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This number, pp. 1423-1820, covers the law of Public Wrongs and the original Blackstone text of Book the Fourth, supplemented by Doctor Lewis' admirable notes showing the application of the text to the law of to-day, with references to the English, Canadian and American decisions. It will form a most admirable handbook for use with the Canada Criminal Code, showing as it does the development of the English criminal law upon which our code is founded. Criminal pleading process and practice are thoroughly discussed, and Dr. Lewis is to be congratulated in having given to the profession a most excellent annotation, which brings the commentaries up to date.

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LAW SOCIETY OF UPPER CANADA.

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HILARY TERM, 1897.

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TUESDAY, Feb. 2.

Present, between ten and eleven a.m., the Treasurer and Messrs. Strathy, Moss, Britton, Macdougall, Bayly, S. H. Blake, Edwards, O'Gara, Martin, Wilkes, Idington, Bruce, Maclellan, Kerr, Osler and Riddell, and in addition, after eleven a.m., Messrs. Ritchie, Watson, Shepley, Douglas, Gibbons and Hoskin.

The minutes of Friday, Dec. 4th, 1896, were read and confirmed.

Ordered that Mr. J. M. Laing be called to the Bar and receive his certificate of fitness.

A deputation from the Osgoode Athletic Association were heard on the subject of encouragement to the Association.

The Secretary reported: That in pursuance of the order of December 4th, 1896, the name of Mr. Charles Cyrus Grant, student-at-law, has been removed from the Roll of the Society, upon which his name had appeared as a student-at-law of the Matriculant Class.

Ordered that Mr. L. H. Dickson, a solicitor of over ten years standing, be called to the Bar.

Miss Clara Brett Martin and Messrs. J. M. Laing and L. H. Dickson were then called to the Bar.

The petition of Messrs. S. V. Blake, E. Mortimer and F. A. C. Redden was read which sets forth that these gentlemen are solicitors and barristers of this province, now resident in England and desirous of being admitted as solicitors in England. They submit that it would be a convenience to Ontario practitioners to be able to employ as agents in England persons conversant with the laws of Ontario and Canada. In the ordinary course, they would have to serve five or three years, as the case may be, in order to be admitted in England, but legislation is in contemplation by the Imperial Parliament whereby solicitors of a colony such as Ontario may be admitted in England without further service, and with or without examination, on condition that the regulations of the colony provide for the admission of English solicitors to practice in the colony on like terms. The petitioners ask Convocation to move the Ontario Legislature to dispense with or give Convocation power to dispense with the condition of further service and examination as a preliminary to the admission of English solicitors to practice in Ontario, in consideration of the reciprocal legislation of the Imperial Parliament.

There were also submitted the letter of the Hon. A. S. Hardy, Attorney-