

COUNTY OF YORK LAW ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held on the 29th of January last, when the fourteenth annual report of the trustees was received and discussed.

This report states that out of 598 solicitors residing in Toronto, only 306 are members of the Association, of whom twenty-seven have not paid their fees for the past year. Attention was called to the fact that not only is there a thoroughly serviceable working library, but that the aim of the Association has been to promote useful reforms in legislation and practice. The Board also speak of their efforts to procure proper accommodation in the new Court House, and to the removal of the library there when proper accommodation shall have been provided.

The report also alludes to a meeting of delegates from the various County Library Associations, where the following requests were made to the Benchers of the Law Society: (1) To permit the members of the various County Associations to deduct from the annual fee payable to the Society, the sum payable by each member to their respective Associations to the extent of \$5.00 (2) To procure the Dominion and Ontario statutes for the profession and arrange for the publication of a work on practice. (3) To devise a scheme for making the Law School self-supporting. It was reported that as to the first the Benchers had stated that the funds of the Law Society did not permit any such reduction. As to the second that the statutes could be had by the addition of \$2.00 to the annual fees, but that no arrangement could be made for the publication of a work on practice. As to the third that it was intended to increase the yearly fees payable by students, which it was hoped would place the Law School on a self-supporting basis.

The Board of Trustees called the attention of the members to the unsatisfactory condition of things as to appeals to the Court of Appeal, in that so large a portion of the time of the Court was spent in hearing appeals from Judges sitting in single Courts or at assizes or non-jury sittings, that appeals from the Divisional Courts were sometimes not heard at all during the sittings, and that much more work was imposed upon the Court than it could deal with; and it was suggested that during the present year amendments should be considered and submitted to the proper authorities for adoption.

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

The twentieth annual report of the above Association, being for the year 1899, was presented at the recent annual meeting.

The report calls attention to the satisfactory condition of the Library, and to some important additions thereto during the past year. Also to the thorough renovation of the premises of the Association for the convenience of the members. It concludes by recognizing the assistance of the Ontario Government in the past to County Libraries, but suggesting that a change should be made in the basis of distribution of the Government grant by fixing a minimum amount for each Association, to be increased in proportion to the amount contributed by each member thereof. Seventy-one members were reported as having paid their subscriptions for the past year.