

shorten the term to two years; the benchers fill vacancies caused by death or otherwise.

The powers and duties of the benchers are: They can make rules for the government of the Law Society, conduct enquiries into the conduct of barristers and solicitors, and they may disbar, strike off the roll, suspend or fine for misconduct towards the public, non-payment of fees or dis-

obedience to the rules of the Society. In such cases a solicitor has the right to appeal to the Courts, he not being a complete member of the society, a barrister cannot. The control of the law school and the subject of legal education is under their control. The benchers arrange for the courses of study, curriculum, examinations, etc., and exact fees for admission to practice. They are also empowered to appoint reporters of judicial decisions.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter to the Editor:—

Sir,—I desire to ask the profession throughout the Province to consider the advisability of forming a central or Provincial County Law Library Association, comprising the several County Law Library Associations of the Province, and having for its objects the establishing of Law Library Associations in the counties where not now established, and improving those already established, also securing law reforms and reforms beneficial to the profession. It has seemed difficult in the past to procure regulation or legislation beneficial to the profession, particularly outside of Toronto, because the profession has been unable to emphasize their desire in concerted united effort. For instance, it will be generally admitted by the profession outside of Toronto, that they suffer an injustice in being required to pay the same fees to the Law Society as paid by the Toronto practitioner. This injustice might be removed by a united effort to reduce outsiders' dues

or increase the grants to the Law Library Associations in the different counties. A great many of the profession have felt that they have suffered an injustice by reason of every Tom, Dick and Harry being allowed to do conveyancing and other similar work that should properly be done by the profession. Others have complained that Ministerial officers in the outside counties sometimes trench upon the field of the lawyer. These and other grievances arising from time to time might be dealt with by the Association as above suggested and the influence resulting from the united effort throughout the Province would certainly be more efficacious in accomplishing the desired result, whether asked for from the Judges, Benchers or legislators, than at present.

Hoping that the members of the profession throughout the Province may be led to think and act upon this matter,

I remain,

Yours truly,

W. C. MIKEL.

Belleville, March 16th, 1896.