

the Osgoode Society, if the Benchers' Committee Room, in which the miscellaneous books of the Library are at present shelved—should be open to the members of the Osgoode Society, under circumstances which would enable them to refer to the books therein in aiding to prepare for their debates.

4. And further, that those members of the Osgoode Society who are from time to time appointed debaters in such Society should be allowed the privilege of taking out such books as they require for their debates for an evening, twice before their debate is to come up.

(2.) Your Committee have considered these proposals, and while they have agreed to recommend that, during the winter session (and to be limited to the current winter session for the present) the Benchers' room should be open to all members of the Law Society on the afternoons of Tuesdays and Fridays, between the hours of two and half-past five—they do not recommend any permission being given for the removal of any books from the Benchers' room on the occasions proposed.

(3.) But some members of Convocation having expressed the opinion that it is within the scope and aim of the Law Society to aid the objects of the Osgoode Society by providing certain literature bearing upon their discussions, your Committee think that some books might be provided for their use and placed more freely at their disposal than the expensive volumes which are to be found in the miscellaneous collection of the Law Society.

If Convocation approves of the freedom of access by the Osgoode Society to the Benchers' room on the occasions mentioned, your Committee will give the Librarian directions upon the rules to be observed while the room is so opened.

(4.) The Library Committee take this occasion of referring to Rule 127, sub-division 4, page 24:—"No book shall be carried out of the Library except under the circumstances authorized by order of Convocation, the observance of which there is difficulty in maintaining, and the existence of which is so often matter of complaint, as to suggest to your Committee the propriety of some modification, and your Committee suggests that the following exceptions be added thereto.

1. Where there are duplicate copies of a book in the Library, and any member of the Society apply for the loan of one of the copies for a night, or for temporary use in the

Assize Court or County Court, the Librarian may in his discretion accede to such application.

2. When an application of the like nature is made for a book of which only one copy is in the Library, the Librarian may, if the court is actually in session in Osgoode Hall at the time, or if there is no likelihood of the book being required in the Library during the time the application covers, accede to the application, if in his discretion it appears reasonable and necessary.

3. That the Librarian keep a record of such temporary loans for the information of the Committee.

(Signed) On behalf of Committee,  
Æ. IRVING.

The Report was then considered clause by clause.

Clause second, relating to access to the Benchers Committee room, was adopted.

Mr. Martin moved that clause three be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to report more fully as to the books proposed to be purchased, and their probable cost.—Carried.

Clause four was by leave withdrawn.

The report of the Finance Committee, refusing to grant the prayers of the Petitions of Messrs. G. A. Montgomery and J. B. Davis, was received, read, and adopted.

The report of the special Committee on the consolidation of the rules of the Society, was received and read.

Mr. Read moved that the draft of the consolidated rules be printed in galley form for the use of the Benchers, and distributed before the next meeting of Convocation; that the type be kept up, and that the consideration of the draft be postponed to the next meeting, with leave to the Committee to make such alterations in the draft before distribution as they may think advisable.—Carried.

Mr. Irving gave notice that he would at the next meeting of Convocation move for the rescission of the resolution authorizing the painting of a portrait of Chief Justice Osgoode, at a cost of \$260.

Mr. Hoskin gave notice that he would at the next meeting of Convocation, namely, on the last Tuesday of December inst., introduce a rule in pursuance of sections 38 and 41 of the "Act respecting the Law Society of Upper Canada," enabling Convocation to deal with matters relating to the discipline and honor of the Bar, in such manner as to Convocation shall seem meet.