

of Captain Dreyfus is fresh in the memory of our readers. The President, in proposing his health, very truly said: "No advocate within living memory had had to conduct the cause of a client under circumstances of greater difficulty, and surely no advocate ever performed his duty to his client more fearlessly or conscientiously. . . . The torch of justice would never be extinguished in any country whilst eminent members of the Bar were prepared to do their duty as fearlessly as had the great advocate whose health he was proposing." Though M. Labori avoided all reference to the issues of the above cause celebre, his connection with it and the gross injustice he strove to prevent were doubtless in the minds of his audience, but their cheers were, perhaps, more the effect of his eloquence and well-expressed sentiments as to the independence of the Bar in safeguarding and protecting the interests entrusted to its care. As he truly said: "Without independence there was no Bar, and without a Bar there was no independence for the nation."

On the 12th of June the Cuban Constitutional Convention, by a vote of 10 to 11, accepted the "Platt Amendment" without qualification, and attached it to the new Constitution as an appendix. By so doing it satisfied to the full the demands of the United States government touching the right of Cubans to self-government. We extract the following from the Platt Amendment: "The President is hereby authorized to leave the government and control of the Island of Cuba to its people as soon as a government shall have been established in said island under a Constitution which, either as a part thereof or in an ordinance appended thereto, shall define the future relations of the United States with Cuba substantially as follows:" Then follows a statement of the several conditions upon the fulfillment of which independence will be recognized. The convention is now engaged upon the work of framing an electoral law, and it is expected that elections will be held throughout the island and a Congress and permanent government established by the beginning of the new year at latest. We shall then await with interest the withdrawal of the American troops from the island. We observe in the press evidences of a very decided disinclination on the part of the American people to allow the Cubans a free hand to work out their national destiny; but the civilized world expects to see