

The Association testified their appreciation for the interest and efficiency shewn by Miss Read, the Librarian, during the past year.

The Librarian's report shewed that the Library now contains 6,338 volumes, of which 168 were added during the year 1914. A resolution was passed deprecating the practice of handing out information concerning wills by Surrogate Court clerks to non-interested parties.

The Special Committees on the New Registry Office, on Consolidation of Registry Systems, and on Legislation, appointed last year, were continued.

The election of officers for the year 1915 resulted as follows:—

*President*, M. H. Ludwig, K.C.; *Vice-President*, Angus Mac-Murchy, K.C.; *Treasurer*, George C. Campbell; *Secretary*, W. J. McCallum; *Curator*, J. D. Falconbridge; *Historian*, Beverley Jones; *Trustees*, D. T. Symons, K.C., Shirley Denison, K.C., H. W. Mickle, G. L. Smith, E. J. Hearn, K.C., J. E. Day, D. Urquhart, Edward Bayly, K.C., and R. J. Maclellan.

### War Notes.

Speaking of our neighbour's neutrality it is said that a German war vessel entered a port of the United States with a lot of passengers, some of whom were taken from an American ship which had been piratically sunk by this warship. A statute of the United States provides that what was thus done was an act of piracy punishable by death. So far, it would seem that the United States Government is content to accept an apology from the German Government and payment of damages. One also constantly heard a few years ago the slogan, "Remember the Maine." Why so much fuss over the blowing up of that vessel, which was never proved to have been the act of a Spaniard, and no fuss at all over the admitted crime of a German?

The press has probably been unnecessarily harsh in its criticisms of Lord Haldane in connection with his supposed pro-German proclivities. This may partly have arisen from his speech at a dinner of diplomats shortly before the war, in which he lauded the Kaiser as "a man and a great man gifted by the gods with the highest gift they could give," and other laudatory remarks; also because he is a lover of German literature and admires the devotion of the Germans to learning and science. The *Spectator* comes to his rescue in a recent number, and protests