

meeting was attended by the Hon. J. R. Gowan, now a Senator, and formerly the best known of our County Judges, and whose ability is not unknown across the border.

It would, of course, be impossible for our American brethren not to have something amusing as well as instructive to say on an occasion of this kind. For example (and the reminiscence is interesting in view of the low state of legal education in some of the States many years ago), Ex-Governor Alger, in his after-dinner speech, said that he had in his early days been admitted as a member of the Bar, the committee having reported favourably upon his answers to three questions, as to one of which the answer was wrong, and, as to two, right. He followed this by saying that he undertook to answer the first question, and was informed that he was wrong; and, in reply to the next two questions, he said he did not know, and was promptly informed by the committee that he was probably right.

We think it may safely be said that amongst the leaders of the Bar in the United States are to be found those who best understand, and are most desirous of meeting, the dangers which beset the welfare of the republican form of government as developed in the United States of America. This came out very strongly in the report of the American Bar Association for 1894, where some of these dangers were frankly admitted, and honestly discussed at considerable length. We have not space to refer to more than one important feature, which is of special interest to ourselves. Mr. Moorfield Storey (who, by the way, is the newly-elected president of the association), in his address last year, spoke thus:

"From the most august legislative body in the country, the Senate of the United States, down to the Aldermen of New York, the citizen too often distrusts, fears, and is ashamed of his representatives. The business community throughout the country welcomes the adjournment of Congress as the end of a season filled with perplexity and dread. If we applaud Congress, it is rather because bad laws have been repealed or bad propositions have been defeated than because good laws have been passed. We congratulate ourselves upon our narrow escapes, and wonder whether we shall be equally fortunate again. The citizen who seeks reform, whether he sits in Congress or stands without its doors, must be wonderfully per-