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The Report was received, ordered for immediate consideration, amended and adopted.

Mr. Irving moved for leave to introduce a rule based on the Report.

Ordered accordingly.

The rule was read a first time, and was ordered to be read a second time at next meeting of Convocation.

Mr. Martin, from the Special Committee on the subject of Legal Education presented their Report as follows :—

SPECIAL LEGAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

OSGOODE HALL, 14th December, 1888.

To the Benchers of the Law Society.

1. The Special Committee on Legal Education appointed by resolution of Convocation, dated 14th April, 1888, have carefully considered all the matters referred to them, and beg to report thereon as follows:

2. It is not desirable to enter into any arrangement with any University for the joint education of Students, nor to shorten in any way the period of study or service of Students.

3. It is expedient to continue and re-organize the Law School, and to appoint a President who shall have supervision and general direction of the School.

4. An improved system of legal education for Students-at-Law and Articled Clerks should be provided by the delivery of lectures and otherwise at Toronto.

5. The question of the delivery of lectures in other places than Toronto should be deferred till after experience of the working of the School.

6. The attendance of Students at the lectures and other methods of instruction to be adopted should be compulsory, but the committee did not arrive at any conclusion as to the period of such attendance in the respective cases of Students serving in Toronto and of those serving elsewhere.

7. No person should be called to the Bar unless he shall have served under articles or shall have actually and *bona fide* attended in a Barrister's office for a term of three years if a graduate, and of five years in other cases, except in special cases provided for by any Statute.

8. The present Primary Examinations for Students and Clerks by this Society should be abolished, and in lieu thereof each person applying for admission who shall present a certificate of having passed within four years of his application an examination in the subjects approved of by the Society in any University in this Province, shall be admitted upon the books.

9. The Intermediate and Final Examinations of the Law Society should be held twice during each year instead of four times as at present, namely, during May and November in each year.

10. The Committee, in accordance with the instructions of Convocation, requested the presence of a representative of each County Law Association at its meetings. They have had the assistance of delegates from some of the Law Associations who attended several of the meetings, and the Committee received from other Associations resolutions or other written communications expressive of their views. The minutes of all the meetings held by the Committee, together with the resolutions and other written communications received from the County Law Associations, are herewith submitted for the consideration of Convocation.

11. Appended hereto are certain suggestions for defining the qualifications and duties of the President and staff of the Law School, and also in regard to other matters affecting the School.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

(Signed),

EDWARD MARTIN.

Chairman.