

CURIÆ CANADENSES.

Mr. E. G. Patterson's petition to be allowed his examination for certificate of fitness passed last Term, in advance of the expiration of his articles, which have eighteen months to run, was refused.

Mr. Read, pursuant to notice, introduced a by-law to make provision for the widows and orphans of members of the Society. Read a first time, and referred to a special committee of five members, to report next Term; such committee to consist of Messrs. McKenzie, McLennan, Martin, Vankoughnet, and Read.

Ordered that the order of Michaelmas Term, 1871, respecting Attorneys' Certificates, be rescinded, and that the Secretary shall provide a book to keep a record of the certificates taken out and the names of Attorneys who have not taken out certificates in this and each succeeding year, and that he lay before Convocation, on the first Tuesday of each Easter Term, a list of Attorneys who have not taken out certificates for the current year.

The Examining Committee for next Term will be Messrs. Read, Armour, Gamble, Vankoughnet, and Patton.

SITTINGS AFTER TERM.

Tuesday, 30th June.

On the application of Mr. John Wright, that Convocation would prescribe the examination to be passed by him, under the Statute, 37 Vict., ch. 103, enabling the Law Society to call him to the Bar:

Ordered that Mr. Wright may be admitted to the Bar on passing a *viva voce* examination before the Convocation, without any written examination by the Examiners.

J. HILLIARD CAMERON,
Treasurer.

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In this age of the world, the number of facts which ought to be retained in the memory of any one who pretends to be educated is so enormous, that those who seek to convey information in an attractive guise, which makes the task of remembering less painful, are justly looked upon as benefactors of the human race. We certainly owe a great deal to those wise teachers who have attempted to "popularize" various branches of learning: to the scientists, metaphysicians, lawyers and theologians who have instituted the plan of dressing their subjects in the sprightly style which is essential to the modern magazine article. One of the most useful forms in which the desire to impart information to the many has taken shape, though by no means a novel one, is the clothing of dry and unromantic facts in the garb of poetry. There is little excuse for ignorance when the kings of England, the lengths of the months, the whole science of chemistry, nay even a portion of the laws of the land are reduced to poetry, which requires no effort to learn and remember. One of the most benevolent ideas ever conceived was that of Coleridge, who, sympathising keenly with the sufferings of youth in striving to master the Elements of Euclid, proposed to convert that useful work into verse. Unhappily the idea, like too many of that great man's ideas, was never carried into effect, and he has only left us a metrical version of the 1st Proposition of the 1st Book, to make us regret that the rest knew not the hand of the bard. What can be more admirable than this

* *Curie Canadenses*; or, The Canadian Law Courts: being a poem describing the several Courts of Law and Equity, which have been erected from time to time in the Canadas, with copious notes, explanatory and historical, and an appendix of much useful matter. By Plinius Secundus. Toronto: H. & W. Rowsell, King Street. 1843.