
HAMILTON LAW ASSOCIATION.

THE Trustees beg to present their Ninth Annual Report, being for the year 1888.

The number of members at the date of the last Report was seventy; two vacancies have occurred and one new member has been added, namely, Ralph R. Bruce, and the present membership is sixty-nine.

The annual fees to the amount of \$302.50 have been paid.

The number of volumes in the Library is about 1,963, exclusive of Sessional Reports and papers, of which 160 were added during the year. The following periodicals are received, namely:—*The Law Times* (English), *The Solicitors Journal*, *The Albany Law Journal*, *The Canada Law Journal*, *The Canadian Law Times*.

The Treasurer's Report is submitted herewith, giving detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures and of the liabilities and assets of the Association, and the same is also in the form required by the Law Society.

The Trustees were successful in obtaining from the Law Society a loan of \$1,000, which is re-payable in ten yearly instalments of \$100 each without interest; this sum has been partly expended in reports and the addition will no doubt prove a very useful one.

The Irish Law Reports and the Weekly Reporter, together with the Railway and Canal Cases and Privy Council Reports, will now be on the shelves of the Library, and further purchases will be made very shortly.

Out of the proceeds of this loan the indebtedness of the Association referred to in the last Annual Report and amounting to \$547.76, has been paid, so that the indebtedness of the Association is now represented by the \$1,000 owing to the Law Society.

The Trustees desire to call attention to the fact that the Barristers' Room is continually used during the Sittings of Court by litigants and witnesses; a witness room is already provided, and the Trustees think that some action should be taken to preserve the Barristers' Room for the use of the members of the profession only.

The Consolidated Rules of Practice have been published and are now in force; the consolidation and revision of all the existing rules have been a work of very considerable labor and one which seems to meet with the general approbation of the profession. No doubt some improvement can be made in the existing Rules, but the desirability of having a general consolidation was pointed out by this Association last year.

The re-organization of the Law School has received a considerable amount of attention during the current year, and a final report is shortly expected.

The Trustees felt that it would be very detrimental to the interests of the