

LAW SOCIETY.

your Committee find that there are eleven appeal cases in the hands of the printers, but not yet published, of a date prior to November, 1884. There appear to be only two other cases in that Court yet given to the printer, and of the cases named in the reporter's return for last term it appears that there are twenty-six judgments given in and prior to January last, not one of which has yet been given to the printer. Your Committee have no means in the absence of any return of knowing how many judgments have been given since January, but it is well known there are a good many. Mr. Grant has issued one number in November, one in December, one in February and one in May of 560 pages in seven months. The last two numbers contain eleven cases, and at the same rate it would take fourteen months longer to issue all the cases to the end of 1884.

The report was received and adopted.

The secretary reported that H. C. R. Becher, Q.C., Hon T. B. Pardee, Q.C., and Hon. A. S. Hardy, Q.C., had not attended meetings of Convocation for the last three consecutive terms.

Ordered that a call of the Bench be made for the first Tuesday of Trinity Term for the election of Benchers in the places of Messrs. Becher, Pardee and Hardy.

Mr. Maclellan from Joint Committee of Finance and Reporting reported as follows upon the subject of Mr. Robinson's letter:—

The Joint Committee composed of the Finance and Reporting Committees to whom was referred Mr. Robinson's letter of 18th instant on the subject of an increase of salary for the editor-in-chief beg leave to report as follows:—

The Committee are of the opinion that the funds of the Society do not admit of any considerable permanent increase of expenditure without a very pressing necessity.

The Committee are further of opinion that the salary at present attached to the office of editor-in-chief is sufficient as long as the reporters do the work prescribed by the Rules of the Society.

Your Committee refer to Rules 143, 144, and 145 which intend that the actual execution of the reports is the duty of the

reporters, and that the duty of the editor is one of oversight.

Your Committee have communicated with Mr. Robinson with the view, if possible, of retaining his services as editor upon the footing of his labours being reduced to that of oversight and supervision as contemplated by the Rules; but your Committee regret to say that for various reasons Mr. Robinson cannot see his way to do this.

Your Committee therefore recommend that applications for the position of editor-in-chief be advertised for in the usual manner, and that Mr. Robinson be requested to retain his office until his successor is appointed.

The report was received and adopted.

The secretary was directed to communicate to Mr. Robinson that part of the third paragraph relating to his letter.

It was ordered that the usual notice for applications for editor-in-chief be published, and that the usual notice be given to every Benchers for Tuesday, 30th June.

The petition of Gerald Bolster was presented and considered. Ordered, That his certificate of fitness be allowed him, and that the usual fee be not charged.

A resolution was carried respecting Mr. Grant's neglect to make any return during the present term of his reporting work, and the backward condition of the Appeal Reports.

The secretary was directed to communicate the same to Mr. Grant forthwith.

Convocation requested the Finance Committee to take into consideration the system of ventilation of the library, and also the condition of the ceiling.

The Rule, moved by Mr. Moss at last meeting and read twice, relating to service of articulated clerks, was read a third time and passed.

Mr. Morris was placed on the Finance Committee in the room of Mr. Read.

Mr. Osler gave notice of motion for the first day of Trinity Term for the formation of a branch library at the Court House for the use of the profession.

J. K. KERR.

Chairman of Committee on Journals.