

(2) Rules 67 and 69, as they now stand, place in the hands of this committee all expenditure upon books for the Library. A practice which has been found convenient has grown up, by which books have been, from time to time, ordered upon the signature of two or more members of the committee without formal action on the part of the committee. Your committee deems it proper that this practice should receive the sanction of a Rule authorizing it, but confining its operation within certain definite and proper limits. Your committee presents herewith a draft Rule which it is hoped will attain this object.

(3) In view of the separation of the office of Librarian from that of sub-Treasurer and Secretary, it is desirable, in the opinion of your committee, that, so far as practicable, Library expenditure should be kept separate from the general expenditure of the Society. In respect of ordinary and considerable expenditure upon books, this is now being accomplished as a matter of book-keeping under satisfactory arrangements with the Finance Committee. It is, however, further desirable and convenient, in the opinion of your committee, that for petty expenditure a proper sum should be paid from time to time to the Librarian by the sub-Treasurer. A draft Rule embodying this suggestion, and also embodying the scheme for separate accounts, is submitted herewith.

(4) Your committee has concurred in a recommendation made by the Librarian that, provided the supply of Reports and other books warrants it, he be authorized to seek friendly relations with other great law libraries by offering exchanges of books. Your committee reports its concurrence in this recommendation, and advises that action be taken in the matter in the direction of the recommendation.

(5) In respect of the reference by Convocation to this and other Standing Committees, on the 17th November last, to consider and report a theoretical organization as to members and salaries of the staff, your committee is not yet able to report. The creation of the separate office of Librarian and the imposition of distinct duties upon him are so recent, and have such an important bearing upon the subject referred to, that your committee feels that it cannot satisfactorily make a report at the present time. Your committee, however, believes that the recent changes referred to are already showing highly beneficial results in the Library and its management.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

The Report was ordered for immediate consideration, paragraph by paragraph.

The first, second, third, and fourth paragraphs were adopted, and the fifth was read.

Mr. Shepley moved the first reading of a Rule, based on the Report of the Library Committee, to be substituted for Rule 67.—*Carried.*

Mr. Shepley moved that the Rule as to stages be suspended.—*Carried unanimously.*

Mr. Shepley moved that the Rule be read a second time and passed.—*Carried.*

The same is as follows:

Proposed amendments to the Rules relating to the Library:

That the following be substituted for Rule 67:

67. "It shall be the duty of the Library Committee to assume the general supervision and management of the Library, its two annexes, the Benchers' robing room, consultation rooms 1 and 2, and the gallery of Convocation Hall."

Mr. Shepley moved the first reading of the following Rule, based on the Report, to be substituted for Rule 68:

68. "The Library Committee shall purchase the books for the Library as in their judgment may be necessary, and may expend annually for this purpose such sum as may be included in the estimates approved by Convocation, and the Treasurer and sub-Treasurer are hereby authorized to pay the amounts from time to time required by the committee."