

"That all public offices bearing the names and involving the duties of solicitors should be filled up by the appointment of solicitors only, and that the Council be requested to consider the propriety of taking steps to secure an amendment of the existing law, which admits of injustice being done to solicitors, and acts to the detriment of the public." The motion having been seconded by Mr. Grantham Dodd, the president pointed out that there were twenty-four appointments for which members of both branches of the profession were eligible, and that fifteen were held by solicitors and nine by barristers. A very large number of offices were, he added, held exclusively by solicitors, and any attempt to deprive members of the Bar of their right to occupy certain posts would inevitably be followed by a counter demand which it was not expedient to create. Mr. Stanton, of Birmingham, suggested that the resolution should, in view of the explanation of the president and of the small dimensions to which the meeting had been reduced, be withdrawn; but this Mr. Harvey Clifton did not feel himself at liberty to do. The desired result was achieved by Mr. Lake moving the previous question, a course in which he was supported by the meeting.

The papers which attracted most attention on Thursday were "Registration of Title and Conveyancing Reform," by Mr. Lake, and "The Long Vacation," by Mr. Rawle. Upon the former topic the following resolution was moved by Mr. Allen: "Resolved that, if a measure for extending the system of registration of title be again brought forward in Parliament, this meeting requests that the Council of the Incorporated Law Society of the United Kingdom will do its best to have the Act of 1875 repealed, and to provide that, if any system of registration be established, it shall not be compulsory or costly, but shall be made flexible and attractive, with power to remove land from the registry." This motion was seconded by Mr. Crook, and carried unanimously. In the course of the discussion Mr. Howlett stated that the Australian system of registration, which he had examined on the spot, was merely used for curing bad titles, and in no English-speaking country was registration of title compulsory. Mr. Cushing recommended that copies of Mr. Hunter's address at Bristol should be distributed among the owners of land, a recommendation which the president said the council would consider. Mr. Melmoth Walters moved that the