

ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION.

The Ontario Bar Association held its Thirteenth Annual Meeting at Convocation Hall, Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Thursday and Friday, February 20th and 21st, 1919.*

Matters of far-reaching interest and importance were included in the agenda. The reports of officers and committees for the year 1918-1919 shewed the achievements of numerous useful measures of law reform at the instance of the Association with a residue of matters pending and not yet completed, which will engage the attention of the Council of the Association.

The retiring President, Mr. R. T. Harding, delivered a comprehensive address, referring to the achievements of the Association during the past year and containing particular reference to certain items, of which the following may be mentioned as of special interest both to the profession and to the general public:—

1. As to Soldiers' Memorial:—The erection of a fitting memorial at Osgoode Hall for the members of both Bench and Bar who have been killed in action in the Great European War we have already urged, and it has engaged the attention, both of the Benchers of the Law Society and of the Ontario Bar Association. It is in contemplation that the memorial will be of a character indicative so far as possible of the gigantic sacrifice which has been made by the members of the profession for the cause of liberty and justice, the maintenance of which has, within the past four years, involved loss of life, destruction of property and other losses and sufferings to a degree unprecedented in the world's history. It is expected that recommendations will be dealt with very shortly leading to the achievement of this object.

We notice that the Law Society of England at its last meeting took action of a similar character. The objects to be carried out being, (1) the erection of a Memorial in the Law Society's Hall; (2) the compilation of a record of service; and (3) the establishment of a relief fund for solicitors and articled clerks and the

*We are indebted for the matter of this excellent summary of the proceedings to Mr. A. A. Macdonald, the very efficient Recording Secretary of the Association.