

In the evening the annual banquet was held, a brilliant affair, presided over by the President, at which some excellent speeches were delivered and a pleasant evening spent.

The further matters that came before the Association were a report on Legal Ethics by F. M. Field, K.C., of Cobourg, a report on Law Reform by Mr. M. H. Ludwig, K.C., of Toronto, and a report on Legislation by E. J. Hearn, K.C.

Mr. J. E. Farewell, K.C., of Whitby, was elected President of the Association for the ensuing year.

The following is the address delivered by the retiring President, Mr. McWhirney, K.C., and above referred to:—

"I do not propose to repeat what has been so well stated by my predecessors as to the influence this Association might wield if more actively supported by its members and by the profession generally. One-third only of the practising barristers of the province are members of the Association. To effect such reforms in the laws of the province and their administration as we may deem necessary or expedient, the Provincial Cabinet and the representatives of the people in the Legislature must be impressed with the importance of our Association. To give due weight to our suggestions and recommendations our body must be developed and strengthened by the addition of every available active member.

The past session of the Legislature was for sufficient reasons confined strictly to urgent and non-contentious business, but with an Attorney-General young, active, progressive, and in full sympathy with our aims, as Hon. Mr. Lucas has shewn himself to be, we may confidently look forward to the future for full and prompt consideration and adoption of our recommendations.

The calamity forced on the Empire by a designing nation in the form of a cruel, relentless war, has not only proved the Empire one in reality lasting and enduring, but as a whole prepared to make illimitable sacrifices to uphold the honour and birthright of nations.

The majesty of the law, which recognizes the rights of individuals, even although expressed on a scrap of paper, is being