

with the aid of the lectures, are able to treat the papers more intelligently, and I think it necessary, in fairness to them, to give them the opportunity of so doing. The short time allowed not only prevents the best men from sufficiently explaining themselves, but also affords to others the excuse that they were not able to compass the work in the space of the time allotted them.

I would also call attention to the fact, which was acutely felt this year, that an interrupted term from September to May, with but a short vacation at Christmas, is exceedingly tedious and irksome for both students and lecturers. The work is incessant, and attention must be unremitting in order to fill the time allotted. No time is afforded the students for private reading and reflection, unless they abandon all other pursuits and devote themselves exclusively to reading. In my opinion, the reading ought to keep pace with the lecturing. It is impossible for this to be done in the third year; while in the first year it is very difficult for the lecturer to supply a sufficient number of lectures to intelligently fill up the time. In each case the result is unsatisfactory.

In the first the lecturer has to go too largely into detail, simply in order to fill up the time; while in the second he has to treat his subjects more superficially in order to cover them all.

The remedy, I think, is partly to rearrange the curriculum so as to make it more gently progressive, and partly to permit a break in the lectures for breathing time, so to speak.

The first-year work could easily be done in less time with quite as good effect, while more time ought to be devoted to the third year. This is a matter which would naturally fall to the lot of the Principal to regulate, and must necessarily depend, to a great extent, upon his own ideas of what would be the most effective and advantageous arrangement.

With regard to establishing one or more vacations, that, I apprehend, would necessarily come more properly before Convocation. I submit them as the results of some experience as matters to which I think some attention ought to be given.

\* Yours, etc.,

EDWARD DOUGLAS ARMOUR.

The following gentlemen were then called to the Bar: A. Fasken, R. M. Thompson, G. A. M. Young, F. G. Kirkpatrick, A. Mearns, M. H. East, J. M. Godfrey, H. E. Rose, J. M. Scott, G. B. Burson, G. A. Ball, F. Langmuir, A. E. Haines, W. B. Nicol, J. P. Telford, R. Paterson, J. Porter, J. A. Stevenson.

The petitions of Messrs. G. H. Draper, D. T. Smith, J. T. Loftus, J. S. Mackay, and W. F. W. Lent were read and referred to the Legal Education Committee, with a request that the committee recommend Rules to govern such cases in future, and that, in the matter of the cases now referred, the committee have power to direct the examiners to re-examine the papers of the respective petitioners and alter the petitioners' standing, if the committee think proper, upon such re-examination of the papers.

The proposed Rule to amend Rule No. 53 was postponed until next term.

The petition of Mr. John Macdonald against Mr. H. O'L. was presented, and at the same time a letter from Messrs. Ritchie & Davis, solicitors for the complainant, requesting that Convocation defer consideration thereof.

Convocation ordered accordingly.