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passed to Sir William Horne for the present of the portrait of the celebrated lawyer, Lord Mansfield, who for thirty years presided over the Court of King's Bench. Owen's picture of Lord Tenterden was presented, in 1850, by the present Lord Tenterden; and in 1839 Mr. Bayley presented the likeness of his father, Sir John Bayley, to the Inn; and in the same year Lord Lyndhurst presented the Society with the portrait, by Phillips, of himself. The Society has also a fine portrait of the late Lord Chancellor Truro, by T. Y. Gooderson, after Grant, R.A.; of this the following is a minute of the Board of Green Cloth, November 3rd, 1861:—

"Mr. Serjeant Manning, the Treasurer, stated that Lady Truro had presented a portrait of Lord Truro, which in reliance upon the gallantry of the Judges and Serjeants, Serjeant Manning had taken upon himself to suspend in the Hall. Resolved that the present be acknowledged by a deputation consisting of the Junior Judge, Mr. Serjeant Storks, and the Treasurer."

The only portrait of a modern Serjeant (not a Judge) suspended to the walls is that of Mr. Serjeant Adams, for many years Acting-Treasurer to the Society, and Chairman of the Middlesex Bench of Magistrates, and Assistant-Judge of the Sessions. This portrait was partly the substitute for a presentation of a piece of plate to the Serjeant, in consequence of his able management of the rebuilding of the Inn, and in token of his exertions for many years, in the interest of the Society. At the Board of Green Cloth, January 15th, 1839, it was resolved:—

"That the Judges and Serjeants, Members of this Society, are deeply grateful to Mr. Serjeant Adams for the ability, the judgment, and the unwearied zeal, which he has exerted in the enfranchisement of their ancient site, to which they chiefly attribute the happy results which have been finally reported to-day; and as a small memorial of their appreciation of so noble a service, they solicit his acceptance of a piece of plate of the value of 100 guineas, to which they will all contribute, which the Treasurer will procure; for which Mr. Baron Alderson will supply an appropriate inscription; and which they trust Mr. Serjeant Adams will esteem, not with reference to its unworthiness in the point of value, but to the cordiality with which it is offered him."

But at a subsequent meeting of the Board it was resolved to request, in its place, the Serjeant to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the hall, the additional expense beyond 100 guineas to be defrayed out of the funds of the Society.

We believe that the last portrait presented to the Society is that of Sir William Erie.

In addition to the oil paintings which decorate the walls of the hall, there are three or four water-colour drawings and a large collection of very valuable and scarce prints in

frames, executed by the leading artists of the day, most of which have been copied and engraved from coloured portraits. There are also a large number collected together in a portfolio, only remaining there for want of space to exhibit.

The catalogue gives the whole in numerical order, and no small pains have been taken to make it in every way complete; great attention having been paid to the correctness of the dates of births, appointments, and deaths.

In fine, this attention paid to the structure of Serjeants' Inn and to its history, speaks well for the prosperity and permanence of this most ancient and honourable Society, whose well-being is of moment to all members of the legal profession. The serjeants-at-law are, be it remembered, independent of the Crown, and have been at all times the staunch upholders and defenders of the law, the constitution, and the liberties of this country. Their ranks should always be well filled, and it is a pity that there should be now any vacancies left open in the appointments of their leaders, the Queen's Serjeants, who are an old institution of the State.—*Law Review*.

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Misrepresentations in Campbell's lives of Lyndhurst and Brougham corrected by St. Leonards.

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The nonagenarian ex Chancellor is as plucky and almost as vigorous as was the Sir E. Sugden of half a century ago. Last week the learned and venerable lord appeared in the witness-box and gave his evidence not only with lucidity, but he also showed the counsel who cross-examined him that he could still hold his own in a legal fight. A yet more conspicuous witness of the unfailing powers of Lord St. Leonards is his reply to some of the misrepresentations in Campbell's lives of Lyndhurst and Brougham. Before the posthumous volume of Lord Campbell's work was nine days old, Lord St. Leonards was out with his rejoinder. We are of opinion that the learned lord need not have been at the pains of answering the statements of a work which has been, so far as we know, censured by the whole world of critics. The lives of Lyndhurst and Brougham are such a gross caricature that no one can be deceived. It seems that Lord Campbell could not think well or write fairly of any lawyer who was contemporary with him. It was his opinion that his rivals were vastly inferior in intellect and moral character to John Campbell, and it was his apparent object in preparing the last volume of his *Lives* to inform a benighted world that in the nineteenth century there was only one great and worthy lawyer, and that eminent and exceptional individual was John, Lord Campbell. However, we can hardly be surprised that Lord St. Leonards could not resist the temptation of exposing some of the misrepresentations that especially relate to himself.