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the Administration of Justice Act, this statute has made no very great or important change in the law. No doubt the object of the Legislature was to enable a person, who had become beneficially entitled to a chose in action, to sue upon it at law in his own name, instead of being obliged to use the name of his assignor, or to resort to a Court of Equity: *Wood v. McAlpine*, 1 App. R. 241. And to the extent to which the Act applies, assignees of choses in action have a status and condition assigned to them by the statute law of the land; and for all matters touching their rights, privileges and liabilities, we must henceforth look to the statute law, the construction of which in all Courts must be uniform according to the terms expressed in the statute: *Smith v. Niagara District Mutual Insurance Company*, 38 U.C.R. 577. But when it is remembered that the assignment of debts and choses in action was always recognized in Equity and could be enforced there by the assignee, and that by the Administration of Justice Act, a purely money demand may be prosecuted at law, although the plaintiff's right to recover may be an equitable one only, it is evident that the special Act under consideration is not of much practical efficiency. In fact it may be broadly said that the Administration of Justice Act does in effect embody the terms of one of the general orders of the Court of Chancery, whereby it is provided that an assignee of a chose in action may institute a suit [action] in respect thereof without making the assignor a party thereto: G. O. 58; R. 7.

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The following is the *resumé* of the

proceedings of Convocation during this Term, published by authority.

MONDAY, 20th May, 1878.

The minutes of last meeting were read, approved and adopted. The following gentlemen received certificates of fitness to practise as Attorneys, namely:

Messrs. T. G. Meredith, M. Wilson, I. Campbell, T. Ridout, O. R. Macklem, W. F. Franks, W. E. Higgins, J. J. Manning, J. W. Holmes, J. Robinson, J. Craig, H. Vivian, and L. Olivier.

The petitions of Messrs. Galt, Dow, Beck, Sheppard, Simpson, Anderson, Riordan, J. Hodgins, Brown, Doyle and Hardy were referred to the Committee on Legal Education.

The report of the Examiners on the Intermediate Examination was received and adopted.

The report of the committee appointed last Term to meet the Attorney-General on the subject of fees payable for shorthand writers' notes, was received and read, reporting that an Order in Council had issued, reducing the fees for shorthand writers' notes.

The report of the committee on the petition of Thomas G. Rothwell was read, recommending that its prayer be granted.

The petition of John Rowe was referred to the Finance Committee.

The petitions of Messrs. Glenn, McLean, McDonald, and Lefroy were referred to Committee on Legal Education.

TUESDAY, 21st May, 1878.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Legal Education Committee reported that Mr. Lefroy had been duly called to the English Bar, and had complied with the Rules of the Society, of June, 1876, and was entitled to be called to the Ontario Bar.