

JUDGES' REPORT ON THE GOODHUE BILL—LAW SOCIETY, HILARY TERM.

testator to dispose of his property in a reasonable and lawful manner to such members of his family as he thought proper. The possible result of the proposed Act may be the total loss of a valuable estate, which, but for its operation, would vest in such of testator's grandchildren as may survive his widow, and to establish a precedent under which no one of Her Majesty's subjects can be secure that his disposition of his estate may not always be at the mercy of Legislative alteration. It should also be borne in mind that part of the estate is in England, where some of the infant grandchildren of testator are domiciled, and there are others domiciled in the United States, and that a very serious question may arise whether the proposed Act will be held in England to be any protection to the executors and trustees, who are by it to do an act wholly unwarrantable by their fiduciary position, not merely as to such portion of the estate in the country of the domicile of the children who reside in England, but as to that portion of it also which is in this Province.

"WM. B. RICHARDS, C.J.

"J. G. SPRAGGE, C.

"JOHN H. HAGARTY, C.J., C.P.

"The undersigned dissented from the interpretation put upon the Goodhue Estate Act (34 Vict., c. 99) by the majority of the Judges of the Court of Appeals. He nevertheless agrees entirely with the views expressed in the foregoing paper.

"J. G. SPRAGGE."

LAW SOCIETY.

HILARY TERM, 36 VICT.

The following is the resumé of the proceedings of the Benchers during this Term, published by authority:—

Monday, 3rd February.

The several gentlemen whose names are published in the usual lists, were called to the Bar, received certificates of Fitness, and were admitted as Students of the Laws.

A Call of the Benchers was ordered for the last Friday of this Term, for the election of two Benchers in the place of George Palmer, Esquire, resigned, and the Hon.

S. H. Blake appointed a Vice Chancellor, and of a Secretary, Sub-treasurer and Librarian, in the room of H. N. Gwynne, Esq., deceased.

Tuesday, 4th February.

Examining Committee appointed for next Term, and Report of Examining Committee for this Term received and adopted.

Abstract of Balance Sheet laid on the Table.

Communication from the Proprietors of Law Journal on the subject of the Chamber and Practice Court Reports, referred to the Committee on Reports.

Thursday & Friday, February 6th & 7th.

Intermediate Examinations.

Saturday, 8th February.

The Treasurer reported the result of the Intermediate Examinations.

The Report of the Committee on Rules received.

Ordered that a further revision of the rules be made by the Committee, and that after such revision, the draft be printed, and sent to each Benchers, with the request that he will return them to the Secretary by the first of May next, with suggestions of any alterations or additions that he may consider advisable.

The report of the Finance Committee received and adopted.

The Treasurer reported that the Committee appointed last Term to negotiate with the Government had had an interview with the Attorney-General on the subject of the agreement with the Crown for the accommodation of the Superior Courts, and that a new arrangement had been agreed to, which would be embodied in an Act of Parliament, to be submitted to Convocation during the present Term.

Friday, 14th February.

The resignation of J. B. Lewis, Esq., of his seat as a Benchers, received and accepted, and notice ordered to be given of an