

wild over it; both kings and peasants found hope in it. And a noteworthy document it is; well calculated to arouse Carlyle's enthusiasm for the strong and heroic; and well deserving the special enthusiasm of all who have to do with law and lawyers. Surely these extracts from the famous document are not grown entirely archaic in these days of equal rights for none and special privileges for all. Heroic judges might commend these words to some of their suitors:—

"The King's desire always is and was, that everybody, be they low or high, rich or poor, get prompt justice; and that, without regard of person or rank, no subject of his fail at any time of equal right and protection from his courts of law.

"Wherefore with respect to this most unjust sentence against the miller Arnold of the Pommerzig Crabmill, pronounced in Neumark and confirmed here in Berlin, the King will establish a never-to-be-forgotten example; to the end that all courts of justice in all the King's provinces may take warning thereby, and not commit the like glaring unjust acts. For let them bear in mind that even a beggar is no less than His Majesty a human being, and one to whom due justice must be meted out.....And whenever the law courts do not carry out justice in a straightforward manner, without fear or favor, but put aside natural fairness, then let them look out for *Seiner Königlichen Majestät*. For a court of law doing injustice is more dangerous and pernicious than a band of thieves; against these one can protect himself; but against rogues who make use of the cloak of justice to accomplish their evil passions, against such no man can guard himself. These are worse than the greatest knaves the world contains, and deserve double punishment.....Courts which fail to deal in equity and justice and natural fairness henceforth can see from the example I have made in this case, that they will be visited with swift and rigorous punishment.

"Of which all Colleges of Justice in all His Majesty's provinces are particularly to take notice."

And they did take notice, and do to this day.—O. F. Hershey in "*The Green Bag*."

#### THE LATE MR. JUSTICE BLACKBURN.

The death of Lord Blackburn took place on the 8th January. He was born in 1813, and educated at Eton, whence he proceeded to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in 1835 as