

LAW SOCIETY.

The intermediate examinations of Messrs. Meyers and Miller were not allowed.

The plans and estimates for increased library accommodations were referred to a joint committee composed of the Finance and Library Committees.

Friday, February 16th, 1877.

Mr. D. B. Read, Q.C., in the absence of Treasurer was appointed Chairman.

The petition of Mr. David Robertson was received and refused.

The petition of Mr. J. A. Loughheed was granted.

The petition of Mr. Langtry was granted.

The petition of Frederick Sheppard O'Connor was refused, not being in accordance with the rules for special cases.

The petition of W. H. Deacon was granted, on petitioner furnishing to the Secretary a statutory declaration verifying the petition.

The petition of George Martin was read.

Ordered, That on proper proof of his contract of service and the loss thereof, and of his service under the contract according to the rules of the Society, he be permitted to present himself for examination.

The petition of Charles McDonald was received and ordered to stand over.

The joint report of the Library and Finance Committee on additional accommodation in the Library was received and adopted.

The report of the Library Committee on the subject of American reports was adopted.

In the matter of a member of the Bar, a letter of complaint addressed to the Secretary of the Society, and by him laid before Convocation, was referred to the standing Committee on Discipline.

In the matter of an Attorney and Solicitor, two letters of complaint were referred to the Committee on Discipline,

with instructions to communicate with the Attorney and report to Convocation.

Moved by Mr. Mackelcan, seconded by Mr. Hodgins, and

Ordered, That the statement of receipts and expenditure of the Society for 1876 be printed, and that in accordance with the statute of Ontario, 35 Vict. cap. 7, sec. 7, a copy of such statement be sent by mail with the first number of the current reports to every practitioner who has taken out his certificate.

Mr. Mackelcan gave notice that he would on the first Tuesday of next term call the attention of the Society to the necessity for superannuating the present steward and appointing another in his place.

Mr. Robertson gave notice that he would on the same day move that the salary of the Secretary and Librarian be re-considered.

Ordered, That the committee on the relations of the Law Society to the Government be continued.

SELECTIONS.

PRIORITIES AND ABSTRACTING
OF EQUITABLE CHARGES.

In the pages of a literary periodical, then conducted by one now no more, whose pen had, many a time, done good service in the cause of legal reform, we remember reading, some twelve or thirteen years ago, a tough piece of legal exposition:—"What is an abstract of title." The definition thereof by a certain Mr. Wordy, one of the attorneys, was somewhat in this wise:—"An abstract is a history—a concise history I may say—of the title. It generally commences some sixty or seventy years back, and brings the matter by gradations up to the present time. Carefully, carefully—no undue precipitation. It is very apt, we find, to get hold of a gentleman who flourished at a remote period, and to exhaust him and everything connected with him, to say nothing of the leading legal incidents of his life, by a strong dose of "and whereas," as, for instance, "and whereas he intermarried with somebody"—giving the particulars of that event and a slight sketch of the settlement; "and whereas he became, in some way or another, con-