

Holidays of Whit Monday and August, but that each officer of the Court, from the highest to the lowest, should, by rotation, have a long vacation at a convenient period of the year, to be arranged by the heads of departments. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pennington and opposed by Mr. Melmoth Walters, and was carried by forty against seven. Dealing with Mr. Fullagar's paper, Mr. Morton, president of the Liverpool Law Society, condemned the present assize system, and demanded continuous sittings for Liverpool and Manchester. The difficulty of taking witnesses to London prevented a poor man in Lancashire from obtaining a divorce, and was an obstacle to the administration of justice in other classes of litigation. One-third of the litigation of the country came from Lancashire, and there were ample statistics to show that the time of a judge sitting continuously in Lancashire would be fully occupied. Mr. Tatham, president of the Manchester Law Society, expressed the same view, adding that the junior judge could always be sent to Lancashire, so that no member of the Bench need stay there long enough to be provincialized. Mr. Todd referred to the continuous sittings of judges in provincial towns in Germany and France, and denied that any deterioration took place. Mr. Munton briefly expressed his approval of Mr. Lowndes' proposal that County Courts should be made branches of the High Court. The time for bringing the proceedings to an end having passed, Mr. Pickstone's paper on "One Law for the Rich and another for the Poor" had to be taken as read. The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks to the various persons who had contributed to the profit and pleasure of the conference."

CURRENT ENGLISH CASES.

HIRE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENT—OPTION TO BUY—HIRER PLEDGING PROPERTY
HIRED—PROPERTY IN GOODS.

Helby v. Matthews. (1895) A.C. 471: 11 R. Aug. 1, although a decision under the English Factors Act, 1889, of which no counterpart exists in Ontario, may, nevertheless, be usefully referred to as casting light on the construction of the hire and purchase agreements now so common. In this case the subject-matter of the contract was a piano, which the owner agreed to