

practise as aforesaid, shall appear in a barrister's gown worn over a black dress, white necktie, with head uncovered."

Only one lady has so far taken advantage of these provisions: Miss Clara Brett Martin, M.A., who practises in Toronto, and has lately been elected a member of the Toronto Board of Education.

The Hall was constructed when the Courts were several entities, each with its set of officers in separate apartments.

The present intention is to have one supreme tribunal with two divisions, the High Court and Court of Appeal. The Registrar and other officers have to accommodate themselves as best they may, to the original premises which necessitate loss of time to those doing business, and probably a larger clerical staff than would be needed were the architectural arrangements modernized.

Those who have the clue find the offices of the Hall scattered about like the possessions of the tribe of Dan.

To the stranger the Hall is a bewildering maze. I once found wandering among the Caën pillars in the corridor, a good fellow who, in his palmy days had worked and spent for the party, and now had in his hand a commission to an office of whose duties and place he knew nothing. The gentle barnacle was as much puzzled and perplexed as was the Persian Jami's simple Arab when he came "From the solitary desert up to Bagdad."¹

Offices only indirectly associated with the Courts are found opening from the central area, being those of the Master of Titles, the learned Master being John Galloway Scott, K.C., and of the Inspector of Legal Offices and Surrogate Clerk. In a dim nook is the room where the profession disburses many thousands of dollars each year for the red or green stamps in which

¹ From *Salaman and Absal*.