habit of sitting and looking judicial enough, even when their bottles had reached the lowest ebb."

Lord Cockburn himself never emulated these giants, not even in his younger days, when he bids thus: "Take notice, there never was the slightest drunkenness. Elevation there was; but it stopped far, far below the intoxication mark. Excess in

wine was never the habit of any set of friends into which I have been thrown." Yet at his Jedburg circuit dinner in 1851 "nineteen persons drank thirty-five bottles of port."

*ADVICE TO YOUNG LAWYERS.*

In Philadelphia, Justice Paxton, of the State Supreme Court, in the rooms of the Pennsylvania Historical Society, delivered an interesting address on the "Road to success in the Law, or Practical Hints to the Junior Bar." Among other things he said:—

"If you find your client is trying to obtain possession of anything to which he has no legal right, you are, in assisting him, a participer in the crime, and you are committing robbery by means of the law.

"You must not tell falsehoods, not even with a mental reservation. When a lawyer obtains a reputation for sincerity and honesty he is on a fair road to success.

"Remain in your office when you are not forced to be absent from it by professional duties. You can obtain many clients by always being at your post.

"To all I recommend patience; do not solicit business, as that is most unprofessional.

"Be careful how heavily you charge your first client; in your eagerness to get the golden egg, don't kill the goose that lays it.

"If your client's case is a hopeless one tell him so at once. Frivolous litigation only rebounds upon the lawyer.

"Attend to your client's business promptly. I press this upon you with all earnestness. It is the lazy man with little business, who is careless of the little he has.

"Don't learn to lean upon the advice of others. Depend on yourself. Get the law from the books and not second hand from an old practitioner.

"Be prompt in paying your clients the money you have collected for them. This I consider of vital importance.

"Be careful of your habits. I have heard of the care of large estates taken from men simply because they drank. There are no drinking saloons, licensed or unlicensed, along the road to success.

"In addressing a jury don't make long