

gation, if not lost, because of an error in the deed which no member of the profession would have committed. There is possible, of course, the cynical view that the amateur draftsman brings into the profession fees for the litigation created by his blunders far exceeding those which could have been charged for the original service. This does not, however, represent the attitude of the profession, which has repeatedly shewn by its advocacy of workmen's compensation Acts and similar measures, its willingness to sacrifice its financial interest to the public welfare. Apart from the injury to the public from the blunders inevitable in the drawing of instruments of title by laymen, the practice works a distinct hardship to the younger members of the profession. The young lawyer, precluded by the code of ethics from soliciting employment, is forced to see this class of work which he has been specially trained to perform go into the incompetent hands of laymen who are bound by no restrictions of professional ethics, and to lose thereby not only the small though sorely needed fees, but also the valuable opportunity to lay the foundations for future employment by his skilful performance of these minor services. A suggestion recently made, which may go impracticably far yet is deserving of serious consideration, is that every lawyer should be *ex officio* a notary public, and that the office of notary should be confined to members of the legal profession. While the position of notary has lost much of its ancient dignity it still retains functions which are capable of use in the perpetration of fraud. The restriction of those functions to members of a learned profession subject to professional discipline would largely do away with the antedated acknowledgments and similar frauds which the practitioner occasionally encounters."

JUDICIAL CHANGES IN ENGLAND.

There have been many judicial changes in England recently. The following were announced on Nov. 1st. Sir Charles Swinfen Eady, Master of the Rolls, has retired much to the regret of the Bar, Lord Sterndale taking his place. Lord Justice Duke becomes President of the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division. Mr.