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HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hamilton Law Association was held there on the 6th inst., at the library in the Court House, and was very fairly attended by the members of the legal profession of the city and county. Mr. Edward Martin, Q.C., the president of the association, was in the chair, and after the usual routine business, presented the annual report of the association, which exhibited a very satisfactory state of the library, there being upwards of 2,000 volumes upon the shelves. Mr. W. F. Burton, the treasurer of the association, presented the annual statement of receipts and expenditures. The receipts for the past year amounted to \$1,038.38, which revenue is derived from annual subscriptions from the members of the profession in the city and county, from an annual grant from Osgoode Hall based upon the number of members of the association, a small grant from the County Council, and a grant from the Government of Ontario. A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Counsell for the efficient and faithful manner in which she had discharged her duties as librarian. The election of officers for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and Mr. E. Martin, Q.C., was unanimously elected president; Mr. Mackelcan, Q.C., vice-president; Mr. W. F. Burton, treasurer; Mr. E. Kittson, secretary; and the following gentlemen trustees: Messrs. Bruce, Q.C., Lazier, Q.C., Staunton, Teetzel, Q.C., and Nesbitt, Q.C., in addition to the officers of the association. Below will be found the reports of the president and treasurer of the most influential society outside of Toronto. Mr. Martin, in moving the adoption of the report, referred to the