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note with interest the lists prefixed to the first volume, where are found, in the order of their appointment, the names of those distinguished men whose *dicta*, in a highly concentrated form it is true, constitute the subject-matter of all that follows. The reporters also, past and present, if they should feel aggrieved by the liberties taken with some favorite head-note, may find consolation in the fact that their names also appear in such excellent company as that of the Ministers of Justice, and Attorneys-General, both of Ontario and of the Dominion. The dates of appointment appear in connection with the names in each case, and the whole forms an appropriate and suggestive memorial of the men whose labors in their respective spheres form the foundation of the Digest, and could alone have rendered such a work possible.

It is not necessary for us to refer at length to the peculiar qualifications of the editors for the work which has engaged their energies during the past six years. The reputation of the chief editor of the Ontario Reports cannot be increased by anything we might say, and his coadjutor, Mr. F. J. Joseph, has long been known to the profession as an experienced and successful worker in various departments of legal literature. We once more felicitate the editors and our readers on the fact, that this most important work is "done," and "well done," if not altogether "done quickly," and will conclude by expressing a hope that the same hands which have laid the foundation so well, may also raise the superstructure by the issue of supplementary Digests hereafter at suitable intervals.

We must not omit to say a word as to the way in which printer and publisher have done their part—very important considerations, especially in the case of a work which will be so constantly in the hands of the profession. It will be sufficient to say that in our opinion the new Ontario Digest will compare most favorably in its general appearance and in all its typographical details with any work of the kind, American or English; a fact which reflects the greatest credit

on the publishers, Messrs. Rowsell & Hutchison. In its outer form, as in its inner substance, it is very similar to the work of Fisher, which has probably served as a model in the one respect as well as the other; it must be a source of gratification to every professional man in the Province that Canada at length possesses a Digest which is in every way worthy to take its place on his shelves side by side with its transatlantic prototype.

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HILARY TERM, 44TH VICTORIAÆ.

The following is the *Resumé* of the proceedings of the Benchers during this Term, published by authority:

MONDAY, Feb. 7th, 1881.

Present.—Messrs. Read, Crickmore, MacLennan, Benson, McMichael, Richards, Bethune, Osler, and Irving.

Mr. MacLennan was appointed chairman in the absence of the Treasurer.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the Examiners and Secretary on the examinations for Call to the Bar were read, and ordered to be considered on Tuesday, February 8th.

The reports of the Examiners and Secretary on the examinations for Certificate of Fitness and on the papers and service of the candidates, were received and read.

Ordered, that Messrs. Allan, Dickson, Nesbitt, Cumberland, Doherty, Campbell, Carroll, O'Heir, White, Buchanan, Bishop, and Mulkern, be granted Certificates of Fitness forthwith, and that Messrs. Crawford, McKillop, Drayton, and Smith do receive their certificates on the completion of their papers to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

The reports of the Examiners and Secretary on the Intermediate Examinations were received and read.

Ordered, that the following gentlemen be allowed their first intermediate examination as students and articulated clerks, namely:—

Messrs. Short, Lilly, Martin, Clark, Mahaffey, Haultain, Kappelle, Sweet, Wallace, McKay, Ponton, Godfrey, Dickson, Danks, Hanna, Anderson, Porteous, Lee, Tyrrell,