THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL’S GREETING TO THE CANADIAN BAR REVIEW.

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In throwing our mantle to our successors, the editors of the Canada Law Journal do so with bright hopes and best wishes for the usefulness and consequent success of the new journal. As we have for over half a century endeavoured to help our brothers along the legal highway with, we believe, some measure of success, so we venture to predict that the Canadian Bar Review will, in the future, be even more helpful than has been the Canada Law Journal in the past.

This really ought to be the case, for ours was largely pioneer work, “blazing a trail,” bumping over “corduroy roads” and make-shift bridges, looking ahead with initiative peerings into the distant landscape of legal scenery. The name of our successor is somewhat suggestive in this respect; for a “Review” not only considers the present, but also takes cognizance of the past, and can calmly contemplate what the future may have in store for its country through the agency of a profession which largely moulds its future —Tempora mutantur et nos mutamus in illis.

We know not what changes may take place in the jurisprudence of Canada in the future, but changes there surely will be. We trust, however, that in the future, as in the past, the professional mind will maintain a conservative tendency in thought and action and remember that it has been wisely said “make haste slowly,” studying the past in view of the future. In this, those who write for the Canadian Bar Review will have in the pages of the Canada Law Journal some historical sign-posts marking changes in the past creative periods, and so be in a better position to judge of what may be desirable and possible in the future.

With the announcement of the proposal by the Canadian Bar Association to publish a journal, there came to us the thought that it would be in the best inter-
est of the profession to have one strong, comprehensive monthly, which would take a wider range than had been attempted in the past. This has now become possible by reason of what has been done by the Association in the past few years. We therefore decided to identify ourselves with this effort to give to the profession the best that seemed possible in the way of legal journalism. We do this gladly, and wish the Canadian Bar Review a long and useful career.

We feel justified in quoting some complimentary remarks addressed to us by Sir James Aikins, the esteemed President of the Canadian Bar Association, who said:—

"For almost fifty years you have done excellent service for the Bar of Canada by the publication of your Canada Law Journal. In addition to its practical uses you have always in it upheld fine professional ideals. Now you are showing the same kindly and generous spirit and a desire still further to help the profession by transferring to the Association that Journal, to the end that, in the proposed Canadian Bar Review, the spirit and tradition of your publication may be continued and perpetuated. I join most sincerely with you in the hope expressed in your letter that our expectations for the future of that new magazine may all be realized, and that you may see in it the fruition of your 'labour of love' throughout these past years."

It is not only of special interest to us, but it also seems appropriate that one who served his apprenticeship with the Canada Law Journal, and was one of our most valued contributors in the past, has become the editor of the Canadian Bar Review. The name of Dr. Charles Morse is too well known to the legal profession to need any encomium from us, and it is no little pleasure to know that he is to be the editor of the new legal periodical which will represent the thought of the Canadian Bar Association and thereby the Bar of Canada.