

Reference was made by one of the speakers to the fact that articled clerks have for all practical purposes ceased to exist, and he threw the blame on the Law School. Another speaker thought the difficulty was owing to the introduction of shorthand writers and type-writing machines, and that the large "departmental" firms employ junior partners to do practice work, and concluded by saying that the Law School was turning out men better equipped than those of any other school. This latter remark may be true, but we doubt whether his explanation of the difficulty alluded to is the correct one, at least, it is only true to a limited extent. We are more inclined to agree with the first speaker. That the generality of barristers and solicitors turned out under the present system of education are not conversant with the practice of the Courts and are ignorant of how to "run an office" is an accepted fact. This is their misfortune, and partly, perhaps, their fault, but it is bad both for themselves and clients, and evidences a defect in the present educational system. Many think it would be well to abolish the Law School and save the great expense connected therewith. We should be glad to hear from our readers on this subject, so that it may be fully discussed, and, if possible, a remedy be found.

Speaking of the expenses of the Law Society calls to our mind the arrangement made by Convocation in February, 1896, in reference to supplying Supreme Courts reports to the profession free of charge. Previous to that date these reports had been sent to those members of the profession desiring to have them for the annual sum of \$1.50 in addition to their certificate fees. We understand that about nine hundred took advantage of this, thereby shewing that only about one-half of the profession of Ontario cared to have these reports. It is, of course, theoretically desirable that every member of the profession should have all possible facilities for becoming familiar with the law of the land, and the intention of Convocation was praiseworthy. It may, however, be doubtful whether it is desirable or necessary to continue the expense of supplying reports to those who do not appreciate them. The practical result is that there are piles of uncut and unread volumes of Supreme Courts reports lumbering hundreds of offices throughout the country, and for sale at nominal prices. The cost of the Law Society of the Supreme Courts reports must be about