

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the American Bar Association held this year at Washington, D.C., on the 20th, 21st, and 22nd October, was, like that of last year in Montreal, notable for the distinguished men who took part in the proceedings. It was international in character also, as Rt. Hon. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, P.C., G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of Canada, delivered one of the principal addresses. The Canadian Bar was represented by a greater number of delegates than had ever attended any meeting of the Association with, of course, the exception of the Montreal meeting of 1913. The Provincial Bar Associations of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec were represented as well as the Canadian Bar Association, among those in attendance being, Hon. Senator Loughheed, K.C., John C. F. Bown, K.C., Hon. C. W. Cross, Mr. O. M. Biggar (Alberta), N. McKenzie, K.C. (Saskatchewan), Mr. Theodore A. Hunt (Manitoba), F. M. Field, K.C., President of the Ontario Bar Association and Mr. Edward Gillis (Ontario), G. Desaulniers, K.C., and E. Fabre Surveyer, K.C. (Quebec). Sir James Aikins, K.C., M.P., President Canadian Bar Association, represented the Dominion Bar.

The proceedings began with a reception by the President of the United States, who welcomed the members and guests in his usual scholarly and felicitous manner.

His theme was "International Law," in the course of which he said:—

"My hope is that being stirred to the depths by the extraordinary circumstances of the times, we may recover something of a renewal of that vision of the law with which man may be supposed to have started out in the old days of the oracles, who communed with the intimations of divinity."

Ex-President Taft followed President Wilson by his address as President of the American Bar Association, touching upon the neutrality of the United States. He said in part:—

"We are the principal nation not so related to the war that