

LAW SOCIETY, EASTER TERM.

grant in aid from the Society shall be for the initiatory or first grant, an amount double the amount of the contributions in money actually paid, or of the value of books actually given, from all local sources, such grant, however, not exceeding a maximum sum of six dollars for each practitioner in the County or union of Counties; and for each of the first, second, and third years an amount double the amount of the fees actually paid by such practitioners to the Association, such grant, however, not exceeding a maximum sum of \$4 for each such practitioner; and for each of the fourth and fifth years an amount equal to the amount of the fees so actually paid; such grant, however, not exceeding \$4 for each practitioner, and that after the end of five years, by which time the working of the scheme will have been tested by practical experience, the whole question be open for reconsideration.

(7.) That such annual grant be payable on the 31st day of December in each year next after the termination of the fiscal year of the Association, provided the required reports and information have been supplied on or before the first day of the said month of December; and that in case of default the grant be not payable for three months after such reports or information have been supplied.

(8.) That the Standing Committee shall report to Convocation on the first day of Hilary term in each year on their operations for the previous year.

(9.) The Committee in conclusion desire to point out that the maximum charge on the funds of the Society under the proposed plan, even on the improbable supposition that libraries will be formed in all the Counties named would be for the initiatory grant \$4,368, and for the subsequent yearly grants \$2,912, irrespective of the slight yearly increase in the number of practitioners. This would be considerably in excess of the annual expenditure on the library at Osgoode Hall.

EDWARD BLAKE,
Chairman.

June 17th, 1879.

Mr. Hodgins moved the suspension of Rule 8.

Mr. Hodgins moved that the following rule be read a first time, namely:—That branch law libraries for the use of the Courts and the profession be established in each county town, on the conditions contained in the scheme above set forth.

Mr. Hodgins moved, That the rule be read a second time. Carried.

Mr. Irving moved, That the following

gentlemen be appointed the County Libraries Aid Committee, namely—Messrs. Hoskin, Kerr, Miller, Robertson, Meredith, Hector Cameron, and Benson.

Mr. Robertson moved, that 1,000 copies of the Report and Rule as to County Libraries be printed and distributed to the profession. Carried.

A letter from the telegraph operator, asking for leave of absence during the long vacation, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from the assistant in the library, asking for leave of absence, was referred to the Library Committee.

The Secretary laid before Convocation the bill of costs of the Solicitor of the Society, which was referred to the Finance Committee, with power to act.

Mr. MacLennan moved, that the salaries of the reporters be, after the 1st of October next, payable monthly, instead of quarterly, subject to the production of the usual certificate of the Editor. Carried.

Mr. Hodgins moved, That Mr. J. K. Kerr's name be substituted for that of Mr. Leith as a member of the Committee on the Journals of Convocation. Carried.

The Library Committee's report of the 24th June as to the tenders for the new descriptive catalogue, was received, read and adopted.

SELECTIONS.

THE LAW OF EVIDENCE AND THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION OF HANDWRITING.

(Concluded.)

Thus, an alleged forged agreement was brought into court, in which it was admitted that the body of the instrument was written by the party claiming under it, while the signature, it was contended, was in the handwriting of one member of the firm, against which the claim was made. There were quite a number of witnesses who testified to the belief of the genuineness of the signature, one of them being a so-called expert, while as many from the same data gave a contrary opinion. I found upon an examination