

APPENDIX D.

OSGOODE LITERARY AND LEGAL SOCIETY.

Various associations and means for oratorical and other training of the students have existed since that styled the Advocates' Society referred to in Chapter 11.

Mr. T. W. Taylor, now Sir Thomas, and other chosen members of the profession in turns presided at debates. The learned Lecturers, Mr. Leith and Mr. Anderson, in the sixties often took the chair in students' moot courts when legal problems were stated, argued and decided.

The Osgoode Literary and Legal Society was established in 1876. Its seal is similar to that of the Law Society, but has around its margin the appropriate legend, "*Vita sine literis mors est.*"

The young members passed many lively, interesting and instructive evenings together, with less formality than was in vogue in the conduct of the first similar society. The debates covered a variety of subjects. Mock trials sometimes took their place. Interludes were filled with an account of a canoe trip on the Miramichi or in Algonquin Park, a discussion of the Henry George theory, the Monroe doctrine or Reciprocity, an essay or a song. The Glee Club rendered *Halli Hallo* or *Solomon Levi*, with instrumental accompaniment and chorus of members.

There were public occasions when Osgoode invited friends and had its gay At-Home. A team from Varsity or Trinity contested in debate with chosen members of this Society. There