

is but one heart, one mind, one love, and if—which may God forbid—the tide of war shall roll to our shores, it will be met by a solid wall of loyal hearts bound together by a strong tie of devotion to a united empire, a wall against which the waves may dash, but shall dash in vain, and, broken, shall be thrown back into the sea to die with the sullen roar of final defeat, for ‘God will save our Queen.’”

#### LEGAL EDUCATION.

We are glad to see that the voice of the profession in Ontario, which found its expression on several occasions in these columns as to the defects in our system of legal education, has resulted in a change which is in the direction we indicated as desirable. There is, however, much ground still to be occupied, but now that the defects are recognized, there is hope that more may eventually be accomplished. The change referred to is not in itself very important, but is good so far as it goes. It is to give lectures on elementary points of practice to first-year students, instead of waiting to take up matters of practice during the second and third years. Of course, no amount of lectures on practice can take the place of work in an office, but they are better than nothing.

The subject opens up a wide field for discussion, and various questions present themselves for consideration. Amongst others, it may be asked : Whether it would not be well to require at least one year in an office in addition to three years of academic study ? Whether university graduates should or should not have the privilege of only three years' study, whilst others must have five—whether, in fact, the college training of the former is as useful or beneficial as the two years' extra experience of the latter, especially when too often the former amounts to little more than a capacity to “cram” for an examination ? Whether it is well to attempt, as at present, to combine office work with Law School studies, and so spoil both ? Whether any better system than the present can be devised, either by a reconstruction of the Law School, or how otherwise ? The subject is of interest not to Ontario alone, but to all the provinces whose system of jurisprudence is based upon the common law.