

LAW SOCIETY.

Friday, 27th May, 1881.

Present:—The Treasurer, Messrs. Read, Crickmore, J. H. Smith, C. Moss, Cameron, Foy, J. A. Ferguson, Murray, Kerr, Hoskin, Robertson, Irving, Martin, MacLennan, MacKelcan, L. W. Smith, Hardy, Robertson and Richards.

The report of the Special Committee on the subject of the encouragement of Legal Studies by the Law Students in the various parts of the Province, through the giving of prizes for examinations, on the subjects of lectures which may be delivered by members of the Local Bar to the students of the locality, was considered and amended and adopted as amended as follows:

REPORT.

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report a plan for the encouragement of legal studies by the law students in the various parts of the Province, through the giving of prizes for examinations, on the subjects of lectures, which may be delivered by members of the local Bars, to the students of the locality, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The establishment by the members of the Law Society, resident at suitable points throughout the Province, of associations on the same general principles as those governing the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society, would tend to enlarge the legal knowledge, and to improve the powers of reasoning, speech and composition of the members, and in many ways to fit them better for the profession,

2. Associations can be usefully formed only where there are a sufficient number of students to ensure a good attendance, and of barristers disposed to deliver lectures, conditions which, it is believed, obtain at several points in the Province.

3. Associations can be established and managed only by the voluntary action and exertions of residents, and the Law Society cannot create or direct them; but it is believed that a recognition by the Society of their advantages, and the encouragement proposed to be given them, would tend to stimulate their formation and to promote their efficiency, and to produce through them the results contemplated in the resolution.

4. The Committee, to carry out these views, propose the following plan:—(The plan prepared by the above committee was amended, was subsequently adopted, and is embodied in the following:)

1st. That the Standing Committee called "The County Library Aid Committee," be a Committee to whom shall stand referred all the correspondence on this subject, and which shall have power, subject to the directions of Convocation, to work the plan so far as the Law Society is concerned, the Finance Committee retaining its control over expenditure.

2nd. That the members of the Law Society in every locality which contains a sufficient

number, may form an organization by the name of "The (name of County town, or County, or union of Counties) Legal and Literary Society," or some similar name.

3rd. That among the objects of the Association, shall be the extension of the legal knowledge and the cultivation of the powers of reasoning, speech, and composition of the members, by the delivery of lectures by Barristers on some of the more important branches of the Law, and examinations thereon, by the preparation and reading of essays, and by arguments on legal questions.

4th. That the Association may transmit to the Law Society proof of its formation, with a copy of its rules and a list of its members, and proof that arrangements have been made for the delivery during the season of a course of eighteen or more lectures at least one hour long on three or more of the more important branches of the law by three or more Barristers, giving the subjects and the names of the lecturers, and proof that arrangements have been made for the holding by two or more of such lecturers of a written examination comprising twenty-four or more questions equally divided among the various subjects of the lectures, such examination to be managed on the same general principles as are applied to the written examinations of the Law Society, subject to such modifications as the standing Committee may from time to time direct. And the Association may thereon apply to be recognized by the Law Society as an Association within the meaning of this plan.

5th. That the Committee may require such further information and details as shall seem advisable, and may on being satisfied as to the facts, resolve that the Association be recognized.

6th. That any recognized Association may transmit to the Law Society proof that the course of lectures has been delivered to audiences comprising on the average 12 or more students; and that the examination has been held, and that eight or more student have competed thereat, and proof of the results of the examination.

7th. That in case it appears that any of the competitors have succeeded in obtaining at least three quarters of the aggregate marks obtainable on all the subjects, and at least one half of the aggregate marks obtainable in each subject, the first of such successful competitors shall be entitled to a prize of law books of the value of \$25, the second to a like prize of the value of \$15, and the third to a like prize of the value of \$10.

8th. That the Standing Committee shall have power, on the application of any recognized Society, to authorize the division of the competitors into two classes, and the division of the prizes in the same way under such regulation as may be made by the Committee, and in that court, the prizes may be given to the value of \$50 in each class.