

not through any want of care on the part of the examiners. In my opinion, the men who get Honours in the final year, certainly those who are awarded medals, ought in some way to be differentiated as to work from "pass men."

This might be accomplished in two ways: (a) By requiring extra substituted subjects for Honour men, such as the important subjects of corporation law or municipal law. (b) By requiring an essay or thesis on some legal subject of general interest on which research might be made and individual work done. I find that at Toronto and McGill Universities this is required of candidates for the first degree in law. These essays to become the property of the Law Society and to be published by it, if in the judgment of the examiners worthy of the honour. The subjects to be set, and the essays examined by special voluntary examiners, members of Convocation, or otherwise, so as to give greater importance to the subject.

Of these two plans, I am for the present in favour of the latter. Were it possible to rearrange the subjects, I should prefer the former as being on the whole the more useful to the Honour men themselves, but I shrink at present from adding any extra burden in the way of subjects to the already weighty one being carried by those who take office work in addition to that of the School. Additional subjects ought in fairness to accompany some readjustment of the curriculum, and this would probably not be possible unless my next recommendation be acceded to. In any event, I recommend that some change be made in regard to Third Year Honours.

2. Attendance in First Year. I beg to suggest that the time has now come to make this compulsory on all. In some respects this year's work is the most important of all—the foundations are being carefully laid. In such subjects as Real Property and Equity the work of the second year is hampered by the fact that many of the students have not mastered the initial work in the subjects; they are ignorant of the very elements of the subjects, and the lecturers are not able to be progressive.

The effect of the non-attendance of some in the first year has an effect on the whole course; it prevents a progressive system, such as ought to be arrived at, and makes it necessary to work away year after year at the same subjects, whereas some might fairly be got through in two years, leaving for the third year either extra subjects now untouched from the very necessity of the case, or else a deeper discussion of the other important subjects in that year.

It was the unanimous opinion of the American Bar Association, at its recent meeting, that no Law School course should be under three years. We cannot honestly say that ours is a three years' course, as long as attendance is not obligatory on all for that length of time. Many of those who at present are not in attendance during the first year, are precisely the persons to whom the careful elementary teaching of legal terms and principles which is aimed at in the School is most useful and necessary.

N. W. HOYLES, Principal.

It was then moved by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. Bayly: That Convocation approve of the principle that all law students shall attend the Law School for a full course of three years and that it be referred to the Legal Education Committee to formulate a scheme to carry out this principle and report to Convocation. Moved in amendment by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Hogg: That the subject of the letter of the Principal, as to attendance upon lectures, be referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Martin, Idington, Hogg, Shepley, Guthrie and Strathy, for consideration and enquiry, after reference to such sources of information as they may think proper, and to report thereon to Convocation at the meeting, on the 28th June.

The amendment was lost on the following division: Yeas, Messrs. Idington, Wilkes, Hogg, Watson and Guthrie.—5. Nays, Messrs. Shepley, Martin, Edwards, Teezel, Bruce, Bayly, Strathy, Riddell and Barwick.—9. The main motion was then carried on the same division.

It was then moved by Mr. Watson: That the Reporting Committee be