

## LAW SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

## LITERARY SOCIETY NOTES.

The regular weekly meetings of the society during January and February have so far failed, for want of a quorum. The meetings after Christmas have always been thinly attended, and interest in the society seems to be wanting after the Christmas vacation.

The only event to notice since our last issue was the holding of the annual At-Home on Friday, Feb. 9th.

A brilliant assembly was present at the ball this year. Many legal luminaries were present; and the bar and bench were well represented. The committee had superintended admirable arrangements, and the guests were greatly pleased with the whole affair; one and all spent a most enjoyable evening. The event proved to be one of the most enjoyable functions ever given in Toronto.

The Osgoode "At Homes" have always been looked forward to by Toronto society with the certainty that the arrangements will be carried out with that scrupulous attention to all matters of detail which are essential to the carrying out of a large ball; and that as far as good floors, good music, and agreeable partners contribute to its success, they are certain thoroughly to enjoy themselves. One of the agreeable peculiarities, which have always characterized Osgoode "At Homes," is, that the number of private rooms, chambers, and court-rooms, affords abundant opportunities for those who are fond of cosy and sequestered nooks to sit out between or during the dances, and to carry on

those little flirtations which are indispensable to the enjoyment of all well-conducted balls.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was hardly as large as that on previous occasions, about five hundred guests being present, a diminution in numbers, which was in some respects an advantage, as the party assembled was admirably suited to the accommodation, and there was no overcrowding. Special arrangements had been made by which carriages entered by the east entrance and passed out by the west, thus preventing the inevitable confusion arising from two lines of carriages arriving from opposite directions.

The arrangements in the building for the accommodation of the guests were very complete, and reflected the greatest credit on the committee in charge, the more so that it is no easy matter to convert halls of justice into ball-rooms, and judges and lawyers were scarcely able to recognize the familiar surroundings, occupied as they were by crowds of well-gowned ladies and faultlessly equipped young men. In many cases, the chairs of the judges in the various court-rooms had been seized upon as particularly desirable for sitting out, and they were occupied by couples entirely oblivious to the magisterial nature of their surroundings.

The dancing was carried on in three different rooms, the Convocation Hall, the Law School, and the library. In the first two rooms, Glionna's orchestra was in attendance, and in the lat-