

THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION.

The twentieth annual meeting of this Association, held at Cleveland, Ohio, has just closed. This Association is composed of many of the leading men at the Bar in the United States, and, having no official or political axes to grind, and no favours to ask, they express the best and most independent thought of the profession in that country. A list of the Presidents of the Association, from its inception in 1878 to the present time, indicates the high character, personal and professional, of the membership of the Association.

The proceedings touched upon various points which are of interest in this country, as well as across the border. A resolution was unanimously passed in favour of the adjustment of controversies between nations by the medium of international arbitration, and the hope was expressed that the efforts to establish so beneficent a principle may not be relaxed. We are glad to notice that the *Albany Law Journal*, in referring to this subject, makes some very severe remarks as to the recent action of the United States Senate, saying that "no greater mistake was ever made than when that body deliberately refused to join hands with the foremost nation in Europe in the friendly grasp of complete understanding," and that "to the honour of Great Britain be it said, that she has consistently kept her agreements, and supported the policy of arbitration established between the two Governments." The writer also refers in complimentary language to the action of the English Government in gracefully and justly accepting the finding of the Court on the Geneva arbitration and paying the award. We trust that they are right also in saying that the action of the Senate is not an expression of the will of the people of that country; they are nevertheless in this difficulty, that the will of the people is supposed to be expressed by the representatives of the people.

The Committee on Uniform State Laws reported that thirty States and one Territory had now appointed commissioners on that subject, the desire there being, as it is with us, to unify the laws on all subjects of general and commer-