

Yet still from every beach
The voice of blood shall reach
More audible than speech,
We are one."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

Questions remitted for reconsideration:—At the last meeting of the Association there were three subjects remitted for further consideration and report, and your Committee now begs to report upon these as follows:—

1. Should the present right of appeal to the Privy Council be limited to constitutional cases?

The majority of your Committee are of the opinion that the right of appeal to the Privy Council should be maintained without the suggested limitation to constitutional questions. They consider that the Judicial Committee has rendered long and valuable service to the Canadian public and to the legal profession by furnishing a tribunal composed of judges of greater learning, more varied experience and wider vision than can be hoped for under present conditions in Canada. They see a great advantage resulting from the existence of such a final Court of Appeal in which there is more freedom from political, racial or religious bias and from local prepossessions. They observe with regret that the vicious system of making judicial nominations rather as rewards for political services than for the professional qualifications of candidates shows no signs of disappearing from our customs, and they feel that until this danger is removed it would be inadvisable to abolish or restrict the right of appeal.

Finally, the majority of your Committee are impressed with the objection which has frequently been made that the disappearance of this right would have the effect of severing one of the most important ties by which Canada is united to the Empire.

A minority of your Committee, while conscious of the great services which have been rendered to our jurisprudence by the Privy Council, and without thinking that there is any urgent need for restricting the right of appeal, cannot but think that in view of the ever-increasing autonomy of this Dominion, such an institution must be regarded as transitory rather than per-