

*AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.*

One of the most interesting legal events for our brethren of the long robe (which, by the way, they do not wear) to the south of us is the annual meeting of the American Bar Association. The eighteenth of the series was recently held at Detroit, and is said to have been one of the most interesting in the history of the association, extending over a period of four days instead of three as heretofore, so as to enable the Detroit Bar to extend courtesy to the association, which would have been impossible within the more limited time.

We speak of this meeting now from a summary of its proceedings in a late number of *The Albany Law Journal*.

The annual address, delivered by Judge Taft, was principally occupied with a discussion of the legal phases of the Chicago riots of last year, and, albeit rather lengthy, was received with great attention.

Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, in his address, took strong ground in favour of higher legal education, not merely in reference to careful and systematic teaching and study of the laws, but for a wide and liberal education, so as to make the Bar useful and influential in guiding and governing public affairs. No lover of this profession but will be glad to know that the best men at the American Bar are fully alive to that which has been the pride of the Bar in England, an example which we have sought to follow in the Province of Ontario.

A very exhaustive report was presented by the Committee on Law Reporting, which is published in full in *The Albany Law Journal*. We would call attention to this report, which would be read with benefit by those of our Benchers who have the charge of this important subject. It speaks of what is a much greater evil in the United States than in this country, but which, even here, is becoming a subject worthy of consideration. We refer to the multiplicity of reported cases. The whole matter is very ably and fully discussed, and a suggestion is given to lessen, though the committee does not pretend to be able to suggest any sufficient remedy for the evils complained of.

It would seem that the hospitality of the city of Detroit and its Bar was unstinted, and was extended to many who did not belong to the profession in the United States. Notably, the