

yourself; you are born neither a Russ nor a Turk." This is, no doubt, the origin of the line in "Pinafore"—"He might have been a Russian," etc.

The learned President concluded with observations replete with wisdom in reference to the nature of the constitution and institutions of the Republic to which he belongs. These remarks are to a certain extent applicable to us, with a constitution and institutions that we, at least, think much more desirable. We therefore quote them: "In my judgment, the great, paramount, overshadowing duty of the legal profession in this country, in our day, is to defend, protect, and preserve our legal institutions unimpaired and in their full efficiency. If there is any problem yet unsettled, it is whether the bench is able to bear the great burden of supporting, under all circumstances, the fundamental law against popular or supposed popular demands for enactments in conflict with it. It is the loftiest function and the most sacred duty of the judiciary—unique in the history of the world—to support and maintain and give full effect to the Constitution against every act of the Legislature or Executive in violation of it. This is the great jewel of our liberties. Let us not, 'like the base Judæan, throw a pearl away richer than all his tribe.' This is the only breakwater against the haste and the passions of the people—against the tumultuous ocean of democracy. It must, at all costs, be maintained."

CURRENT ENGLISH CASES.

The Law Reports for January comprise (1893) 1 Q.B., pp. 1-127; (1893) P., pp. 1-10; and (1893) 1 Ch., pp. 1-76.

STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS—REAL PROPERTY LIMITATION ACT, 1874 (37 & 38 VICT., c. 57), s. 8—(R.S.O., c. III, s. 73)—JUDGMENT.

Jay v. Johnstone, (1893) 1 Q.B. 25, is a decision of a Divisional Court (Lord Coleridge, C.J., and Wills, J.), following the case of *Hebblethwaite v. Peever*, (1892) 1 Q.B. 124 (noted *ante* vol. xxviii., p. 136). That case decided that a judgment, even though not a charge on land, could not be enforced after the lapse of twelve years from its recovery, when no proceedings had been the meantime taken upon it; the Real Property Limitation Act, 1874