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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

Address.

GENTLEMEN,—I hope on this, the occasion of our eighth annual meeting of our association, we can look back on the eight years that have past, and that on doing so we may find that some benefit has accrued to its members from the formation of the associations I hope by our mutual consideration of the various subjects that have been brought before us we have acquired a much greater knowledge of the duties we are called upon to discharge in the interests of the Public and of the Profession through which it acts. I think we have found that the bringing of a joint combined consideration and experience to bear upon the points arising before us enables us to arrive at a much more satisfactory solution of our difficulties than could possibly be arrived at were we acting as before, disjointedly and without union; then again it affords you a means by which you can much more effectually bring any reform desired or grievance to be remedied before the proper authorities to whom application in that behalf should be made; besides, it seems to me, we derive no slight advantage from these re-unions by our being brought into direct contact with each other by our being brought personally to know each other, and by the kindly intercourse which arises therefrom.

Order as to
Examin-
ations.

I can congratulate you on the Order that has been passed by the High Court of Justice since our last meeting in reference to examinations. I think it will, in a very great measure, remedy the grievances under which you previously laboured, though I am afraid in some few instances its intention may be frustrated, but I hope that the means by which this can be effected will be resorted to by very few and that on the whole you will substantially derive the benefit intended by the Order.

Minutes of
1883.

I am glad to be able to think, from communications from a number of clerks, that the Minutes of our last meeting and its accompanying index have been of material benefit to you. I requested that any error you should discover would be pointed out to me. I have had only one brought to my notice; that is at page 16 in the Bill of Costs on a judgment, by default, the copy of the writ of summons was omitted. This error, I am glad to say, was so palpable as, I am sure, not to mislead any of you. I have found the index very useful to myself; a large number of communications from clerks I have been able to answer by a reference to the index and the parts or pages of the addresses referred to in it; using it in this way is a very good test of its completeness, and I have only found one or two instances in which it required alteration or addition, and these I will remedy in the index of this meeting's Minutes. I would be glad if any of you have found the index defective you would let me know before the printing of these Minutes, so that I may be able to make the necessary corrections.

The Minutes of last meeting were not sent out until late, but I have to ask you for forbearance in this matter; there was a great deal to look after in connection with them and particularly the index had to be completely done over before I could give it to the printer, besides I had a great press of my own duties. After it was given to the printer his delay was most unreasonable, so much so that I at last threatened to apply to the Attorney General for leave to withdraw the whole matter from his hands.

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