

William Warren Baldwin, the father of the Honourable Robert Baldwin, C.B., the present Treasurer of the Law Society. Twenty-two persons in all were thus licensed by the Executive to practice the Profession. Measures, however, were still required to facilitate the education of the youth to the study of the Law. Between the years 1803 and 1807, only six persons were entered in the ordinary course as Students of the Law by the Law Society. In the latter year, the Legislature permitted every Practitioner to take and have four Clerks, and not one only, as before. (47th George III, cap. 5.) For the following seven years, that is to say, from 1807 to 1814, the admission of Students, and call of Barristers, though increasing, did so very slowly, and was scarcely adequate to the demand. The population of the Province, in 1808, had attained the number of 70,000. It is a singular fact, that, in this year, four gentlemen were admitted Students-at-Law, and all afterwards were elevated to seats on the Bench of the Superior Court. In Hilary Term, 1808, John Beverley Robinson, now Sir John Beverley Robinson, Baronet, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, became a Law Student, and, seven years afterwards, was called to the Bar. The late Mr. Justice Jones was, in Easter Term, 1808, admitted a Member of the Law Society, and called to the Bar in Hilary, 1815. The present Mr. Justice McLean was, in Trinity, 1808, admitted a Student, and in Trinity Term, 1815, called to the Bar. In Michaelmas Term, 1808, the late Mr. Justice Hagerman was admitted by the Law Society, and called to the Bar in the same term with Mr. Justice McLean.

In 1811, the war with the United States commenced. It summoned from their usual occupations most of the inhabitants of the Province, and amongst them many Barristers, Students-at-Law, Attorneys, and Articled Clerks. The result was not merely a cessation of business, but an interruption for several Terms of the Meetings of the Law Society. In consequence, several young men were unable to be duly entered as Students on the Books of the Society, and Students-at-Law were in like manner unable to be duly called to the Bar. Indeed, from 1811, to 1815, no persons were either admitted as Students, or called to the Bar in Upper