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It is more than six years since Sir Verdant died. His career is fully described in the Supplement to the Dictionary of National Biography.

Readers of that immortal work, 'The Adventures of Verdant Green,' will remember that in his early days he was intended for the profession of a country squire. The agricultural depression altered the face of things, and Verdant went to the Bar. He prospered.

There was certainly, as the Dictionary says, 'some question in the Radical papers as to his qualifications for the elevated post of a judge of

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the High Court.' But it is not true that 'he owed his advancement to his influential connections on the Sappey side.' It was a well-deserved honour. Though neither learned nor eloquent, Sir Verdant had that indefinable quality so essential in a judge, which can only be described as 'the Court manner:' a certain detachment of mind, a certain freshness, and ignorance of matters of common knowledge, which is so necessary to lighten the otherwise tedious formality of the law.

However, it is not with Sir Verdant that we are concerned, but with his family.

His own marriage with Miss Martha Honeywood was blessed with two sons, Verdant and Tony, and with three daughters.

Tony developed a scientific turn. He discovered a secret for the preparation of soap from petroleum, and emigrated to the State of Lavinia in North America to work it on the spot. The business thrived. He married Miss Angelica Downy, a penniless New England beauty, and had issue five sons and four daughters.

The eldest of all these was christened Downy Verdant, after his two grandfathers; and he is the hero of this book.