

Mr. Watson, from the same committee, presented the financial statement of the Society for the year 1893, and the Report of the committee in connection with this subject, as follows :

The Finance Committee of the Law Society begs herewith to present the financial statement for the year ending 31st December, 1893. The marked decrease in the revenue is owing in part to the fact that last year the issue and sale of the Ontario Digest realized a large sum for the Society, while this year the sales have been comparatively few, and but a small sum has been derived therefrom.

The chief falling off of the revenue is, however, due to a circumstance of much importance to the Society, namely, that a much smaller number of students have applied for admission to the Society during the year, and to the further fact that the number presenting themselves for call to the Bar and for certificate of fitness is very appreciably less, and the income of the Society has, accordingly, been materially lessened.

The present indications are that still greater falling off in this respect may be expected in the near future, and the question of future income may well, therefore, be considered in view of future probable expenditure actually necessary for the maintenance of the Society.

In connection with such expenditure, attention is drawn to the fact that the maintenance of the Law School has necessarily involved an expenditure to the Society for the year of \$13,645.09, as against a revenue therefrom of \$5,825.

Your committee begs further to report, for the information of Convocation, that a thorough system of bookkeeping has now been introduced and established, whereby the receipts and disbursements for any period of the year may be readily ascertained and checked, and also be compared with the similar period of the previous year, each class of revenue and disbursements being classified in the books exactly in the manner as shown by the yearly statement presented herewith.

The Secretary and Sub-Treasurer has devoted himself and his energies most assiduously to the methods proposed and now adopted, and very satisfactory results in this respect are anticipated for the Society.

Your committee also presents a statement of the Society's insurance and other matters affecting its financial interests. 6th Feb., 1894.

(The financial statement has been already printed and issued to the profession in a number of the current Reports.)

The Report was ordered to be taken into consideration on Friday, 9th inst.

Convocation entered on the consideration of paragraph 4 of the Report of the Special Committee on Fusion and Amalgamation of the Courts presented to Convocation on 28th Dec., 1893, being that part which related to the question of trial with jury.

Mr. McCarthy moved :

That it shall be determined by a judge of the High Court in Chambers before the trial without appeal on which list the cause shall be placed.

Adopted on division.

Mr. McCarthy then moved :

That in actions entered for trial at sittings for trial with jury and at sittings for trial on the jury list with and without jury, the trial judge shall not have the power to dispense with the jury without the consent of the parties.

Adopted on division.

Mr. Guthrie moved :

That, except as aforesaid, Convocation is of opinion that no change should be made in the present law with regard to the mode of trial ; that is to say, what classes of cases should be tried with and without a jury respectively.

Adopted on division :

Mr. Riddell moved :

That the present system of notice for jury should be changed, and that the practice should be changed so that a jury notice should be served with any pleading. Carried.

Mr. Martin moved :

That at every assize at which more than five cases are entered there shall be a peremptory list which shall not have more than five cases thereon.

Lost on division :