

HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1894.

The Trustees beg to submit their fifteenth Annual Report, being that for the year 1894.

The number of members at the date of the last Report was seventy-one. One member has resigned, one left the county, and three have been added during the year. The present membership is seventy-two. The annual fees to the extent of \$335 have been paid. The number of bound volumes in the library is 2,771, of which 152 were added during the past year. Sessional papers, gazettes, etc., are not included in the above.

The Trustees have been able during the past year to add many useful and valuable text-books and Reports to the library. The following periodicals are received, namely: *The Law Times* (English), *The Times Law Reports*, *The Law Journal Reports* (English), *The Solicitors' Journal*, *The Albany Law Journal*, *THE CANADA LAW JOURNAL*, *The Canadian Law Times*, *The Western Law Times*, *The Green Bag*, *The Law Quarterly Review*, and *The Toronto Mail*.

The Treasurer's Report is submitted herewith, giving a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures, in the form required by the Law Society. All the liabilities of the Association have been paid, except a note for \$100 and the balance of the loan due to the Law Society, payable in yearly instalments of \$100. The amount yet to be paid is \$500.

The Hamilton Law Association share in the deep sorrow which has fallen upon the whole Dominion at the sudden death of the Right Honourable Sir John S. D. Thompson, Minister of Justice and Premier of Canada, and who had on the day of his lamented death received the honour of being sworn in as one of Her Majesty's Privy Councillors.

The Association look back with deep interest to the occasion on which, little more than a year ago, Sir John Thompson kindly accepted an invitation of the Association to visit their library, and honoured the members with his presence, addressing them in terms which gave great encouragement to the work of the Association, and giving them at the same time a substantial recognition of his interest in their progress by a donation of valuable law books.

Sir John Thompson has always, since his accession to office, taken a deep interest in the honour and welfare of the legal profession, who, in turn, have felt the highest admiration for his great talents and unsullied integrity. His death will be a great loss to that profession, to the members of which he was an illustrious example, and on which, by his distinguished talents and high character, he has conferred lasting honour. The Association desire to convey to his bereaved widow and family their sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad and irreparable loss.

As was anticipated in our last Report, an Act was passed last session extending the jurisdiction of Local Judges. The new Rules, which came into force in January, 1894, have, on the whole, worked well. Sufficient time has not elapsed to test the working of the Rules passed in September last, and since that date, and no doubt further Rules will be required from