

## LAW SOCIETY, EASTER TERM.

should be required to attend at his office in Osgoode Hall, every day during each Term, and during the week before the commencement of each term, to receive orders for, and deliver copies of short-hand reporters' notes, and should also arrange for the receiving and forwarding at all other times, of letters addressed to him at Osgoode Hall respecting such notes, and should attend to and answer all such communications, and do all that might be required for the obtaining and delivering, or transmitting of copies of such notes.

That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Attorney-General, who is respectfully requested to take the matter into his consideration at his earliest convenience.

Mr. Hodgins moved in amendment, that Mr. Mackelcan be appointed a Committee to represent to the Attorney-General the difficulties at present existing with reference to procuring notes from the short-hand reporters, with a view to the adoption of some scheme for removing these difficulties.

Mr. MacLennan gave notice that he would move at the next meeting of Convocation, that the salaries of the reporters be henceforth payable and paid monthly instead of quarterly.

MONDAY, June 24, 1879.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Report of the Legal Education Committee on the cases of Messrs. Lewis, Hall, Shannon, Maxwell, McMeans, Scott, and Mortimer was received and adopted.

The report of same Committee recommending that in future a fee of two dollars should be payable on the presentation of every petition to the Benchers for special relief was received and adopted.

The report of the Discipline Committee on the case of a member of the Society charged with the improper removal of a book from the library was received and adopted.

The report of the Library Committee, dated 24th June, as to the abstraction of books from the library, was received and adopted.

The report of the Select Committee on aid to county libraries was received and

read, considered clause by clause, amended, and adopted, as below :—

REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE ON AID TO COUNTY LIBRARIES.

*To the Benchers of the Law Society, in Convocation :—*

The Select Committee appointed "to enquire as to the practicability and expediency, and, if found practicable and expedient, to report a scheme for aiding in the establishment and maintenance of branch libraries in the county towns, for the use of the courts and profession," to which Committee was referred the proposed motion of Mr. Irving on the same subject, beg leave to report as follows :—

1. The Committee met on eleventh June, A. D. 1879. Present—The Treasurer, Mr. Irving, and Mr. Hodgins, and came to the following conclusions :

2. The establishment and maintenance of county libraries is a subject of very great importance to the profession, the courts and the public. From the necessity of the case, the country practitioners do not derive the same measure of advantage from Osgoode Hall library which is obtained by the Toronto bar ; and although the annual fees paid by the profession are now more than compensated by the reports provided for them, yet the profession generally has a just claim to consideration in the appropriation of the surplus revenues derived from other sources.

It is on these grounds expedient to aid in the proposed object.

3. The report of the Finance Committee of twenty-sixth May last, showing a considerable estimated surplus of revenue over expenditure, there is no difficulty, on financial grounds, in carrying out a plan for moderate aid to county libraries ; but it would be prudent, in view of the large fixed charges, the fluctuating character of the income, and the possibility of other demands, to limit the guaranteed yearly expenditure by the Society to a sum well within the estimated available surplus.

4. There is no impracticability on other grounds in aiding in the object referred to.

5. Any scheme for the purpose should promote, as far as possible, a just distribution of the aid in proportion to the local contributions to the same object ; and should involve a limitation of the maximum of aid, which would at once ensure its fair share to each county desirous of establishing a library, and prevent too great a drain on the resources of the Society.

6. The Committee find that, according to the last law list, the practitioners in each