

be found to be higher than in the average individual. A disciplinary force is also thus brought into action which lasts during professional life. I do not hesitate to say that to the association which so largely prevails amongst us are in great measure to be attributed, in the first place, the honourable character which the Bar as a whole has always maintained, and, in the second place, the fact that, although our profession is one in which men are brought into close and severe personal competition, there is a marked absence of jealousy and ill-will amongst us, and a generous appreciation of men according to their deserts."

#### GOVERNMENT AID TO LAW ASSOCIATIONS.

The writer has heretofore taken advantage of the columns of this journal to bring before the members of the profession the great advantages which must accrue to the Bench and Bar alike in keeping up the interest in, and developing, the law associations now so largely organized throughout the Province of Ontario, and which we should like to see springing up and flourishing in all the other provinces. The action of the Government in recognizing law associations by asking the Legislature for a grant in aid of judges' libraries should naturally stimulate the members of the profession generally to renewed efforts in making their various local associations as influential and progressive as possible, but the indirect assistance thus given by the Government should form a certain and *definite* source of income to meet the yearly expenses of the law libraries. Some years ago a deputation waited upon the Attorney-General to urge upon him the importance of adopting what would be a more satisfactory basis of distributing the grant which is made annually towards the maintenance of judges' libraries at county towns in Ontario where law associations are established, and attention was drawn to what would be the result of dividing the appropriation equally among all the associations entitled to share in same. What was then predicted has been demonstrated in the amounts distributed during the past three years. For example, upon reference to the account of the treasurer of the Law Association at Hamilton it will be found that the grant in 1893 was \$71.43; 1894, \$66.68; and in the present year the share has