

the Chamber for the settlement of commercial disputes. The Council gave the subject matter of the following statement to the press, in March last, and it is again presented to the Board for publication with the annual report. The scale of fees is on file in the Secretary's office, and may be consulted by members when desired.

Guildhall, E. C., March, 1896.

Dear Sir :—I am directed to bring under the notice of your Chamber the advantages of the London Chamber of Arbitration for the settlement of commercial disputes.

The Chamber was established in 1892, by the Corporation of the City of London, with the co-operation of the London Chamber of Commerce, its object being to provide facilities for disputants wishing to settle their differences without recourse to litigation, and it is under the management of a Committee composed of members of the Corporation and the London Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber is open both to voluntary applicants and for the arbitration of cases referred by the Courts of Law or the Judges thereof, and its decisions have the legal force and effect of a verdict in the High Court.

The Arbitrators, who are nominated by the London Chamber of Commerce and appointed by the Corporation, are gentlemen qualified either by long business experience or special trade knowledge, or both, to act in that capacity.

All proceedings are private and confidential, and no persons, other than the official witnesses, are allowed to be present at the hearing of disputes, except such as the disputants may mutually request to be present.

Disputants may conduct their own cases or be represented by Legal Advocate, or by a clerk or other person in their permanent employment; or, in case they reside and carry on business at a distance of more than fifty miles from the Chamber, by their London permanent business agent.