

and labour and thought of modern statesmen and jurists—is, in this Province, almost useless, and in a few years more, unless some radical change takes place, it will be, except in a few fundamental principles, wholly and completely useless in our practice. Our substantive law and procedure are so utterly and violently different from every other civilized country that the decisions of our Supreme Court are scarcely ever referred to or consulted, or even looked at, outside of the Province." It is alleged that the blame for this state of affairs lies on the legal profession itself. One difficulty seems to be, if the writer be correct, that there is no Law Society or Bar Association such as we have in Ontario, and such as are to be found in England and the United States. They have at Fredericton a Barristers' Society, which is supposed to meet once a year, but is very badly attended. There is also a St. John Law Society, which is said to be somewhat better, but neither of them is equal to the occasion. We trust that the matter, having been brought prominently before the profession in our sister Province, through the press there, will receive such attention as it certainly merits.

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THE new addition to the Library at Osgoode Hall is now complete, and, thanks to the skill of Mr. Lennox, is a creditable piece of architecture. It has been devoted principally to the American reports, which are already almost sufficient to fill it, so that in a few years, with more States constantly being formed and more courts established, a further *annex* will be needed. In view of the variety of opinions on all subjects for which these reports may be cited, our friend Briefless suggests that the Benchers should inscribe over the portals of the new room the following lines, which he has considerably composed for the occasion :

Come, all you weary lawyers, enter here,  
And find authority most straight and clear  
For every legal nut you have to crack,  
Though it be "black is white," or "white is black,"  
Whate'er the point it does not matter ;  
You're sure to find some learned clatter  
That will maintain the proposition,  
And prove it 'gainst all opposition.