

A tutor instructed the students how to read the books they were required to study—by word of mouth, if the students were resident in London, and by post if they lived in the country. If the advice of the tutor was followed, there was no need for cramming at all. Mr. M'Lellan, of Rochester, having expressed his views at length, Mr. Alsop, of Liverpool, observed that no comparison of any value could be drawn between the profession of medicine and that of law. A university degree in surgery involved a practical knowledge of the subject, inasmuch as the student was required to walk a hospital for some time; but a student who took a degree in law was not expected to be acquainted with the practical part of a conveyance or of an action. Mr. Blyth was desirous of hearing how joint systems of education were worked in foreign countries, and expressed a desire that at some future meeting a paper should be devoted to the matter.

A weakness of voice prevented Mr. William Godden from reading the paper he had prepared on "The Work and Extension of the Society," which was read on his behalf by Mr. Cleaver, of Liverpool. In the discussion to which it gave rise Mr. Atkinson, the president of the Yorkshire Law Society, advised an increase in the extraordinary members of the council, who are chosen from the ranks of country solicitors, and gave expression to the general feeling of the audience by suggesting that the number of papers read at the meeting was too large, a view that was proved to be true on Wednesday afternoon by the arrival of the appointed time for closing before the last three papers in the programme for the day had been read. Mr. Bramley proposed that the deficit of the society should be met by a special fund to be provided by the members, and that the council should head the list of subscriptions; while Mr. Crook was unable to understand why the society should concern itself with legislative matters. No discussion was permissible on Mr. Ward's paper on "The Working of the Limited Liability Acts," on Mr. Reid's paper on "Honest and Dishonest Company Promoters," or on Mr. Loosemore's paper on "The History of the Poor Rate and the Injustice of its Present Incidence," which possessed a rare distinction in a quotation from Tennyson. At the conclusion of his short paper on "Solicitorships for Solicitors," Mr. Harvey Clifton moved a resolution in these terms: