

Proceedings of Law Societies.

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

Report of Special Meeting of Trustees, called to consider the establishment of the proposed Law Faculty, the creation of a permanent Circuit List, etc.

Present, all the Trustees. Mr. E. Martin, Q.C., in the chair.

The proposal to establish a Law Faculty was first taken up. After careful consideration it was

Resolved,—First, that, in the opinion of the Hamilton Law Association, the scheme for the establishment and maintenance of a Law Faculty, published by the Joint Committee of the Law Society and Senate of the University, cannot be carried out until the first and second sections of chapter 146 R. S. O. are repealed, and hence that it is premature to discuss in detail the merits of the scheme. At the same time the Association desire to express generally their disapproval of the scheme. Second, that this Association is of opinion that, with the view of improving the present standard of legal education, provision should be made by the Law Society for the delivery of a course of lectures at Toronto and other centres throughout the Province, and the compulsory attendance of students thereat, and also that students for call to the bar should be required to serve under articles in the same manner as students for admission.

The creation of a permanent Circuit List and the circular of the Joint Committee of Law Associations, dated 21st March, 1888, were then considered, and it was

Resolved,—First, that this Association approve of the establishment of a permanent Circuit List for the trial of all actions in the High Court, and, so far as Hamilton is concerned, for the arrangement proposed in the circular of the Joint Committee of Law Associations dated 21st March, 1888, provided that a jury be summoned for the January sittings. Second, that this Association approve of the settlement definitely before a case is called for trial whether it is to be tried with or without a jury, as stated in the said circular.

These resolutions received the unanimous approval of all the Trustees.