

ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION.

Arrangements have been made by the executive of the Ontario Bar Association for a convention of the legal profession to be held at Osgoode Hall on the 29th inst. at 10 a.m. It is proposed to have a discussion on general matters of law reform; the administration of criminal law; the extension of the jurisdiction of inferior courts, and other matters of interest to the profession, who are invited to send in writing to the secretary No. 9 Toronto St., any views they may have on matters affecting the welfare of the profession.

The objects of the Association are: "To facilitate the administration of justice, to promote reform in the law and in procedure, to uphold the honour and dignity of the profession, to bring about united action by the profession, and to encourage interchange of ideas and social intercourse among the members of the profession in Ontario."

We are glad of this movement, and it is all the more necessary in these days when politicians are endeavouring for selfish or party purposes to make a football of professional matters, attempting to play a game, the rules and scope of which they are profoundly ignorant; and this is none the less hurtful as they appeal to a silly popular prejudice which affects the masses, who, in their turn, sway their representatives in the House of Assembly. It is very necessary in these days that the profession should get together and make felt their intelligent view of things, as well as their influence, which, if unitedly exercised, would be very great and very helpful to the public.

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

The American Bar Association met in Portland, Maine, in the closing days of last August. That which would most interest our readers in this country was an address by Hon. James Bryce, who was the principal speaker. His subject was, "The