

The Canadian Bar Association.—Proposed by Mr. Charles Thaddeus Terry, of New York, and responded to by Mr. R. C. Smith, K.C., of Montreal, and Mr. A. Monro Grier, K.C., of Toronto.

These addresses were most interesting and rose to the important occasion which produced them. We make room for those given by Mr. Walter G. Smith and Mr. Charles T. Terry.

After referring to the inception of the American Bar Association, beginning with a very few, but now numbering thousands of members of the profession from all the States and dependencies of the United States, Mr. Smith said:—

“It is from the lawyers that the true spirit of the jurisprudence of the country on all subjects emanates. He pleads that the spirit of parties shall not question the foundation of our policy, the Constitution. In these days when a mysterious unrest pervades the whole civilized world, and premises that have been accepted for centuries are questioned, it is all the more important that a conservative spirit shall pervade the Bar. In an eloquent address by one of your own leaders to the lawyers of Pennsylvania, Mr. R. C. Smith, he showed in his own apt way that the principles of eternal justice are embodied in the common law, and while its forms of administration may well be the subject of change with the changed conditions of the time, we cannot without throwing away the lessons of experience and morality touch these principles themselves. How far the long years of usefulness of the American Bar Association have affected the public weal, it would be difficult to measure. Steadily pursuing its declared purpose, it has done much to advance the science of jurisprudence, as the great body of legal study treasured in its reports will reveal to any student. Its efforts to promote the administration of justice may be traced in the statutes of the United States and of the several States. When it was found that the docket of the Supreme Court was congested with undisposed appeals, by the aid of the various committees appointed to draft legislation, Congress was enabled to remedy this evil by the creation of the Circuit Court of Appeals. The record of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, a child of the Association, shews how uni-