

Ordered, that Mr. Irving and Mr. Hoskin do appear at the proper time, and oppose such application.

Mr. Hoskin drew the attention of Convocation to a Certificate of 6th December, 1889, issued by the Registrar of the Chancery Division, H.C.J., relating to Mr. J. P. MacMillan.

Ordered, that the chairman of the Discipline Committee do ascertain if the order can be amended so as to comply with Rule 119 of the Society, and if amendable, that he ask that it be amended.

Mr. Shepley drew the attention of the Benchers to a memorandum of Convocation of 15th February, 1889, relating to the accommodation to be afforded for the robing of practitioners.

Mr. Osler presented the Report of the Reporting Committee.

The report was received, read, considered and adopted.

Mr. Martin moved pursuant to notice certain Rules set out hereafter.

The Rules were read a first time.

Ordered, that they be printed, distributed to Benchers, and come up for a second reading on the first Tuesday of Hilary Term, 1890.

Mr. Shepley gave the following notice:

That at the first meeting of Convocation in Hilary Term next, he will move that the Finance Committee be requested to report to Convocation upon the direction given that committee 15th February, 1889, to enquire and report whether further accommodation can be provided in Osgoode Hall for the clothing of practitioners in attendance at the hall, and to report what, if any, difficulties exist in the way of making such provision.

Convocation adjourned.

(Sd.) J. K. KERR, *Chairman Journals Committee.*

Correspondence.

WHO MAY SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE?

To the Editor of THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL.

Since the appearance, by your kind indulgence, in the C.L.J. of the 1st February, of my letter on the Lawless-Chamberlain marriage, I have found an additional argument in favor of my contention that marriages by superannuated clergymen and ministers, of all denominations, are voidable. The interest aroused by my first letter justifies, I think, the production of this the second.

The Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1887, chap. 40, section 7 (descended from 10, 11 Victoria chap. 14, section 16), reads:—"7. Every clergyman, teacher, minister or other person authorized by law to baptise, marry, or perform the funeral service in Ontario, shall keep a registry showing the persons whom he has baptised, or married or have died *within his cure and belonging to his congregation.*" The italics are mine. Surely no uninterested, reasonable and law-abiding person will support the claims of these superannuated clerics,—*who are without cure or congregation*,—and admit that they have authority under the law to solemnize marriage.