

## A. J. C. Mackarness

AT Petersfield County Court on Friday, His Honour Judge A. Tylor, KC, paid the following tribute to Mr. Mackarness.

"Arthur John Coleridge Mackarness, as his name suggests, came from a great legal family, and it was quite natural that he should devote himself to the profession of the law. He was at school at Winchester and became a solicitor. More than 45 years ago he was appointed Registrar of this Court and he died in harness only last Monday, after serving with four generations of judges, of whom I am the last.

I should like to say how personally grateful I am not only for the assistance he has given me in the performance of my duties but also for the many acts of kindness he has shown me outside this Court.

He had many great qualities. An uncompromising integrity of mind and a dignified yet friendly courtesy which was in the tradition of his old school. As an Old Wykehamist, his motto was "Manners Makyth Man".

Nothing ever ruffled him or made him lose his temper with those who took a different view. He had an intense love of justice and fair dealing.

With qualities such as these he filled this office not only with efficiency, but with great distinction and in so doing endeared himself not only to his staff but to all those who practised in this Court.

He had a great many interests

outside this Court and he was always ready when called upon to give his counsel and help in the furtherance of any project he thought could be beneficial to his fellow men.

The span of his life exceeded that granted to most human beings, but in spite of that his mental faculties remained undimmed to a remarkable degree, and up to his serious illness about a year ago, his physical activity may well have been envied by men much younger.

He was outstandingly, to my mind, a happy man. He enjoyed himself and made other people feel he enjoyed himself.

Nearly 1900 years ago, a famous Roman statesman and philosopher wrote a eulogy on the pleasures and enjoyment of old age.

Mr. Mackarness has always been, to my mind, a supreme example of that happiness old age can bring. Happy in the many and varied memories in a long, busy and honourable life. He was happy in a home that had grown to maturity under his personal care and in the companionship of a devoted wife.

He was happy in the consciousness that he was loved and respected by all who knew him.

He was a man who deserves to be remembered."

These well-merited tributes leave little for us to add. Our town has lost a worthy citizen who will be remembered with honour and affection for many years to come.