

large proportions the library has now attained, your Trustees have not deemed it advisable to contract the loan from the Law Society which you at the last annual meeting authorized them to do.

The library now contains 1003 volumes, of which 126 volumes were added during the year, as appears by the schedule annexed hereto. The books purchased for and now in the library, apart from those presented to the Association, represent a value of about \$3000, for which amount your Trustees have placed an insurance thereon. None of the books have disappeared during the past year, owing principally to the carefulness of the librarian, Miss Kealy, whom your Trustees engaged in compliance with your direction to appoint a librarian. In addition to taking care of the books in the library, the librarian has noted up in the Revised and Consolidated Statutes the amendments of subsequent years.

The Trustees have to report as a matter of regret that the membership is less than last year, two of the members, Messrs. C. H. Pinhey and T. G. Rothwell, having withdrawn from the Association, while no new members joined during the year. It is suggested that your Association should consider the matter, with the view of devising means of inducing at least some of the large number of the profession of Ottawa who are not now members to join the Association.

Your Trustees desire to congratulate the Association on the election of one of your members, Mr. A. J. Christie, Q.C., as a Benchers of the Law Society at the election of Benchers last March. While, perhaps, the City of Ottawa is entitled to more than one representative, yet, before your Association was formed it appears to have been impossible to appoint even one representative from Ottawa.

Another advantage derived from the formation of your Association was apparent in the long list of important cases set down for hearing at the recent Winter Assize, which extra sitting of the court at Ottawa was arranged for in the first instance by your Association.

During the year Mr. Winchester inspected the library and books of your Association, when he expressed himself as much pleased with everything in connection therewith.

Your Trustees refer to you, for your consideration, correspondence received relative to the more complete fusion of the different divisions of the courts, and also in reference to the feasibility of requesting the Law Society to supply to the profession the Supreme Court Reports in the manner in which they supply the Ontario Reports. The particulars required by the by-laws accompany this Report, being:

- (1) The names of the members admitted during the year.
- (2) A list of the books contained in the library.
- (3) A list of the books added to the library during the year.
- (4) A detailed statement of the assets and liabilities of the Association at the date of the Report, and of the receipts and disbursements during the year.

The Treasurer's accounts have been duly audited, and the Report of the Auditors will be submitted to you for your approval.

(Sgd.) F. H. CHRYSIER, *President.*

" J. M. BALDERSON, *Secretary.*

Ottawa, Dec. 31st, 1891.