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It is gratifying to learn that our friends appreciate the new departure indicated by the portrait of the great lawyer and able advocate in our January number. Apart from its other spheres of usefulness, it is one of the aims of this journal to bring more closely together the members of the Bar in the various provinces of the Dominion. An effort in this direction has thus been initiated. It is needless to say that this entails considerable expense; but, unfortunately, legal periodicals in this country labour under the great disadvantage that the field open to them is necessarily so limited that no adequate monetary return is possible. We have not, however, allowed this insuperable difficulty to stand in the way of giving our readers a journal which we are quite willing to leave to the criticism of the profession in all English-speaking countries. We have, moreover, a natural pride in knowing that this, the pioneer legal journal of Canada, which has seen the decay and death of several competitors, is to-day in every way in a stronger position and wields a more powerful influence than at any time in its history, now extending over a period of over forty-four years.

The Osgoode Legal and Literary Society recently held their Bar dinner, which was a great success. The wise and courteous Treasurer of the Upper Canada Law Society and other leaders of the Bar were honoured guests. Mr. B. B. Osler, Q.C., made the speech of the evening, and it was worthy of the occasion and dealt with a matter well deserving the attention not only of the younger members of the Bar of Ontario, but of all the young men of the country whether of this or any other province. Such a speech shews that the leaders of the Bar are not mere lawyers but are able to take a broad and statesmanlike view of things, and are competent counsellors not only in matters of law, but in the broader field of our inter-provincial relations, and our duty as citizens of the Dominion. Other speeches were made, more or less witty and more or less wise, and an enjoyable evening was spent.