

and learning eminently fitted him to sit in the Final Court of Appeal, and one or two of the judgments he delivered displayed his great powers of keen reasoning and lucid exposition, but his opportunities were not numerous enough to enable him to show the full extent of his attainments. A man of simple pleasures, Lord Hannen was fonder of rural than of social life. Most of his holidays were spent at a charming retreat, where he was extremely popular among the humblest of his neighbours. Some thirty years ago Lord Hannen was regarded as an advanced Liberal. He stood for Shoreham in 1865, but his only effort to obtain a seat in the House of Commons was not successful, and probably the result was a fortunate one, because three years later he was raised to the Bench by Lord Beaconsfield, who might not have chosen him had he been sitting in the House of Commons as the representative of a Liberal constituency. Lord Hannen was married in 1847, the year before that in which he was called to the Bar. Lady Hannen died twenty-two years ago.

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On Tuesday, April 3, the first day of the Easter Sittings, reference was made by the Lord Chief Justice of England, the President (Sir Francis Jeune) of the Probate, Divorce, and Admiralty Division, and by Mr. Justice Barnes, to the death of the late Lord Hannen.

The Lord Chief Justice said that if there had been a greater English judge during the seventy-three years of his life than Lord Hannen it had not been his good fortune to see him. That he was a man of great ability, of remarkable learning, of intellect, strong, capacious, and penetrating power; that he was a man of inflexible integrity and stainless honour—this the whole country knew. But the whole country did not know, perhaps, that it was left with those who were blessed with his friendship to discover his warm heart, his steadfast kindness, his generous judgment, his rare consideration for the feelings of others, and his perhaps very moderate estimate of his own powers. Without going beyond the limits of good taste, he (the Lord Chief Justice) might raise for one moment the veil of sacred friendship, and say that he had known Lord Hannen for fifty years, ever since they were students at the Middle Temple together, and that in his case at least respect deepened into reverence and regard into love.