

Than Rufus Daniel Isaacs—or "Rufus"—when at the bar there was no more capable advocate in his time. He rose rapidly to the head of his profession. He was one of those who, to get on, "eschewed delights and lived laborious days." Once at a public dinner, when his health was proposed, it was stated that "he was wonderfully well, considering that he never went to bed except in the Long Vacation." He was popular amongst his professional brethren, and always ready to help a lame dog over a stile.

THE OFFICE OF THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE.

That an English Chief Justice should forsake the Bench to be sent forth as ambassador is probably quite unprecedented. His is the highest purely judicial office in the United Kingdom—for the Lord Chancellor (his only superior in legal precedence) performs functions other than judicial. The Lord Chief Justice is an *ex officio* member of the Court of Appeal; but unlike the other members of that Court he can also sit as a judge of first instance either in London or at Assizes. If he is a Peer of the Realm he can attend the House of Lords and act as a member of the Judicial Committee of that august tribunal. The Lord Chief Justice of England holds another office of which most people are unaware. He is our Chief Coroner. It is said that when the late Lord Russell of Killowen—one of the greatest of our recent Chief Justices—was staying in the country near Epsom, a visitor died suddenly in the house. The relatives were very reluctant to have an inquest, but Lord Russell pointed out that the local coroner was bound to do his duty and that he as Chief Coroner was bound to see that he did it.

THE CORONER'S JURY.

On many—alas! too many—occasions recently the coroner's jury has been summoned to inquire into the cause of death of air raid victims. Such inquests often appear to be a mere waste of time, but they are necessary all the same. The coroner and his jury exercise an important function. It is for them to inquire