

Per MARSH, J. : Queen's Counsel are officers within the meaning of the Letters Patent of the Governor-General, and hence he has the power of appointment ; but the ancient duties and privileges of this species of officer have long since been abolished.

Per CURIAM : He is *functus officio*, and an appeal in respect of such an official is "inofficious."

Dictum of OSLER, J.A., in *Re Lilley & Allin*, 19 A.R., at p. 108, explained, approved of, and adopted.

The Attorney-General for Canada having refused to take part in this appeal,

Held, that he was acting within his rights, for no man is bound to criminate himself.

[We thank our correspondent for thus keeping us not only abreast of the times, but ahead of them. The reporters will please wake up. We refer to this matter in another place ; we would, however, note here that "Amateur Reporter" introduces the names of two persons prominent in this connection : one our Australian friend, whose opinion has been trotted out for the benefit of Her Majesty's colonies, and the other one who, if he so desires, will some day, we doubt not, adorn the position which, by a happy augury, he is made to fill.—ED. L.J.]

Proceedings of Law Societies.

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT.

The Trustees beg to present their thirteenth annual report, being for the year 1892.

The number of members at the date of the last report was seventy-one; three members have died, two have left the city, and five new members have been added. The present membership is seventy-one. The annual fees to the extent of \$340 have been paid. The number of volumes in the library is 2498 (of which 152 were added during the past year), exclusive of sessional papers, *Gazettes*, etc.

There are still some Reports which the Trustees would like to see purchased when the funds of the association will permit.

The following periodicals are received, namely: *The Law Times* (English), *The Times Law Reports*, *The Law Journal Reports* (English), *The Solicitor's Journal*, *The Albany Law Journal*, *The Canada Law*