

promulgation a sufficient time has elapsed to make it plain to the Profession that these rules have simplified practice and are a well attempted effort to bring about more effectually the fusion aimed at by the Judicature Acts.

The strong recommendation of the Joint Committee, which provided for the fixing definitely the mode of trial before trial, has not been adopted in the rules. It is understood that the Judges in dealing with this recommendation in so far as it relates to trial by jury, apart from the question of *ultra vires*, have deemed it expedient to interfere with the expressed wish of the Legislature embodied in the 76th and following sections of the Judicature Act.

The trustees suggest that a representation be made to the Attorney-General upon this subject, and that legislation be asked to carry the recommendation of the Joint Committee into effect.

The important question of the establishment of a permanent circuit list which will bring about a more complete fusion of the divisions of the High Court, will receive the further consideration of the Joint Committee of the Judges and the Law Associations. This Joint Committee have agreed to the suggestion that two Judges shall sit in each week before whom motions may be brought according to the following scheme, without regard to the divisions in which the papers relating to such motions may be styled :

	MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.
DIVISION A	Chambers	Court Motions	Appeals from Reports	Court Motions
DIVISION B	Court Motions	Chamber Appeals	Court Motions	Chambers

This scheme is now before the Supreme Court of Judicature for consideration.

This committee have also suggested that the minor differences of practice in the offices of the various divisions at Osgoode Hall should be brought to the attention of the Attorney-General, and that he should be requested to designate some officer to whom such differences in practice should be referred for arrangement so as to ensure conformity.

The question of the increase of judicial salaries has been lately pressed upon the authorities. That an increase should be made is freely submitted, and the Trustees hope that during the next sittings of Parliament a measure will be passed for this purpose.

The Trustees have endeavored during the past year to expend the available funds in the purchase of books most needed by members. The daily attendance in the Library is now however so large, and the demands for books are so varied, that the Trustees cannot expect the collection of books will anything like answer requirements for years to come.

During the year nothing whatsoever has been done to remedy the scandalous condition of the present Court House, nor has any effort been made by the city