

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

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TREATY MAKING POWER.

Gentlemen of the American Bar Association:

This is the first meeting of the American Bar Association outside of the United States. Though we meet in a foreign country, we do so among a people allied to us by every tie that binds nations in a common brotherhood. We are of the same race, speaking the same language, governed by the same general principles of law, inspired by the same traditions, working out as separate nations the same great destiny. I hope that the peace which has so long existed between these peoples may be further cemented, and mutual and friendly intercourse continue to increase. On behalf of the American Bar Association, I welcome this opportunity to extend to the officials and lawyers of the Dominion of Canada our sincere thanks for the great assistance they have rendered towards making this a memorable meeting of our Association.

The constitution of the American Bar Association requires the President in his annual address to review notable changes in statute law. Ordinarily this subject is rather dry and of little interest to the lawyers of other countries; yet at times these enactments of Congress or of the legislatures of the states touch upon subjects of absorbing general interest. The statute which has attracted the most attention, stimulated the widest discussion and raised questions of the most far-reaching and momentous consequences to the nation and its relations with foreign powers is the Alien Land Law of California. This statute, which became a law on May 19, 1913, permits aliens eligible to