

weather. There have been nine debates—two of which were impromptu—four papers read by solicitors, and one mock trial. Reports of most of the proceedings of the Society have appeared periodically in the *Law Times*, *Law Students' Journal* and *Law Notes*. The Society recently took steps to induce the Bournemouth and District Incorporated Law Society to purchase books for the use of students, and in this they were most successful, for the Law Society voted £15 for this purpose. Articled clerks have the use of the library and these students' books, upon payment of one guinea entrance fee and one guinea subscription; and it is hoped that by this means the Law Society may be enabled to keep the works up to date and at the same time recoup themselves in a short time for their original outlay. A number of students' books, selected from a list suggested by the

Committee of this Society, will shortly be added to the shelves of the library. A prize competition among the members of the Society has been suggested, and it is hoped may be carried through in the course of the spring. Mr. Francis and Mr. Bone (the President) have offered most generous assistance, and it is hoped that ordinary members may further the success of the scheme by competing for the prizes. Next year the Society hopes to hold a public mock trial for the benefit of some local charity, which, in a town like Bournemouth, if held at a proper season, should not fail to be successful. The Society completes the first session with an excess of income over expenditure of £4 18s. 9d., which will be carried over to next year, when we shall hope to see increased vigour, increased membership, and increased attendance at debates.—*Law Times*, Eng.

### THE COMING LAWYERS.

The bill is signed. And now to this  
Condition have we come at last  
That stately dame and charming miss,  
Once their examinations passed,  
May practice law, and may commence,  
If they can only get the cases,  
To show at bar their eloquence,  
Their wit, their learning and their faces;  
To try their arts upon the judge,  
On juries, too, to ply their wiles,  
In court and offices to drudge,  
And help to swell the clerk his files.  
It will be happiness to meet 'em,  
When we have learned just how to  
treat 'em.

Suppose against one in a case  
A maiden with a charming face,  
Or e'en suppose one should enlist her  
Upon his side, should one refer  
In court unto "My learned sister,"  
Or by so doing would he err?  
(I think myself the safer way

Would be "my learned friend" to say.)  
Would she improper questions ask,  
How shall rude men take her to task?  
We'll have to be quite circumspect,  
In such a case, when we object,  
Or else, I might confess my fears,  
The case will be bedewed with tears.

Will Lawyers Sue and Nell and Kate  
In court or chambers mostly prate?  
Will they display their finest graces  
In murder or attachment cases?  
'Tis hard to tell, but I opine  
In breach of promise suits they'll shine.  
Two women fair, in tears and trouble,

Lawyer and client, as I live,  
Would cause a jury to see double,  
And double damages they'd give.  
Man's only hope in such a plight  
Would be a lady to retain,  
And, with her potent aid, to fight  
The case, if might be, o'er again.