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Mr. Justice Bucknill

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THOMAS TOWNSEND BUCKNILL became the second son of one of Her Majesty's Visitors in Lunacy just five-and-fifty years ago, so that he is still quite a young Judge. He was a Westminster boy who was called to the Bar at three-and-twenty, and began to practise in the Admiralty Court. There at one time he shared with the present Mr. Justice Barnes the bulk of the junior practice, and when the two took silk and Mr. Barnes took most of the practice within the Bar, he rightly determined to work in the Queen's Bench and to lead the Western Circuit. Without being great in either direction, he was a sound lawyer and a good advocate; while few barristers have been so generally or deservedly popular with the Bench or the profession. He lives at Epsom, and when there happened a vacancy in that division he was chosen to fill it, and he only left the House for the Bench. He was once standing Counsel to the Royal College of Physicians, and he has been a Recorder. He is a good all-round sportsman who never did or said an unkind thing. Yet he has been guilty of several legal works.

He is a good-tempered, capable, hard-working Judge, in whom is no fault unless it be the exuberance of his good nature.
"Tommy"

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