

tinguished jurists should count for a good deal, though that is not conclusive, for Russia has names eminent in jurisprudence as well. In any case, the interruption of the normal processes of law, and of the study and practice of the law, can, in a civilized country, only be temporary.—*Solicitors' Journal*.

JUDGES AND COUNSEL.

On the relations between Judges and counsel Mr. Strahan has some good stories to tell, though they suggest perhaps an over-readiness on the part of counsel to keep the Judge in his place. "Gentlemen of the jury," said Curran, who was annoyed at the Judge repeatedly shaking his head to indicate dissent, "you may have noticed his lordship shaking his head. I ask you to pay no attention to it; because if you were as well acquainted with his lordship as I am, you would know that when he shakes his head there is nothing in it." And the stories which Mr. Strahan gives of Lord Russell's treatment of Judges when, as Sir Chrales Russell, they interrupted him needlessly, seems to tell as much against the manners of the Bar as against the fussiness of the Bench. We prefer the more pointed reproof of the late Mr. Oswald, who, when told by an irritated Judge that he could teach him neither law nor manners, blandly answered, "I respectfully agree, my lord; you could teach nobody either." And yet we doubt whether any such retort was ever actually made in the serene atmosphere of the Chancery Division. At any rate, it would be taken as what it was meant for—a somewhat daring jest, and would be accepted the more readily from Mr. Oswald, who was known not only for his "Contempt of Court," but for his quite correct answer to the judicial inquiry, "What brings you here, Mr. Oswald?" "Two and one, my lord," and that settled the matter. For peppery Judges Mr. Strahan makes use of Sir Pepper Arden, afterwards Lord Alvanley, and the comment of the French visitor for whom his name was translated as "*Le Chevalier Poirre Ardent*." *Parbleu*," he muttered, "*il est très bien-nommé*." But the talkative Judge has been rebuked once for all by the great authority, Lord Bacon, to whom we have already referred,