

and it is impossible to refer to judicial bearing without having the "Essay on Judicature" in mind. "An over-speaking Judge is no well-tuned cymbal. It is no grace to a Judge, first to find that which he might have heard in due time from the Bar, or to shew quickness of deceit in cutting off evidence or counsel too short, or to prevent information by questions though pertinent." All this, however, is outside the real everyday relationship of Bar and Bench, which is one of quiet co-operation in the administration of justice. Mr. Strahan—may we say, as in the "Bidding Prayer," "as in private duty bound"—commends as the best example of this the ordinary relationship of a Chancery Judge and the leaders of his Court, by which business is so much facilitated, "The Judge trusts implicitly to the word of counsel, and his trust is never betrayed;" though neither Mr. Strahan nor ourselves would suggest that this rule of conduct is confined either to the inner Bar or to the Chancery Division.—*Solicitor's Journal*.

COUNSEL AND CLIENTS.

The relation of counsel to their lay clients is always something of a mystery to the latter. The client cannot understand the exertions of his advocate without believing that he takes a special and personal interest in the case. And yet the mastery of the facts is but for a brief period. They are forgotten as soon as learnt. A junior counsel was suddenly brought into a case in which Sir Charles Russell had already appeared in on several occasions. He was surprised that his leader relied on him for the facts. "I know nothing about it," said Sir Charles. "But," replied the junior, "you have argued it three times already." "I tell you I know nothing about it," answered Sir Charles angrily. "If I remembered all the facts in all the cases I have been in, what sort of a thing would my head be now, do you think?" But, as Mr. Strahan says, the superficial knowledge which counsel cram up has "usually vast *lucuna* in it, which, when discovered, reveal the abysmal ignorance which lies behind"—an ignorance which may well be disastrous when technical knowledge is in