

with a copy of the decisions of the highest court in this Dominion. Some of the benchers, we know, agree with us in this. We would urge on such to move in this matter, and we feel sure that they will be supported by the majority of the profession throughout the Province.

THE library at Osgoode Hall, considered to be one of the best law libraries on this continent, has been in the past unfortunate in not having had in charge of it a librarian who was able to devote his entire time to the important requirements of a position necessitating continued and arduous work on any one who would conscientiously endeavor to fulfil its duties. The new blood infused this year into the benchers of the Law Society considered rightly that the work of librarian and of secretary of the society could not be efficiently performed by one man, and relieved the late librarian of his duties as such, thus enabling him to devote his entire time to his other offices of secretary and sub-treasurer. The courteous and obliging assistant librarian was retained, and applications were received for the important position, in which a man of varied attainments, and general as well as technical knowledge, was so urgently needed. We are aware that many names were before the committee appointed to deal with the applications, and some of them of men with more or less claim on the society, as well as the names of persons eminently qualified to undertake a work which long since should have emerged from one of mere routine. In view of this, the selection of Mr. W. G. Eakins may well be considered a recognized tribute to that gentleman's ability. It does not detract from the merit of the appointment when we know that he is a member of some years' standing of the society which has chosen him, and that he is also "conversant with men and manners much" by his connection with a leading newspaper of this city. A distinguished course at the University of Toronto, embracing, as it did, several departments of university work, will be a guarantee of scholarly attainments; and we desire, in passing, to congratulate both the committee and the newly-chosen incumbent on the appointment.

THE old saying that a lawyer cannot draw his own will, of which we have a remarkable instance, among many others, in the case of Lord St. Leonards, is again borne out by the decision of the New York Court of Appeals in the matter of the will of the well-known lawyer, Samuel J. Tilden. His will appeared to express in explicit terms the desire of the testator to establish a free library in the city of New York, but owing to the indefiniteness in the object of the trust it was held void.

The facts shortly were that the testator gave the residue of his estate to his executors and trustees in trust, to obtain an act of incorporation of an institution to be known as the "Tilden Trust," "with capacity to establish and maintain a free library and reading room in the city of New York, and to promote such scientific and educational objects as my said executors and trustees may more particularly designate." By the will it was also provided that if such an