

Bench and Bar.

LORD MACNAGHTEN'S SUCCESSOR.

Sir Robert John Parker, one of the justices of the Chancery Division of the English High Court, succeeds the late Lord Macnaghten as Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, taking the title of Lord Parker of Warrington. Lord Parker's elevation is unprecedented, no other puisne judge having become a Lord of Appeal without first serving as a Lord Justice. As a Chancery judge he had occasion to deal with many patent cases and he is skilled in that branch of the law, and the *Law Journal* speaks highly of "his fine judicial spirit, his strong inclination to disregard mere technicality, and his urbane air of scholarship." Mr. Justice Sargant receives the vacant place in the Chancery Division.—Ex.

REASON FOR JUDICIAL PATIENCE.

An exchange, speaking of a learned and well known Chief Justice of Ontario, says that he is sometimes a rather arbitrary and curt ruler of the court. "On a recent occasion a prominent member of the Bar was presenting his argument to the learned judge and was proceeding to elaborate on a certain point of law which he thought had an important bearing on the issue. But the judge thought otherwise. He was impatient. For a while he listened to the lawyer's argument, then he leaned back with an air of boredom, and interrupted with: 'Mr. ———, it seems to me that this is not relevant. What reason is there why I should be compelled to listen to all this?' The counsel's mouth had just a suspicion of a smile round its corners as he answered: 'Reason, my lord—why, \$8,000 per year.' "

LORD GORELL.

John Gorell Barnes (who died recently at Mentone of an attack of influenza) was born in May, 1848, and was the son of Mr. Henry Barnes, a ship-owner, of Liverpool. He went to Peterhouse, Cambridge, and took his degree in mathematical honours in 1868, when he was barely twenty. Entering the Inner Temple, he became a pupil of the late Lord Justice Matthew, and was