

The system of reporting has met with favour at the hands of the profession, and the late arrangements by which they are promptly supplied with the Chamber Decisions on the Common Law Procedure Act, has added much to the value of the *Journal*, and has, we trust, convinced our brethren that professional interests are not forgotten.

There was some little misapprehension at first; it has, we believe, been removed. The *true* interests of the profession we have at heart, and they may be best served by making the most of matters as they are, and guiding progress for the future in a right and safe direction.

The *Law Journal*, we know, has also served the useful purpose of guiding Officers of Courts and Municipal Bodies in the discharge of their duties; in some cases preventing errors, in others saving from the consequences of persevering in illegal acts: and several of the improvements in the law and its administration advocated in our *Journal*, we have had the satisfaction of seeing carried into effect.

Our future must depend on the way we may be sustained: with a more general and liberal support we will be able to procure further assistance from talented writers here and in England, and with varied interests to serve we trust to be able to satisfy all.

If one third of our present subscribers would each take the trouble to procure one additional subscriber, they would most effectually further objects they approve, and enable us to make the *Journal* a legal organ worthy of Upper Canada.

From the first we have been anxious to obtain cases from the Division Courts and other Courts in which the local Judges preside: our supply of Local Courts Reports has hitherto been very scanty, as we have had to rely for the most part on the voluntary contributions of practitioners. The numerous objects, placed in one way or another under the jurisdiction of the County Judge, must constantly furnish cases of importance for determination, and a record of them would be extremely useful to all concerned in local administration. Practitioners are not always present in these Courts, and under any circumstances our experience leads us to believe that no regular general supply could be looked for from them.

We would therefore, to borrow the sentiments of an English periodical similar to our own, "beg to ask the Judges of the County Courts to send us *all their written judgments*, whenever they are given. A collection of these, where they may be regularly read and be preserved for the use of the Judges and others, would be a valuable feature, and it will not, we trust, be imposing too much trouble to ask the Judges to post their written Judgments to us as soon as delivered. The M.S., if desired, can be returned, but if they possess a copy in print, it will probably be more serviceable. We do not put this so much as a favour to us as for the convenience of the Judges themselves, and that of all engaged in the Courts, to whom it must be of great utility and interest to possess in print the Judgments that have been deliberately prepared." These observations, correct in their application to the English Judges, have great additional weight as applied to our County Judges, who possess larger jurisdiction and also collateral powers which do not belong to the County Judge at home.

We would beg most respectfully to solicit our County Judges to favour us with all their written Judgment. Reports received from other quarters, which we deem on inspection worthy of publication, will be paid for.

In conclusion we would say, what has been done already must be our guarantee for the future. To make the *Law Journal* better deserving of public and professional support and to enlarge its sphere of usefulness will be our continuous aim.

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#### MR. MOWAT'S LECTURE—AMERICAN REPORTS AND LAW BOOKS.

On another page will be found an extract from a well written and very valuable lecture delivered by Mr. Mowat at Osgoode Hall, last term. Not merely to Students, but to the Profession generally, will the extract given be found useful and interesting. Mr. Mowat very judiciously selected for consideration an important and hitherto almost an untouched topic. The estimation in which American Judges and writers on law are held by the Judges and Jurists of England, ("and I suppose I may add, of Canada," Mr. Mowat modestly says)