

matters which lie entirely outside of these limits. Lawyers constantly carry on their affairs before the public gaze and find themselves engrossed with and interested in numberless questions, municipal, public and social, as well as legal. The members of the bar should come together more often than they do, not only in social and friendly intercourse, but also to consult, discuss and decide upon ways and means for securing the improvements in the administration of justice and of the law. Nearly all measures which have resulted in simplicity of procedure and speed in administration, and many measures which improve the law, have been initiated and carried to a conclusion by lawyers.

“I believe I have attended every meeting of the Association since its organization, and I know there is not now, and never was, any ground for the belief or opinion that this Association was formed for any other purpose than that declared in its constitution, namely:—‘To facilitate the administration of justice, to promote reform in the law of procedure, to assist in upholding the honour and dignity of the profession of the law, to bring about united action, to conserve its interest, to encourage interchange of ideas and close intercourse among members of the profession in Ontario, and to maintain friendly relations with the profession in other jurisdictions.’

“I believe the work done by the Association so far amply justifies its existence and demonstrates that there is a field in which it can be of great service to the legal profession in this province without in any manner encroaching upon the rights, duties, or privileges of any other society, association or organization.

“Not only is there need for a Provincial Association of lawyers such as ours, but I believe there is urgent need for a Dominion Bar Association, which could be of great service to the people of the whole Dominion by initiating a movement towards bringing about uniform laws throughout the whole Dominion on such important subjects as commercial law, corporation law, insurance, sales of goods, bills of lading and many others which