

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

The report of the above association for the past year was presented at its thirty-fifth annual meeting, on December 31, 1914. It states that the present membership is 91, as compared with 86 the previous year. The Treasurer's report gave a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements. The finances of the association were reported as being in good condition, there being no overdrafts. The Librarian stated the number of bound volumes in the library to be 5,248, of which 117 volumes were added during the year; the library being also supplied with all the latest appropriate legal publications. The death of J. W. Nesbitt, K.C., for many years a prominent member of the association, was reported with regret. A marked improvement during the year was the publication of a new catalogue of the books in the library, the last publication having been in 1899.

War Notes.

The sentiment of the most worthy citizens of the United States, that is, the large majority, leaving out Germans and Fenians, has been shewn to be in favour of the stand taken by England in reference to Belgium and the fight of the allies for the freedom of the world from military despotism. William Watson, the Poet Laureate of England has taken occasion to appeal to this sentiment in the following stirring lines:—

TO AMERICA.

Art thou her child, born in the proud midday
Of her large soul's abundance and excess:
Her daughter and her mightiest heritress,
Dowered with her thoughts, and lit on her great way
By her great lamps that shine and fail not?

Yes!

And at this thunderous hour of struggle and stress,
Hither across the ocean wilderness,
What word comes frozen on the frozen spray?

Neutrality! The tiger from his den,
Springs at thy mother's throat, and can'st thou now
Watch with a stranger's gaze? So be it then!

Thy loss is more than hers; for, bruised and torn,
She shall yet live without thine aid, and thou
Without the crown divine thou might'st have worn.