

"The Committee regrets to report that the legislation referred to in paragraph three of the 1919 report on the subject of divorce did not receive the consideration due to it and it is recommended that this Association urge that uniform laws on the subject of marriage and of divorce be enacted by the Federal Parliament and that such laws be adopted by the Provincial Parliaments and their administration be left to the Provincial Courts. It is also recommended that in such legislation there should be no distinction between the rights of male and female and that in all respects with reference thereto each sex should be treated on a basis of strict equality.

"It has been brought to the notice of the Committee that Provincial Parliaments are legislating in criminal and quasi-criminal matters and usurping the functions of the Federal Government and this Committee urges that the Association consider this subject and take such action as may be considered effective.

"This Committee deems it opportune and fitting that the signal service, devotion and sacrifices of our distinguished President should be recognised on the occasion of this Annual Meeting at the Capital by some lasting testimonial, such as Sir James' portrait by a Canadian artist to be hung in the National Gallery as the founder of the Association.

"Various matters have been urged upon this Committee for consideration without sufficient data. It is deemed advisable that the recommendations of the Committee should be limited in number and the few followed up energetically with the object of attaining advancement in furthering the objects of the Association."

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An able address was given by Hon. Henry B. F. Macfarland, of Washington, for ten years head of the commission that governs the District of Columbia. The theme was, "Government of Laws, not of Men." The speaker put very clearly the result of the European situation and the history of lawyers who had combatted and will still have to combat the anarchistic tendencies of a portion of the world's population.