

backbone which raises it above the ranks of the political jelly-fish; and in his own circle he is considered a safe man in counsel and a wise leader to follow."

MR JUSTICE GRANTHAM'S AUTOGRAPH BOOK.—Mr. Justice Grantham is known among his friends to be a diligent and indefatigable collector of autographs. His collection is a valuable one and exceptionally interesting, and includes among others the autograph of the Shah of Persia. He may accidentally forget some weighty tome on the law, but he never omits to bring on circuit his book of autographs, which he of course had ready in his private room when W. G. Grace, the great cricketer, presented himself in the witness box on the last day of the assize to certify as a medical man as to the unavoidable absence of a witness. W. G. was only in the box three minutes, but the judge was deeply interested in the appearance of the giant king of cricket, who had not left the witness box many minutes when he had a polite request to step into the judge's private room and contribute his autograph to the collection of Mr. Justice Grantham. W. G. must have written his autograph for thousands of young cricketers and admirers of the national game, and willingly complying, he bowed into the room, looked at the state of the judge's autograph score, and rapidly notched his own name in the interesting record.—*Bristol Mercury*.

ILLNESS OF JUDGES.—Lord Justice Kay, of the English bench, has been seriously ill. Sir Edward Kay has been thirteen years on the bench. Mr. Justice Barnes has also been ill for several months.

APPOINTMENTS.—Jan. 22, 1895. Mr. Thomas Deacon, Q. C., of Pembroke, Ont., to be junior judge of the County Court of the County of Renfrew. Mr. James G. Forbes, Q. C., to be judge of the County Court of the City and County of St. John, N. B.

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.—Their lordships resumed their sittings on January 22 after the vacation. The list of causes contains fourteen colonial and Indian appeals for hearing—viz. from New South Wales four, Bengal two, Lower Canada two, and Queensland, Constantinople, Mauritius, North-Western Provinces, Madras, and Oude one each. There are also nine judgments to be delivered in cases argued before the vacation.