

NOTES FROM THE ENGLISH INNS OF COURT.

LORD PARKER OF WADDINGTON.

In the death of Lord Parker of Waddington, not only the legal profession but the British Empire has sustained a very serious loss. Here was a lawyer "*sans peur et sans reproche*" one of the brightest ornaments of the House of Lords and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. An Eton scholar, and a Senior Classic at the University of Cambridge, he evinced remarkable mental powers at a very early age, and soon after his call to the Bar he acquired a large practice on the equity side. His services, however, were not long retained for the private litigant. When Sir Mathew Ingle Joyce was raised to the Bench, R. J. Parker took his place as Junior Counsel to the Treasury in chancery matters.

It has been for many years an established practice that the Attorney-General's devil shall be made a judge. Before very long Mr. Parker became a judge, and it was on the Bench that his great talents really had full scope. Some years ago a case arose in which the whole theory and practice of wireless telegraphy had to be enquired into. A complete installation was erected in Mr. Justice Parker's court, and for many weeks scientific questions of great difficulty were enquired into. Most of the leading experts of the day were cross-examined. As one of them—a friend of mine—left the court after judgment was delivered he said to me: "Of all the men in that court who do you think knows most about the Marconi invention?" I gave it up. He said, "Mr. Justice Parker!" Parker, however, was not long to sit as a puisne judge. He was translated to a higher sphere. At a very early period he was made a Law Lord. It is from the House of Lords and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council that he will now be missed.

THE END OF THE WAR.

The voice of the prophet who essays to give the date when the great war will come to an end has not been heard for some time. This is partly due to the fact that events have even falsified the